

John 19: 31-42 Study Guide (NKJV)

Scriptures in Study Guide:

Reminder that Scriptures (NKJV) are within the daily lessons to help you with the missing words. This is called a “Cloze type” of lesson that helps us remember better what we’re reading. If you have any questions, write them down and we’ll discuss them when we meet Sunday mornings at 9:45 am.

Day 1 - Read John 19: 31-32 out loud and complete verses:

31 Therefore, because it was the Preparation *Day*, that the bodies should not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and *that* they might be taken away. **32** Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who was crucified with Him.

John 19:31:

- Therefore, because it was the _____ *Day**, that the bodies should _____ remain on the cross on the Sabbath.
- That particular Sabbath was a _____ day.
- The Jews asked Pilate
 - that their legs might be _____,
 - and that they might be _____ away.

*Preparation Day began at sunset on Friday to sundown on Saturday. This would all be complete before the Passover Sabbath. This was a time of getting all necessary chores done so that the Sabbath would be a holy day of rest.

John 19:32:

- Then the soldiers came and _____ the legs of the first and of the _____ who was crucified with Him.
- **Question:** who were the “first and the other”? (See Luke 23:32) _____

To finish Day 1, let’s cross reference this moment with the details from two other gospels.

Mark 15:42 - “42 Now when evening had come, because it was the Preparation Day, that is, the day before the Sabbath,

- **Question:** From **Mark 15:42** above, when was the Preparation Day? _____

Luke 23:54 - “54 That day was the Preparation, and the Sabbath drew near.”

- **Question:** From **Luke 23:54** what day was before “Preparation”? _____.

Day 2 - Read John 19:33-37 out loud and complete verses:

33 But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs.

34 But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out.

35 And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you may believe. **36** For these things were done that the Scripture should be fulfilled, "Not *one* of His bones shall be broken." **37** And again another Scripture says, "They shall look on Him whom they pierced."

John 19:33:

- But when they came to _____ and saw that He was _____ dead, they did _____ break His legs.
 - **Question:** According to **John 19:33** above, why did the soldiers choose not to break Jesus' legs?
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John 19:34:

- But one of the soldiers _____ His side with a spear, and immediately _____ and water came out.

John 19:35:

- And he who has _____ has testified
 - And his testimony is _____ a
 - And he knows that he is telling the _____
 - This is all told so that you may _____.
 - **Questions:**
 - Who is "he" referring to in John 19:35? (Hint: author of Gospel) _____
 - What does it mean to "testify"? (think of a court of law). _____
 - What was the purpose of the apostle John's testimony being written down here? _____
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John 19:36:

- For these things were _____ that the _____ should be fulfilled,
- The Scripture that was fulfilled was that "Not *one* of _____ bones shall be broken."

Deep dive: Look up **Psalms 34:20** and write it down here: _____

John 19:37:

- And again _____ Scripture says, "They shall look on Him whom they _____"

In class, we'll go into more of the significance of this scripture's fulfillment in **Zechariah 12:10** as well as its relevance to the full restoration of Israel to God through Jesus (**Revelation 1:7**).

Day 3 - Read John 19:38 out loud and complete verses:

38 After this, Joseph of Arimathea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly, for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus; and Pilate gave *him* permission. So he came and took the body of Jesus.

John 19:38:

- After this, _____ of Arimathea, being a disciple of _____,
- Joseph of Arimathea was a disciple of Jesus secretly for _____ of the Jews
- Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate that he might take away the _____ of Jesus
- Pilate gave Joseph of Arimathea _____.
- Since Pilate gave Joseph of Arimathea permission, he came and _____ the body of Jesus.

Let's look what the other gospels tell us about Joseph of Arimathea:

Matthew 27:57-60 - “**57** Now when evening had come, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who himself had also become a disciple of Jesus. **58** This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be given to him. **59** When Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, **60** and laid it in his new tomb which he had hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a large stone against the door of the tomb, and departed.

- **Question:** In Matthew 27:57 above, what do we learn about Joseph's financial status? _____

Mark 15:43-46 - “**43** Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent council member, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, coming and taking courage, went in to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. **44** Pilate marveled that He was already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him if He had been dead for some time. **45** So when he found out from the centurion, he granted the body to Joseph. **46** Then he bought fine linen, took Him down, and wrapped Him in the linen. And he laid Him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock, and rolled a stone against the door of the tomb.

