

Following Jesus: the
way of the cross

Not what we think

John 19:17-30

- 17 And bearing His cross, He went out to a place called, The Place of a Skull (which is called in the Hebrew, Golgotha)
- 18 where they crucified Him, and two others with Him, one on either side, and Jesus in the middle.
- 19 And Pilate wrote a title and put it on the cross. And the writing was, JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS.
- 20 Then many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin.

- 17 Jésus, portant sa croix, arriva au lieu du crâne, qui se nomme en hébreu Golgotha.
- 18 C'est là qu'il fut crucifié, et deux autres avec lui, un de chaque côté, et Jésus au milieu.
- 19 Pilate fit une inscription, qu'il plaça sur la croix, et qui était ainsi conçue: Jésus de Nazareth, roi des Juifs.
- 20 Beaucoup de Juifs lurent cette inscription, parce que le lieu où Jésus fut crucifié était près de la ville: elle était en hébreu, en grec et en latin.

- 21 Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, Do not write, the king of the Jews, but that he said, I am king of the Jews.
- 22 Pilate answered, What I have written I have written.
- 23 Then when they had crucified Jesus, the soldiers took His garments and made four parts, one part to each soldier; and also His tunic. And the tunic was without seam, woven from the top throughout.
- 24 Therefore they said among themselves, Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to find whose it shall be (that the Scripture might be fulfilled which says, "They parted my garments among them, and for my garment they cast lots"). Therefore the soldiers did these things.

- 21 Les principaux sacrificateurs des Juifs dirent à Pilate: N'écris pas: Roi des Juifs. Mais écris qu'il a dit: Je suis roi des Juifs.
- 22 Pilate répondit: Ce que j'ai écrit, je l'ai écrit.
- 23 Les soldats, après avoir crucifié Jésus, prirent ses vêtements, et ils en firent quatre parts, une part pour chaque soldat. Ils prirent aussi sa tunique, qui était sans couture, d'un seul tissu depuis le haut jusqu'en bas. Et ils dirent entre eux:
- 24 Ne la déchirons pas, mais tirons au sort à qui elle sera. Cela arriva afin que s'accomplît cette parole de l'Écriture: Ils se sont partagé mes vêtements, Et ils ont tiré au sort ma tunique. Voilà ce que firent les soldats.

- 25 And His mother stood by the cross of Jesus, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.
- 26 Then when Jesus saw His mother and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, Woman, behold your son!
- 27 Then He said to the disciple, Behold your mother! And from that hour that disciple took her into his own home.
- 25 Près de la croix de Jésus se tenaient sa mère et la soeur de sa mère, Marie, femme de Clopas, et Marie de Magdala.
- 26 Jésus, voyant sa mère, et auprès d'elle le disciple qu'il aimait, dit à sa mère: Femme, voilà ton fils.
- 27 Puis il dit au disciple: Voilà ta mère. Et, dès ce moment, le disciple la prit chez lui.

- 28 After this, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, Jesus said, I thirst.
- 29 Then a vessel full of vinegar was set. And they filled a sponge with sour wine and put it upon hyssop, and put it to His mouth.
- 30 Then when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, It is finished! And He bowed His head and gave up the spirit.
- 28 Après cela, Jésus, qui savait que tout était déjà consommé, dit, afin que l'Écriture fût accomplie: J'ai soif.
- 29 Il y avait là un vase plein de vinaigre. Les soldats en remplirent une éponge, et, l'ayant fixée à une branche d'hysop, ils l'approchèrent de sa bouche.
- 30 Quand Jésus eut pris le vinaigre, il dit: Tout est accompli. Et, baissant la tête, il rendit l'esprit.

The journey to the cross

Crucified in the
middle of two
robbers

Crucified by
the whole
world, by you
and me

We all have
some idea of
who Jesus is

Everyone is
trying to grab
onto something
of Jesus that fits
their concept

Pilate

Jesus the
Nazarene, the
King of the
Jews

Written in
Hebrew, Latin
and Greek

Representing
religion, politics
and culture

These three
things determine
our concept of
Jesus

The chief
priests of the
Jews

The soldiers

Do not think Jesus
was crucified by the
Roman soldiers, or by
the Jewish chief
priests

What about the
disciples, you
and me?

Jesus
abandoned by
His disciples

Except John,
and four
sisters

To the disciples,
Jesus' road to the
cross was
completely contrary
to their expectations

What were
their
expectations?

To see Jesus
become king of
Israel

To share
Jesus' throne

To share
Jesus' glory

The way of the cross,
of denial, of shame, of
being stripped of all
glory and honour, was
totally foreign to them

Am I willing to
take the way of
the cross?

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Garments in the
Bible signify
outward deeds,
righteousness,
glory

Let us rejoice and exult, and let us
give the glory to Him, for the
marriage of the Lamb has come,
and His wife has made herself
ready. And it was given to her that
she should be clothed in fine linen,
bright and clean: for the fine linen is
the righteousneses of the saints

(Revelation 19:7-8)

Jesus' garments
were torn and
divided

- Many times, we like to enjoy personal glory, even in serving the Lord
- Even in our suffering for the Lord, we may seek for recognition or approval
- This kind of seeking is easily gained
- We may even generously share the recognition with other brothers and sisters, without grudge
- This shows we may have some virtues or experiences of Christ, yet without Christ Himself (the garments without the person)

However, Jesus' inner garment, the tunic, was without seam and woven from the top throughout

- This is the garment closest to the person of Jesus
- Cannot be divided
- It is complete in itself
- Not pieces put together
- Woven, indicating a handiwork, a process a dealing
- This may refer to the person of Jesus Himself, and to the word of God, complete

Seeking a
miraculous
power

- This is something deeper
- Not just to enjoy some credit or pat on the back
- But to have a gift or ability and to trust in that ability, close to the Lord, but still without the Lord
- Not everyone may have this
- It is not something that can be easily divided

As disciples, we
are exposed to
the uttermost

We want
something of
Jesus, we want to
use Jesus for our
own gain, but we
do not want Jesus
Himself

That is why we
need a Saviour.
The One whom we
put to death
actually died for us

Jesus thirsted

- He was willing to taste death for us

Able to care for
His mother and
John, and to bring
them into a life
relationship

- Being willing to be stripped of all human honour, dignity and rights

- Finishing the work the Father had given Him to do

It is finished!