Study 26

The Gospel of John

It is Finished!

Introduction

John 19vs17-42 recounts the death and burial of Jesus, in familiar yet distinctively Johannine terms. In particular we are reminded of three key things: First, Jesus' death is clearly the fulfilment of Scripture and thus in accordance with God's plan(John 19vs24,28,36-37); second, Jesus goes to the cross as the 'King of the Jews' (John 19vs19,21-22); third, by His death Jesus accomplishes the work of revelation and redemption which the Father sent Him to do (John 19vs30).

Study Questions

These questions help you to see clearly what the text is saying. This is a vital first step towards understanding what the text means. The questions should be answered from the text itself.

Read John 19vs17-42. Answer the following questions:

1. What was the official 'charge' on which Jesus was convicted and crucified? (see John 19vs19, *cf* John 18vs33, 19vs1,vs14-16)

2. What objection did the Jewish leaders have? How does Pilate respond? What do you think John is teaching us about Jesus in recording these facts?

3. In what ways do the events of Jesus' death fulfil the Scriptures? What do we learn about Jesus death from reading these Old Testament quotations in their original Old Testament context? (*hint* see the NIV footnote for the references)

4. In what way should Jesus' words to Mary and the beloved disciple be interpreted? (John 19vs25-27)

5. Did Jesus really die on the cross? Give reasons for your answer. (John 19vs30-42)

6. What did His death accomplish?

7. How can we be sure that the disciples knew where Jesus was buried?

Think it Through

What have you learnt about Jesus death and resurrection from this passage?