



Believe

JOHN

MESSAGE

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Jesus' Death Brought Life

Bible Reading: John 19:31-37

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31 Since it was the preparation day, the Jews did not want the bodies to remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a special day). They requested that Pilate have the men's legs broken and that their bodies be taken away. 32 So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first man and of the other one who had been crucified with him. 33 When they came to Jesus, they did not break his legs since they saw that he was already dead. 34 But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. 35 He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows he is telling the truth. 36 For these things happened so that the Scripture would be fulfilled: **Not one of his bones will be broken.** 37 Also, another Scripture says: **They will look at the one they pierced.**

I. The Narrative – 19:31-37

- A. Only found in this gospel
- B. Jesus has died (19:30)
 - 1. Not a typical death by crucifixion
 - 2. He was in control; He "gave up his spirit" (10:17-18)
- C. Jewish leaders requested his legs be broken
 - 1. to hasten death
 - 2. So they could remove his body and not defile the land (Deut. 21:22-23) on the Sabbath
 - 3. Since He was already dead there was no need to break his bones 19:33
 - 4. Fulfilled the scriptures
- D. Soldier pierced his side to make sure he was dead
 - 1. Blood and water came out
 - 2. Fulfilled scripture

II. Jesus as the Passover Lamb

- A. The OT Passover

1. Israel as a nation is in slavery in Egypt
 2. God sees and will judge the Egyptians by killing their firstborn sons
 3. God commands the Israelites to kill a lamb and put the blood on the doorposts.
 4. This will indicate they are God's people and will not suffer the judgment of death. Instead, God will pass over their households
 5. They eat the lamb and that night they are sent out of Egypt while the Egyptians mourn the death of the firstborn
 6. Israel is to keep this as an annual celebration to remember their deliverance from death and from Egypt.
 7. One condition is that they are not to break the bones of the lamb.
- B. No bones broken points to the Passover Lamb – 19:33,36
1. The Passover lamb was to be eaten without breaking any bones – Exo. 12:46
 2. Time of the Passover celebration as well
- C. The Passover Lamb symbolizes the deliverance from bondage – 1 Pet. 1:18-19
1. Deliverance from bondage
 2. Deliverance from empty or vain way of life 1 Pet. 1:18-19
- D. The Lamb who takes away the sin of the world (1:29)
1. Taking away sin
 2. Bringing eternal life
- The last sign
 - Book ends – John 1:29 and John 19:33, 36
 - Takes away sin
 - Brings life and freedom
- E. Delivered into a relationship with God
1. Living as people of faith (believing)
 2. Living as redeemed, cleansed, forgiven people – Heb. 9:12, 14, 22
 3. Living in freedom and in life
 4. Living as God's people under his protection

III. Jesus – the one pierced – 19:33-34

- A. Done by soldiers to confirm he was dead
 - B. Done according to God's sovereignty – fulfilling scripture 19:37
 - C. Blood and water came out
1. Showing he was truly human and he really died – apologetic argument
 2. Also showing symbolism of blood and water
 3. Blood – that takes away the sin of the world
- a. For redemption
 - b. Forgiveness
 - c. Cleansing
4. Water – giving life, quenching thirst
- a. Jesus promised the Samaritan woman the water that gives eternal life – John 4:13-14
 - b. At the festival, Jesus promised water to those who believe – John 7:38
5. Symbolizing life emerges from death – 7:38

IV. His death Fulfilled Scripture – 19:36-37

- A. Four incidents in ch. 19 where scriptures were fulfilled
1. Cast lots for clothing – 19:24; Ps. 22:18
 2. Thirst – 19:28; Ps. 22:15; 69:21
 3. Bones not broken – 19:33; Psa. 34:20; Exo. 12:46; Num. 9:12
 4. Pierced side, blood and water – 19:34; Zech. 12:10; Psa. 22:16
- B. Fulfilling Scripture
1. No bones broken
 2. His side pierced
- a. Spoken about by Zechariah – Zech. 12:10
 - b. Spoken about by Isaiah – Isa. 53:5
 - c. Alluded to in Psalm 22:16
- C. According to God's sovereignty – Acts 2:23

V. The writer's testimony – 19:35

A. He was present and saw these events

B. So that we may believe

1. Believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, the King

2. So that faith will bring us into a life-giving relationship with God (no longer alienated from God)