

John 19:16 – 42

◦ The Crucifixion of Christ



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*Crucifixion and Last
Judgment diptych, ~1420*

What Makes You, YOU?



This passage defines our Christian identity!

Explore:

- 1) How Jesus demonstrates his Kingship in and through the crucifixion
- 2) How Jesus provides for the Church in and through his death



Michelangelo
Pieta, 1499

Apply:

What do these two ideas – the Kingship of Jesus and his provision for us – mean for us today?

On crucifixion:

- “Invented” by the Assyrians in 8th c BCE
- Not discussed in contemporary literature due to its cruel nature
- Slow death over multiple days via asphyxiation
- Normally bodies left to rot as a warning sign to populace
- Only one body ever found archaeologically
- A sign of God’s disgrace in 1st c CE Jewish thought:
Deut. 21:22-23



Differences Between John & Synoptics

Not found in John:

- *Simon of Cyrene (all 3)*
- *Wailing women on way to Calvary (Luke)*
- *Offering of drugged potion (Mk. / Matt.)*
- *Jesus' prayer of forgiveness for executioners (Luke)*
- *Time indications (all 3)*
- *Various mockeries (all 3)*
- *Repentance of "good" terrorist (Luke)*
- *Darkness over the land (all 3)*
- *Cry, "Eloi, Eloi, . . ." (Mk. / Matt.)*
- *Suggestion to seek deliverance by Elijah (Mk. / Matt.)*
- *"Father, into your hands..." (Luke)*
- *Rending of the Temple curtain (all 3)*
- *Earthquake and opening of tombs (Matt.)*
- *Reaction of centurion (all 3)*
- *Repentance of multitudes going home (Luke)*
- *Pilate's investigation to affirm Jesus' death (Mk.)*
- *Wrapping of body in linen shroud (all 3)*
- *Presence of women at the tomb at burial (all 3)*
- *Purchase of spices by women (Luke)*

Passage Breakdown

Introduction: The crucifixion

Episode I: Jesus as King

Episode II: Dividing of clothes

Episode III: Jesus' mother and Beloved Disciple

Episode IV: Jesus' thirst

Episode V: Breaking of legs / Jesus is pierced

Conclusion: Burial of Jesus



4th c CE carved casket (notice Judas)

John 19:16b - 24

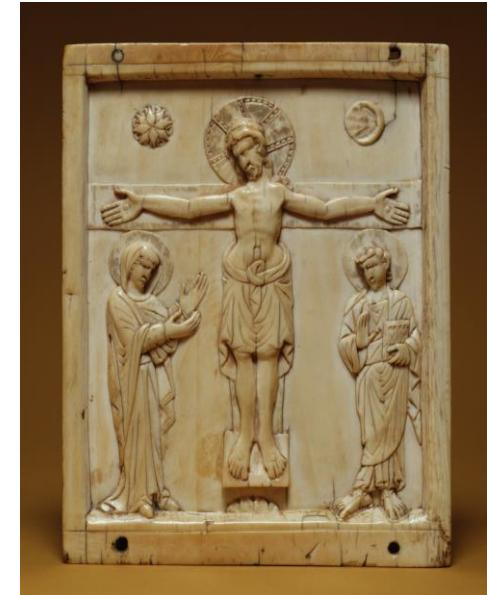
Who carries the cross?

What did the sign over Jesus say?

Why did the Jewish leaders not like this?

What is John trying to say here by focusing on this aspect of the scene?

What is significant about this garment?



John 19:25 - 30

- Who is at the cross, according to John?

What did Jesus say to them?
What did this mean?

What “was now completed”?

Why drink now?

What did Jesus do after the wine was given?



John 19:31 - 37

○ Why break their legs?

What happens when they pierce Jesus' side?

Where else do we see water in John?

What picture is John painting of Jesus' death?



John 19:38 - 42

- Who takes responsibility for Jesus' body?

How would you describe these two men in relation to their faith in Jesus?

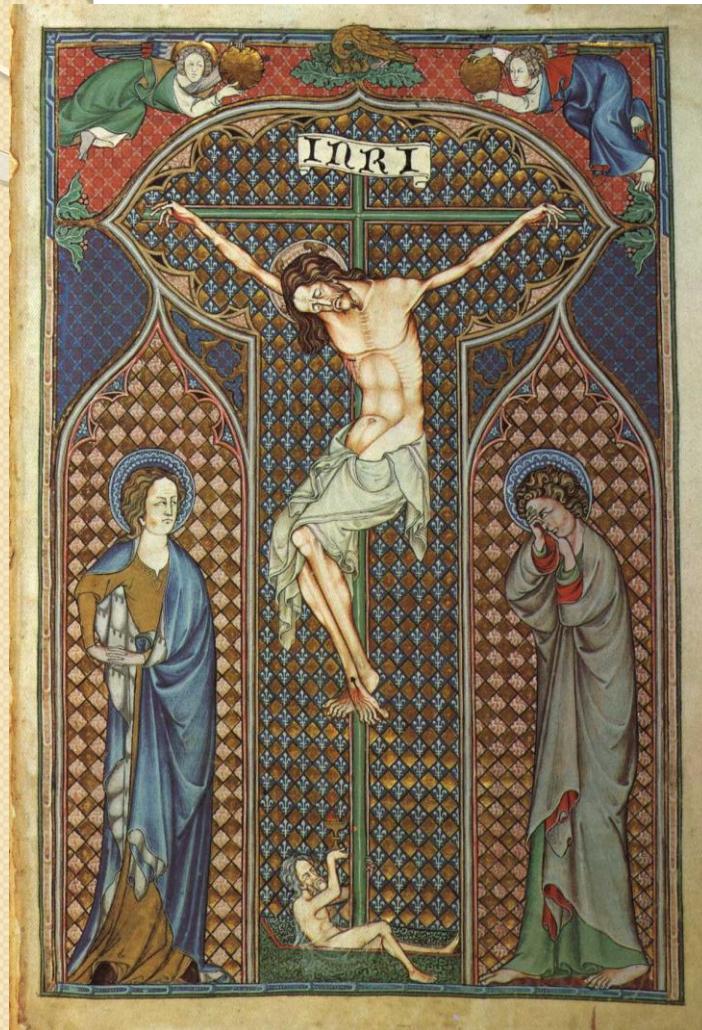
Why did they rush to put Jesus' body in the tomb?

What other details stick out?

Why use a new tomb?



What Does This Mean to Me?



CONTROL

How does Jesus give up control?

Do we need to give up control?

How do we do that?