

The Passion of Jesus Christ - John 18-19
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Jesus Delivered (1-16) In John's gospel Jesus is the "Lamb of God" (1:29, 36) "The Man" (19:5) and "Your King" (19:14).

Conclusion: If I do not accept Jesus as my King I will face him as my final Judge.

Jesus Crucified (17-30) We deserve what the criminals deserved, death and separation from God. Like the two criminals we have a choice to cast ourselves on the mercy of Jesus, repent and receive his salvation by grace through faith or reject Him.

Jesus last words from the cross

Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing (Luke 23:34)

Today you will be with me in paradise - Luke 23:43

Woman, behold, your son! Behold your mother! - John 19:26-27

My God, My God, why have you forsaken me - Matthew 27:46; Mark 15:34

I thirst - John 19:28

It is finished - John 19:30

Father, into your hands I commend my spirit - Luke 23:46

Conclusion: John communicates that God is sovereign in the affairs of our salvation; and Jesus' absolute obedience to the Father's plan was inevitable.

John highlights, first, the cross of Christ is the center of redemptive history and Jesus was at the center of this moment purchasing salvation for all who believe. Second, at the same time the story is the fullest expression of man's wickedness. Third, God stepped in, received the payment for our sins and redemption was completed by the death of Jesus Christ and imputation of righteousness became a reality.

John again reveals that Jesus is the promised Messiah. Jesus fulfills scripture (17-18; 23-25a); the placard, normally used to identify crimes was replaced by a grand statement of truth, Jesus was indeed the King (19-22); and, Jesus beaten into a state where he was unrecognizable, still has the wherewithal to know that his time has come, and he gives up his life according to the will the Father (28-30).