

The Great Exchange III: John 19:23-42: Jesus Dies

I. (23-37) It Is Finished.

Jesus was naked on the Cross; the soldiers tore His “Royal” robe in an act of humiliation, however, they were fulfilling the prophecy of Psalm 22:18.

Jesus entrusts His mother into John's care.

John 10:17-18 - As Jesus said, *I lay down My life that I may take it again. No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again.*

The soldiers again fulfil the Psalm 34:20 and Zechariah 12:10 prophecies. Three prophecies were fulfilled at the Cross alone.

On the Cross; He was suffocating, the pain of the nails were severe, His muscles cramped, He was bleeding from head to toe, His shoulder and wrist bones were probably out of joint, His nervous system injured beyond repair. He was tired, dehydrated, hungry and anaemic. Eventually His brain would fail and heart would both fail and rapture, thus death after six hours.

Jesus' final words were a shout of both personal surrender and victory.

Why did He willingly and painfully die for us.

i. To demonstrate His love for us.

1John 4:10 - *In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.*

ii. To make peace with Our Father

Ephesians 2:13-14 - *But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation,*

iii. To satisfy God's wrath against sin

1John 2:2- *And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.*

iv. To redeem us from the curse of the Law.

Galatians 3:13 - *Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree”*

Psalm 32:1 - *Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.*

- v. To give us everlasting life.

John 3:16 - *“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.*

- II. (38-42) Jesus Buried.

Customarily, the bodies of crucified criminals were left on their crosses to rot or be eaten by wild animals. But the Jews wanted no such horror displayed during the Passover season, and Romans were known to grant the corpses of executed men to friends or relatives for proper burial. Joseph and Nicodemus serve Jesus after His death.

Romans 5:6-9 - *For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*