



Lifted Up

John 19:16-30 [3:14-15]

He Knew What Was Coming . . . His Answer, Love!

Big Idea: The cross is the moment of Jesus' greatest glory – where love is poured out and salvation is completed.

I. The Cross Reveals the Willing Love of Jesus [John 19:16–18]

II. The Cross Reveals the True Kingship of Jesus [John 19:19-24]

- A. The Sign Declares Truth to the World
- B. God's Plan Unfolds Even in the Details
- C. The Cross is Christ's Throne

III. The Cross Completes the Work of Salvation [John 19:25-30]

- A. Love Continues Even in Suffering [25-27]
- B. Jesus Fulfills Scripture [28-29, Psalm 69:21]
- C. The Greatest Declaration Ever Spoke [30]

IV. The Meaning of Being Lifted Up [John 3:14-15]

Study As you reflect on the passage (especially John 19:30 and John 3:14–15), consider these two questions:

- [1] How does Jesus' willingness to go to the cross change how you understand God's love?
- [2] What does it mean for your life that Jesus declared "It is finished"?

Challenge Just as the people of Israel had to look to the bronze serpent in Numbers 21:9, Jesus says we must look to Him in faith. Moving Forward:

- [1] Stop trying to earn God's acceptance through effort or performance.
- [2] Rest in the truth that Jesus has already completed the work of salvation.
- [3] Each day, intentionally thank Christ for what He accomplished on the cross.

Ask yourself: Am I trying to build my own bridge to God, or am I trusting the bridge Christ has already built?

Prayer Ask God to help you release your self-reliance and place your full confidence in Christ.

[John 19:16-18] So he [Matthew 27:26, Mark 15:15, Luke 23:25] [Pilate] delivered him [Jesus] over to them to be crucified. [18:36-40] So they took Jesus, ¹⁷ and he went out, [Matthew 27:33, Mark 15:22, Luke 23:33] bearing his own cross, [Luke 14:27, Matthew 27:32, Mark 15:21, Luke 23:26] to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. ¹⁸ There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. [Matthew 27:38, Mark 15:24, 27, Luke 23:32-33]

[John 19:19-22] Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. [Matthew 27:37, Mark 15:26, Luke 23:38] It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." ²⁰ Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. [19:17, Numbers 15:35-36, Hebrews 13:12] ²¹ So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but rather, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" ²² Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written." [Genesis 43:14, Esther 4:16]

[John 19:23-24] When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. [Matthew 27:35, Mark 15:24, Luke 23:34] [Greek chiton, a long garment worn under the cloak next to the skin] But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, ²⁴ so they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be."

This was to fulfill the Scripture which says, [see John 13:18] "They divided my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots." [Psalm 22:18]

So the soldiers did these things, . . .

[John 19:25-30] . . . but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. [Matthew 27:55-56, Mark 15:40-41, Luke 23:49] ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, [John 13:23] he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" [John 2:4]

²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home. [16:32]

²⁸ After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, [19:30] said (to fulfill the Scripture), [19:24, 13:18] "I thirst." [4:6-7, Psalm 69:21] ²⁹ A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. [Matthew 27:48, Mark 15:36, Luke 23:36]

³⁰ When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

[John 3:14-15] And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, [Numbers 21:9] so must the Son of Man be lifted up, [8:28, 12:32,34] ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him [15:4, 16:33, 1 John 5:12, 5:20] may have eternal life. [3:36]