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REFLECTION JOURNAL · FIVE DAYS

# John

## *Chapter 19*

*Behold the Man, Behold Your King*

MEMORY VERSE · JOHN 19:30

*"Therefore when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit."*

THIS JOURNAL BELONGS TO _____

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

# This week in John 19

John 19 walks you through the longest Friday in history — the whip, the crowd, the cross, the spear and the tomb. This week, don't rush past it. Stand where John stood, look at the Man they pierced, and hear Him say over your sin, "It is finished."

**How to use this journal**

1. Each day, read the passage slowly — out loud if you can.
2. Answer the **Observe** question from the text before you write what it means.
3. Write honestly on the **Reflect** questions. No one grades this.
4. Do the **Respond** step today, not someday. Say the memory verse.
5. Bring this journal to the group. The last page is for the table.

The full Deep Dive, the O·I·A study and the slides for this chapter are on the John study page.

WHERE I AM AS I START THIS CHAPTER

**What is going on in my life right now that I want to bring to God this week?**

DAY 1 OF 5

# Behold the Man

READ · JOHN 19:1–7

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

**What did Pilate and the soldiers do to Jesus (vv. 1–3)? What did Pilate say about Him twice (vv. 4, 6), and what charge did the Jews finally name (v. 7)?**

REFLECT

**Pilate said, "I find no guilt in Him," and had Him whipped anyway (vv. 1, 4). Where have you seen — or done — the wrong thing to someone you knew did not deserve it?**

REFLECT

**Isaiah said, "by His scourging we are healed" (Isaiah 53:5). What wound or shame in your own life do you need to bring to the Man who was beaten in your place?**

RESPOND — TODAY

**Read verse 5 slowly and picture it. Then thank Jesus, in your own words, for standing in that robe and that crown for you.**

☐ READ IT ☐ PRAYED IT ☐ SAID THE MEMORY VERSE (JOHN 19:30)

DAY 2 OF 5

# No King but Caesar

READ · JOHN 19:8–16

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

**What did Pilate claim to have (v. 10), and where did Jesus say that authority came from (v. 11)? What threat finally moved Pilate (v. 12)?**

REFLECT

**Pilate gave in because of "If you release this Man, you are no friend of Caesar" (v. 12). Whose approval are you most afraid to lose, and how has that fear pushed you to compromise?**

REFLECT

**The chief priests said, "We have no king but Caesar" (v. 15). What "Caesar" — money, a person, a habit, your reputation — have you been tempted to put on the throne in Christ's place?**

RESPOND — TODAY

**Name one person whose authority you live under (an officer, a boss, a judge, a parent). Pray for him by name today, and ask God to make you unafraid and respectful at the same time (v. 11).**

☐ READ IT ☐ PRAYED IT ☐ SAID THE MEMORY VERSE (JOHN 19:30)

DAY 3 OF 5

# The King on the Cross

READ · JOHN 19:17–27

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

**What did Pilate write on the sign, and in what three languages (vv. 19–20)? What did Jesus say to His mother and to the disciple He loved (vv. 26–27)?**

REFLECT

**The soldiers gambled for His clothes at the foot of the cross (vv. 23–24). Where are you close to Jesus on the outside — church, a group, a Bible — but busy with your own interests on the inside?**

REFLECT

**In His worst hour Jesus made sure His mother was cared for (vv. 26–27). Who in your family do you need to look after, call, or make things right with?**

RESPOND — TODAY

**Do one concrete thing today for a family member — a call, a letter, a visit, a bill paid — the way Jesus provided for Mary.**

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DAY 4 OF 5

# It Is Finished

READ · JOHN 19:28–30

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

**What did Jesus know just before He said "I am thirsty" (v. 28)? What were His last words, and what did He do with His head and His spirit (v. 30)?**

REFLECT

**"It is finished" means the work is done and stays done. What are you still trying to do or pay to feel right with God, and what would it look like to stop?**

REFLECT

**No one took Jesus' life; He gave up His spirit (v. 30; see 10:18). How does it change your shame or guilt to know He chose to die for you?**

RESPOND — TODAY

**Write "It is finished" at the top of a page. Under it list the sins that still haunt you, then cross each one out and thank Him that it is paid.**

☐ READ IT ☐ PRAYED IT ☐ SAID THE MEMORY VERSE (JOHN 19:30)

DAY 5 OF 5

# Pierced and Buried

READ · JOHN 19:31–42

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

**Why didn't the soldiers break Jesus' legs, and what came out when His side was pierced (vv. 33–34)? Who came to bury Him, and what had they been until then (vv. 38–39)?**

REFLECT

**John says he saw it and tells the truth "so that you also may believe" (v. 35). What keeps you from trusting that Jesus really died for you — not just for people in general?**

REFLECT

**Joseph was "a secret one for fear of the Jews" (v. 38) until the cross made him bold. Where are you still a secret follower of Jesus, and what would it cost to come into the open?**

RESPOND — TODAY

**Tell one person this week, plainly, that you belong to Jesus — the way Joseph walked in to Pilate and asked for the body.**

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WHEN THE GROUP MEETS

# Questions for the table

FOR THE GROUP · 1

**Of the people around the cross in John 19 — Pilate, the priests, the soldiers, the women, John, Joseph and Nicodemus — who do you most see yourself in right now, and why?**

FOR THE GROUP · 2

**John names four Scriptures fulfilled at the cross (vv. 24, 28, 36, 37). How does it help your faith to know God kept His word down to the details, even on the worst day?**

FOR THE GROUP · 3

**Pilate wrote, "What I have written I have written" (v. 22). What has God written over your life in Christ that no one can change, and how do you need to hear that this week?**

MY PRAYER

**Lord Jesus, You were scourged, mocked and pierced for me, and You said "It is finished" over my sin, so today I…**

CUT OUT · CARRY IT · JOHN 19:30

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