

## Who is Jesus?: The Fulfiller

John 19:31-37

### Proof that the Curse was Satisfied (v.31)

- The Day of Preparation
  - For the Sabbath (particularly the Sabbath of the Passover)
  - At the request of the Jewish leaders
  - Keeping the law while committing murder – God’s plans bigger than their sin
  - **Gen.50:20**
- Curse of those Hanging on a Tree
  - **Deut.21:22-23**
- The Propitiation of God
  - **Propitiation** - *a sacrifice that bears God’s wrath and turns it to favor.*
  - **1 Tim.1:15-17**
  - **2 John 1:2**
    - Jesus bore the wrath of God in such a satisfactory way that all the sin for all of those out of the world who will believe on Christ will be saved forever.

### Proof that the Christ was Dead (vv.32-34)

- Physical Proof in the Thieves
  - Broken legs
  - **J.C. Ryle**, *"It is noteworthy that the penitent thief, even after his conversion, had more suffering to go through before he entered into Paradise. The grace of God and the pardon of sin did not deliver him from the agony of having his legs broken. When Christ undertakes to save our souls, He does not undertake to deliver from bodily pains and conflict with the last enemy. Penitence, as well as impenitence, must taste death. Yet it is blessed to know that these Roman soldiers were also the unwitting agents for fulfilling Christ’s promise "Today shalt thou be with me in paradise"!*

- Physical Proof in Christ
  - Laying down His own life – no one took it from Him
  - Mix of blood and water
  - Potential symbolism, but none that is all that explicit
    - Water and blood COULD reference...
      - Cleansing in the new covenant
      - Ordinances (baptism / communion)
      - Clearest is showing physical death
      - An issue of doctrine (battling the Docetism - the teaching that Jesus was fully God but only *appeared* to be human
    - **1 John 4:1-6**
    - **1 John 5:6-11**
  - No broken bones

### Proof that Jesus is the Christ (vv.35-37)

- The Proof of Testimony
  - Most like the evangelist, John. Could be an outside source, but unlikely.
- The Proof of Scripture Fulfilled
  - **2 Peter 1:16-21**
  - **Exo.12:46 (Passover)**
  - **Num.9:12 (Passover)**
  - **Psalm 34:20 (Preservation of the righteous)**
  - **Zechariah 12:10**

### The Application

- What further proof do you need? God has made the world. Eyewitnesses testify to Christ’s life and death. Scriptures written hundreds and hundreds of years before have been fulfilled in Him? If you will believe in Him you can know that the curse for sin has been forever removed and like the thief, though you may still suffer and die, you will be with Christ forever!
- Believer, do you live according to this very word He has so perfectly fulfilled?