

Who is Jesus? The Gospel of John

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The Cross Speaks a Better Word (John 19:16b-42)

1. You are Cleansed (vv. 23-24)

2. You are Home (vv. 25-27)

3. You are Forgiven (vv. 28-30)

4. You are Alive (vv. 31-37)

For Further Thought and Discussion:

Getting Started:

1. What was helpful to you in this week's sermon? What didn't you understand?

Going Deeper:

2. What sign does Pilate post above Jesus (vv. 19)? Why do the Jewish leaders take issue with this (v. 21)? Why would Pilate word the charge against Jesus as he does? What truth is Pilate unwittingly declaring (see John 12:23, 31-33; see also Psalm 96:10)? How does this reshape our view of the cross?
3. Why is it significant that the soldiers do not tear Jesus' inner garment (v. 24; see Psalm 22:18)? Who wore a seamless garments in the Old Testament (see Leviticus 21:10)? What truth is John declaring about Jesus' death, and what it accomplishes?
4. Why is it significant that Jesus entrusts the care of his mother to John, and not his biological brothers (vv. 26-27; compare 7:5)? What truth is John declaring about Jesus' death, and what it accomplishes (see John 1:12)?
5. What does Jesus mean when he cries out "*It is finished*" (v. 30)? What is unique about the way Jesus dies? What truth is John declaring about Jesus' death, and what it accomplishes (see Hebrews 10:12-13)?
6. Why is it significant that both water and blood flow from Jesus' side (v. 34)? What truth is John declaring about Jesus' death, and what it accomplishes (see John 4:14; John 7:37-38; see also Zechariah 13:1)?

Application:

7. Why is it significant that Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus claim the body of Jesus (vv. 38-39)? Why would they do this? How do they serve as a model for us, and how we should respond to the death of Christ?
8. Jeff highlighted four truths from this passage. Through the cross, Jesus declares that we are cleansed (expiation), we are home (adoption), we are forgiven (justification), and we are alive (regeneration). Which of these gospel truths do you need to speak over your own life? Which is hardest for you to accept? Why? What voices (from the world, your own flesh, or the devil) make it hard for you to receive the truth the cross speaks over you?