- **Questions:**
 - In **Matthew 27:57** above, what do we learn about Joseph of Arimathea's position with the Jewish council? _____
 - What do you think that it means that Joseph of Arimathea was a “prominent” council member? _____

Luke 23:50-53 - “**50** Now behold, *there was* a man named Joseph, a council member, a good and just man. **51** He had not consented to their decision and deed. *He was* from Arimathea, a city of the Jews, who[a] himself was also waiting for the kingdom of God. **52** This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. **53** Then he took it down, wrapped it in linen, and laid it in a tomb *that was* hewn out of the rock, where no one had ever lain before.

- **Questions:**
 - In Luke 23:50, how is Joseph of Arimathea described as a person? _____
 - In Luke 23:51, what did Joseph of Arimathea not consent to do? _____

Day 4 -Read John 19:39 out loud and complete verses:

39 And Nicodemus, who at first came to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds.

John 19:39:

- And _____, who at first came to Jesus by night, _____ came,
- Nicodemus was bringing a mixture of _____ and aloes, about a hundred pounds.

Nicodemus is only mentioned in the gospel of John. Remember that John's gospel was written at the end of John's life. Threats that may have existed to people publicly professing Christ could've been more overwhelming in the early years when Matthew, Mark and Luke were written.

For the remainder of Day 4, let's step back to review what we have learned about Nicodemus from John's gospel.

John 3:1-9 - "There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. **2** This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him." **3** Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." **4** Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" **5** Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. **6** That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. **7** Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' **8** The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit." **9** Nicodemus answered and said to Him, "How can these things be?"

• **Questions:**

- In **John 3:1**, what have we learned about who Nicodemus was? _____
- In **John 3:2**, why do you think that Nicodemus came to Jesus at night? _____
- As you read all of John 3:1-9, why do you think that Nicodemus came to see Jesus? _____

John 7: 45-53 - "**45** Then the officers came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why have you not brought Him?" **46** The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this Man!" **47** Then the Pharisees answered them, "Are you also deceived? **48** Have any of the rulers or the Pharisees believed in Him? **49** But this crowd that does not know the law is accursed." **50** Nicodemus (he who came to Jesus by night, being one of them) said to them, **51** "Does our law judge a man before it hears him and knows what he is doing?" **52** They answered and said to him, "Are you also from Galilee? Search and look, for no prophet has arisen out of Galilee."

- **Question** - In **John 7:51**, who was Nicodemus questioning? _____

We will discuss more about Nicodemus in class. Until then, take note of behavior changes in him.

Day 5 -Read John 19:40-42 out loud and complete verses:

40 Then they took the body of Jesus, and bound it in strips of linen with the spices, as the custom of the Jews is to bury. **41** Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. **42** So there they laid Jesus, because of the Jews' Preparation Day, for the tomb was nearby.

John 19:40:

- Then they took the _____ of Jesus
- And bound it in strips of _____ with the spices
- They took Jesus' body down from the cross, bound it in strips of linen with spice as the _____ of the Jews is to _____.
- They followed the custom of the _____ to bury Jesus' body.
- **Question** - Who are "they"? _____

John 19:41:

- Now in the place where He was crucified there was a _____.
- And in the garden a _____ tomb in which no one had yet been laid.

John 19:42:

- So there they laid _____.
- They laid Jesus there in the garden because of the Jews' _____ Day
- The tomb was _____.

The world questions Scripture's authenticity. Scripture validates itself. Jesus said in **John 14:29**, that He told things before they happened so that when they did, we would believe. And the apostle John says in **John 20:31** that these signs of fulfilled Scripture testify to the Deity of Jesus so that in believing in the signs and the One these signs point to, we may have eternal life. Today's Scriptures are one of many fulfillments of Isaiah 53. As we conclude Day 5, read through **Isaiah 53** and then focus on verse 9.

1 Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? **2** For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, And as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; And when we see Him, There is no beauty that we should desire Him. **3** He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. **4** Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. **5** But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. **6** All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. **7** He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth. **8** He was taken from prison and from judgment, And who will declare His generation? For He was cut off from the land of the living; For the transgressions of My people He was stricken. **9** And they made His grave with the wicked — But with the rich at His death, Because He had done no violence, Nor was any deceit in His mouth. **10** Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, And the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in His hand. **11** He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, For He shall bear their iniquities. **12** Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, And He shall divide the spoil with the strong, Because He poured out His soul unto death, And He was numbered with the transgressors, And He bore the sin of many, And made intercession for the transgressors.

- **Question** - In **Isaiah 53:9**, who would He be with at His death? _____