Lesson 15 [Chapters 18 & 19]"The Crucifixion"

Remember:

Last lesson, we studied chapters 15,16 and 17. In chapter 15, Jesus teaches that He is like a grapevine and His followers are the branches. Just as a branch must stay connected to the vine to get food and grow grapes, we need to stay connected to Jesus. In chapter 16, Jesus prepares His disciples for His upcoming departure by warning them of His persecution and promising the arrival of the Holy Spirit. In chapter 17, Jesus shifts from teaching His disciples to praying aloud for them in a profound final petition before His arrest.

Lesson Goal:

Jesus Christ willingly paid the complete penalty for our sins to secure eternal life.

Lesson opener:

Born to Be King :



What do you want to be when you grow up? A teacher, a policeman, a lawyer, a doctor, or a nurse? There are so many jobs from which to choose. How do we decide? Some might choose a job where they think they can make a lot of money. Some might choose to follow their parents in their chosen profession. Quite often a person starts out in one job and then decides it isn't the right one for them and they choose another type of work. When we are children, we may say, "I want to do this or that when I grow up." It doesn't always work out that way.

Do you think Jesus ever thought about what He was going to be when He grew up? He could have become a carpenter like Joseph. Perhaps Jesus might have chosen to be a doctor. He certainly had a gift for healing people. Those would have all been good choices for Jesus, but that was not what He was born to do. Here is something that will give you a hint. (Hold up the crown.) Who would wear a crown? That's right! A king. Now, a person doesn't just wake up one day and say, "I know what I want to be...I want to be a king." No, a person has to be born to be **a king**.

18:37 Pilate therefore said to Him, "Are You a king then?" Jesus answered, "You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.

Lesson Body:

Chapter 18:

Betrayal and Arrest in Gethsemane 18:1-11

The time of His arrest, trials, and death, was at hand. Jesus and His disciples crossed the Kidron Valley to reach the Mount of Olives, at the garden. This was a place where Jesus and His disciples had often met, and Judas knew about it.

Having agreed to betray Jesus, Judas came with a detachment of troops, and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees who would arrest Jesus. Judas identified Jesus using the agreed-upon signal of a kiss.

Jesus did not surrender to the mob because they had weapons, but it was His will. The crowd had no authority over Him. If Jesus had not wanted to be seized, He would not have been.

"Whom are you seeking?" Why did they fall to the ground when Jesus said, "I am He"? The mob fell backwards because Jesus' Divine identity was revealed to them and for a moment, they were aware of His power and authority. Jesus did not allow this to last long, however, because He knew He must be arrested and taken to the cross.

In one of Jesus' last acts before going to the cross, He interceded for His disciples that none of them would be lost. His intercession was so powerful that Peter was not arrested even though He cut off the high priest's servant's (Malchus) ear (John 18:10). Jesus did not permit Peter to defend Him because Jesus knew it was appointed for Him to drink the cup of God's wrath.

Jesus submitted to the will of the Father to bring about the redemption of God's people.



Before Annas and Caiaphas, the high priest and Peter's denial 18:12-27

Imaginary dialogue:

The soldiers took Jesus to the house of a man named Annas. Annas used to be the High Priest. Annas was still a very powerful man. He wanted to ask Jesus some questions.

John was known to the guards. So, when the soldiers brought Jesus to the house, they let John sneak through the door too. But Peter was stuck outside.

When John realized Peter wasn't with him, he went and talked to the servant girl who was watching the gate.

- "Hi there!" said John. "My friend is stuck outside. He's a really good guy. Could you let him in please?"
- "Okay," she said, and she waved at Peter to come in. But when Peter came close, the girl got suspicious.
- "Are you one of Jesus' disciples?" she asked. "I'm not supposed to let any of Jesus' disciples in."
- "Nope!" Peter lied. "Not me!"

And he made his way through the gate, into the courtyard of Annas' house.

Jesus and the High Priest

Peter and John could see and hear what happened. They watched as Jesus was set before Annas. Jesus was surrounded by soldiers and guards. His hands were tied.

You might think Jesus would have looked kind of helpless, but not at all, He stood straight and tall, with His big brown eyes, all full of love.

