

Who is Jesus?: The Cross-Bearer

John 19:16b-22

Jesus Taken (v.16b)

- **Like a Lamb to Slaughter**
 - **Isa. 53:7-8**
 - **They...**
 - By the charge of Jewish leaders
 - By the hands of Roman soldiers to carry out sentencing
 - By the perceived authority of Pilate
 - **Took Jesus...**

Bearing The Cross (vv.17-22)

- **It Was His Own (v.17a)**
 - **Treated as a common criminal**
 - Carrying His own crossbeam
 - Scourged severely at this point
 - **Bearing what only He could bear**
 - While the wood weighed Him down it was the pending curse of God that weighed the heaviest – Simon Cyrene helped, but it was not his cross to bear.
 - Yet, there was joy set before Him. This was in obedience to the Father and the path to restored position at the right hand of the Father (**Heb.12:1-2**)
- **Taking it to the Place of His Death (v.17b)**
 - **Golgotha** – “place of the skull” / Calvary – Latin “calvaria” for the same
 - **Outside the Camp**
 - **Lev.16:27**
 - **Heb.13:11-13**
- **Crucified (v.18-22)**
 - **Lifted Up**
 - **John 12:27-35**
 - As a Thief between Thieves

- **Deut.21:18-23**
 - Wrongly cursed by men to ignore their guilt
 - Rightly cursed by God to remove the sin and guilt of men (sinners like us) – SIN BEFORE GOD INCURS THE DEATH PENALTY

▪ **John Calvin**, *“We see him driven out into an accursed place, as if he had been polluted by a mass of all sorts of crimes, that there he might appear to be accursed before God and men. Assuredly we are prodigiously stupid, if we do not plainly see in this mirror with what abhorrence God regards sin; and we are harder than stones, if we do not tremble at such a judgment as this... When, on the other hand, God declares that our salvation was so dear to him, that he did not spare his only-begotten Son, what abundant goodness and what astonishing grace do we here behold!”*

- **Lifted up as King (v.19)**
 - The King who’s not a King
 - Only John records Pilate as the author
 - All gospels include “King of the Jews”
- **Lifted up as the only hope for the world (vv.20-22)**
 - The Prophetic work of Pilate & The Work of God
 - **Acts 4:27-28**
 - 3 Languages for King - Jewish & Gentile sheep
 - **John 10:14-18**
 - **2 Cor.5:21**
 - **Gal. 3:13-14**

The Application

- While mockingly, Jesus’ name was nailed to that tree, the truth remains that as Christ was crucified many names died with Him there. Was your name nailed to that tree?
- If you are certain you are a believer then you need to be prepared to share in His sufferings.
 - **1 Peter 2:20-25**
 - **Heb.13:14-16**