

He Died for Us

TEXT: John 19:1-30

SUPPLEMENTAL SCRIPTURES: Isaiah 53:1-12; Matthew 27:27-56

KEY VERSE: For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. — John 3:16

The Roman punishment of crucifixion has been considered one of the most cruel forms of death. It was a penalty for slaves, criminals, and persons who were not Roman citizens. Jesus “. . . made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and . . . he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross” (Philippians 2:7,8).

1. In our text one can find the fulfillment of many Old Testament prophecies regarding Jesus’ suffering. Following each Scripture below list the prophecy and the verse or verses in John 19 where it is fulfilled.

Isaiah 53:3

Isaiah 53:7

Psalms 22:18

Psalms 69:21

Psalms 34:20

Zechariah 12:10

2. Jesus suffered greatly during his last 24 hours on earth. In what ways was He physically abused? List as many as you can find. In addition to the text, use Isaiah 50:6; Matthew 26:67; Mark 14:65; 15:19.

3. In what ways did Jesus mentally or emotionally suffer in those last hours? To supplement the text, see Mark 14:43,44,55-57,71; 15:34; Luke 22:44 and John 1:11.

4. Why do you think it was necessary for Jesus to suffer so?

5. In what ways have Christians suffered physically through the centuries because of their love for Jesus? How does this compare to Christ's suffering?

6. In what ways do Christians face mental or emotional suffering?

7. At one point Jesus cried, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" (Mark 15:34). Had God forsaken Jesus? Explain.

8. By His death, Jesus made certain provisions for us. The following Scriptures give some of these pro-visions. List them here.

Titus 2:14

1 Peter 2:24

Hebrews 13:12