- "I've been wanting to meet you, Jesus of Nazareth," said Annas. "Tell me about the things you have been teaching. I hear you are leading the people. astray."
- Jesus said to Annas, "You know, I never did anything in secret. I taught publicly in the synagogues. I taught publicly in the Temple. Ask anyone who was there. They'll tell you what I taught."
- That made one of the guards really angry. He hit Jesus, right across the face!
- The guard said, "Show some respect! Is that how you talk to the High Priest?"
- Jesus turned to the guard, His back still straight and tall, His big brown eyes still all full of love. He said, "If I said something that wasn't true, tell me what it was. But if what I said was true, why did you hit me?"

Jesus spoke gently and courteously but also courageously. He did not insult the high priest, for His words were convincing. The Lord suffered blows and abuse but did not threaten.

In the Courtyard

Peter was getting kind of chilly out there in the courtyard. He saw that some guys had made a little fire to keep warm. So, he went over to warm up.

- “Nice fire,” said Peter, stepping into a spot where he could still see Jesus. “Mind if I join you?”
- “Sure” said one of the guys. “Oh, hey, aren’t you one of this guy’s disciples? What’s Jesus really like?”
- “Nope, not me,” Peter said, warming his hands over the coals.
- “Yes, you are!” the man said. “I was there in the Garden of Gethsemane when we came to arrest Jesus: I saw you for sure!”
- “Sorry,” Peter said, shaking his head. “Must have been someone who looked like me. I — I’ve never met Jesus.”

Then Peter turned around. It looked like he just wanted to warm his backside by the fire, but really, he didn’t want anybody else to recognize him.

And then, up on the roof of the house, a rooster sang out “Cock-a-doodle-doo!”

Peter heard it. Jesus heard it too.

Wondering.

I wonder how Peter felt when he heard the rooster sing “Cock-a-doodle-doo!”? I wonder how Jesus felt when He heard it. Jesus must have felt sorry for Peter’s denial.

Oh, Peter, what do you say? Did you not affirm that even if you had to die for Christ’s sake you would die? What happened that you could not bear even a question by a servant girl? Did a soldier question you? No that was only a simple servant girl who asked humbly.

The Judgment of Jesus continues:

Jesus was tried six times:

1. Annas or Ananias [the previous high priest]
2. Caiaphas [the current high priest and his son in law]
3. Annas again
4. Pilate
5. Herod
6. Pilate again

Annas found no reason for postponing the judgment to kill Jesus. He sent Him immediately to his son-in-law, Caiaphas, the high priest, who called the members of the Sanhedrim, so that they might pronounce the sentence without delay.

The judgment of Caiaphas was proposed to appear as for the good of the people. He suggested that one man- justly or unjustly, innocent or guilty- must die because public welfare required it.

Before Pilate at the Praetorium 18:28-40

Why did they take Him to Pilate to judge Him?

They wanted to give Him the worst punishment, the cross, only done through the Romans.

After facing the high priest, Jesus is taken to Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor of the region, with the accusation that He is claiming to be a king.

This would be treason against the Roman government, punishable by death. Jesus does not answer His accusers directly but instead answers that the kingdom He reigns over is different. It is not from this world. He is here to proclaim the truth that comes from God alone.

While Pilate is confused by Jesus' answers, he ascertains that Jesus is not a threat to the Roman authorities. Yet to maintain the peace, he offers to set one of two criminals free. Due to their own concerns about power, the Jewish leaders select a bandit named Barabbas instead of Jesus.



Chapter 19:

Pilate's Judgment 19:1-16

Pilate allowed his soldiers to scourge Him so that he might prove to the people that Christ was helpless and therefore they should forgive Him. Clearly, Pilate felt that Jesus did nothing to deserve crucifixion.

The soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on His head and arrayed Him with a purple robe. They came up to Him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and struck Him with their hands. Pilate went out again and said to them, "See, I am bringing Him out to you that you may know that I find no guilt in Him." So, Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns

and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, “Behold the Man!” When the chief priests and officers saw Him, they cried out, “Crucify Him, crucify Him!”

Pilate exaggerated in showing his power because he thought that he was in control of the situation. Christ wanted Pilate to know that every power a man possesses on earth has been divinely given to him by heaven, not by Rome. Pilate feared their protest against him. So, he delivered Him over to them to be crucified.

The King on a Cross 19:17-30

Jesus is forced to carry His own cross to a hill called Golgotha. Two others were crucified with Him, one on either side. Pilate wrote a title and put it on the cross.

JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS.

Distribution of His Garments:

The four soldiers who carried out the verdict distributed His garments among themselves. The seamless tunic remained. It was woven from the top in one piece. They cast lots for it so that they may not tear it. All this was fulfilling the prophecies.

