

Under the same circumstances, do you think you would have been more like Joseph and Nicodemus or Jesus' disciples? Explain.

When it comes to public identification with Jesus, how is it possible to respond in the same ways today?

What aspect of Jesus' death has made the deepest impression on you, and why?

Easter 2021

Study 2: It is Finished

Reading: John 19:16 - 42

Easter is a very special time for Christians. For those in the community it can be perplexing for we remember the death of Jesus and celebrate. Yes, the story of Easter is not just Good Friday but also Easter Sunday, the Cross and the Resurrection, but still people ask why?

We celebrate because on the Cross the Father's plan for salvation came to fulfillment as the title of our study says – "It is Finished"

What is most special for you about Easter?

Read John 19:16 - 27:

Crucifixion was obviously a brutal and tortuous form of execution. Why do you think John leaves so much of the agonizing detail out of his account?

Three groups were involved in Jesus' death – the soldiers, the Jewish leaders and Pilate. How would you characterize each one's attitude towards Jesus?

In what ways do their attitudes toward Jesus parallel those of men and women today?

What is the significance of the sign Pilate has placed on the cross? Why did the chief priests protest?

What is the lesson John wants us to learn from the soldiers' actions? Ultimately who is in control?

How do you think Mary, Jesus' mother, felt as she stood by the cross?

Read John 19:28 - 42:

What was the significance of Jesus' cry, "It is finished"?

What evidence does John give that Jesus really died?

Why was it so important for John to establish the certainty of Jesus' death?

What feelings and thoughts would have gone through your mind if you helped prepare Jesus for burial?

Where were Jesus' disciples during his crucifixion?