



The Suffering of Our Glorious Savior

John 19:16-42

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The suffering of Jesus Christ accomplished the redemption of God's people and gives us hope that there is meaning and purpose in our own suffering.

1. Jesus suffered as an innocent man (19:16-22)

2. The suffering of Jesus demands a response (19:19-25)

3. Jesus suffered as a servant (19:25-27)

4. The suffering of Jesus fulfilled biblical prophecy
 - The gambling for Jesus' clothing (19:24)
 - The sour vinegar given for His thirst (19:28)
 - The piercing of His side (19:37)
 - The breaking of the legs of others, but not of the legs of Jesus (19:36)

5. The suffering of Jesus accomplished our redemption (19:28-30)

Questions to Consider

1. What questions have you asked during trials or times of suffering that you experienced?
2. Read John 20:30-31. John is the only gospel writer to report that Pilate's inscription was posted in three languages. How might that fact fit into John's purpose, as stated in 20:30-31?
3. Think about suffering you may be going through, or recently experienced. Were there opportunities to still serve others even in the midst of your suffering? Can you be more intentional about looking for ways to serve during future suffering?
4. How does fulfilled prophecy fit into John's larger purpose for his gospel? Why is the fulfillment of God's prophecy crucial?
5. What is the theological meaning of redemption? Consider the ideas of slavery and ransom in your answer. What are some other passages of Scripture that describe how Jesus Christ redeemed sinners?
6. Can you think of past instances of suffering which, in hindsight, you saw more of what God was accomplishing through your suffering?