Even through this terrible pain, Jesus showed care by making sure His mother, Mary, was taken care of by His friend, John. Even on the cross, Jesus wasn’t just thinking about Himself. He was always thinking about others.

The Lord Jesus Christ refused to drink wine offered by the soldiers. That was the wine that would have relieved His pain.

Jesus said, “It is finished!” this wasn't a cry of defeat, but a shout of victory!

The Debt was Paid: In those days, when a bill was paid in full, the receipt would be stamped with a word that means "It is finished." The Rescue Mission was Complete: Jesus completed exactly what God the Father sent Him to do. He took the punishment for every wrong thing we have done, so we can be close to God forever.

He surrendered to death of His own will, not as an obligation. No one broke His legs, just like the Passover lamb was not broken.



Jesus's Side Is Pierced 19:31-37

The incident of piercing the side of Christ is recorded in this Gospel only. Now, the prophecy is fulfilled, "*and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced*" (Zech 12: 10).

The early Church Fathers consider this (blood and water that came from Christ's side) the first indication of the sacraments. Water is a symbol of baptism and blood is the Eucharist.

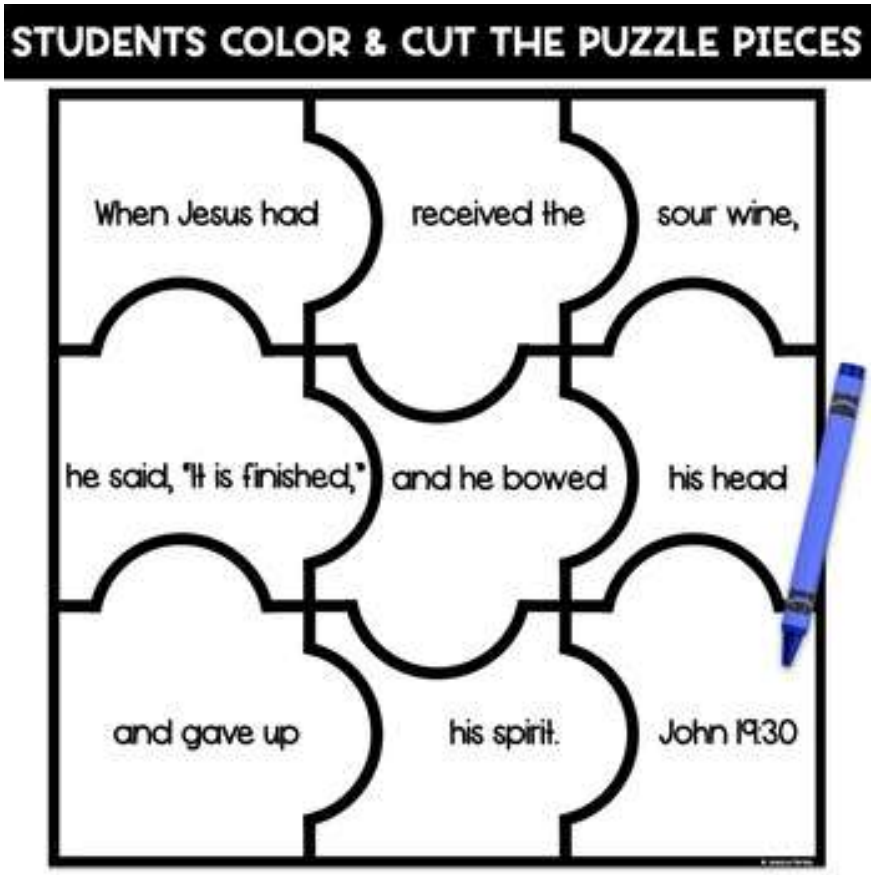
Jesus Buried in Joseph's Tomb 19:38-42

Two men who were secret followers of Jesus because they were afraid of the leaders—Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus—bravely asked the governor for Jesus' body.

Nicodemus brought 100 pounds of expensive spices (Myrrh and aloes). They wrapped Jesus' body in clean linen cloths with the spices, treating Him like a king.

They placed Jesus in a brand-new tomb carved out of rock inside a nearby garden, where no one had ever been buried before.

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___Is obeying God always easy?
___What happens when we obey
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E) YES, EVERY DAY! F) YES, ALWAYS. G) BY BEING KIND TO OTHERS..
H) YES! I) THE BIBLE. J)GOD.
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