

*Daily Devotional Guide to
the Book of John*

John Chapter 19

Days 206 - 217

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A Daily Devotional Study Of The Gospel Of John

You will need a Bible of your own to do this devotional study. Reading the Bible with an open heart and mind brings us into God's presence, and getting to know God is accomplished by spending time with him on a daily basis. This study is designed to develop or maintain the habit of meeting daily with God, sometimes referred to as a devotional time with God. It doesn't have to take a large chunk of time, but it needs to be focused on the Scriptures (the Bible). It doesn't have to cover a lot of material or content every day, it just needs to be understood and applied to our lives.

The study days are numbered so that you can do them any day of the week, preferably one each day. However, if you miss a day, it won't matter because the days are not assigned a date or day of the week.

My approach to the study is a verse by verse exploration and application of God's Word to our lives. This is an *inductive* study, which means that we derive meaning from the Biblical text itself rather than from outside sources. The passages for each day are short, to enable you to focus more in depth on a few verses at a time. I frequently bring additional Scripture into the discussion in an effort to ensure accurate interpretation of the day's topics.

How This Devotional Study Works

1. In your Bible, look up and read the verses for the day.
2. Write the first verse for the day in the top left space under *What it Says* (Row 1, Column 1).
3. Working left to right, read the comments in the *Meanings/Principles* space (Row 1, Column 2).
4. Then, write your answers to the questions to clarify *What it Means to Me* (Row 1, Column 3).
5. Continue by writing the next verse in Row 2, Column 1, reading Row 2 Column 2, and writing answers to questions in Row 2, Column 3.
6. Continue working left to right as you go down the page.

To summarize, first read through the verses in John for the day. Then write exactly what the first verse says in the first column. (*Write each verse word for word, exactly as it appears in the Bible in column one.*) After you write out each verse, read the second column that clarifies the important information given in that verse and then answer the questions in column three related to the verse. (*Work left to right. It is important to answer each question based on the verse and its meaning in column two.*)

You may choose to either 1) print pages and write in the spaces provided or 2) enter your responses on your computer. If you use your computer you can save your work, then come back and print at any time. If your response exceeds the space allowed you can scroll the text area to see the complete text; but if you print, some of the text may be hidden.

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<p>John 19:1</p>	<p>Isaiah 53:5 says that we are healed by his wounds or stripes. Jesus took this punishment in our place.</p>	<p>If I were sentenced to a flogging which may take my life because of its brutality and someone else stepped forward and took my place, took my flogging, my stripes, how would I feel about that person?</p>
<p>John 19:2</p>	<p>Jesus, King and Lord of the Universe, was mocked by those for whom he consented to suffer.</p>	<p>To know that Jesus suffered such injustice for my sake, makes me feel:</p>
<p>John 19:3</p>	<p>Jesus suffered abuse for a considerable amount of time. He could have stopped it at any time by regretting and reversing his choice of obedience to the Father. (Isaiah 50:6-10)</p>	<p>How submissive am I to God's will if it involves suffering?</p>

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<p>John 19:4</p>	<p>Once again, Pilate made it clear that Jesus was innocent of any charges and had already suffered enough.</p>	<p>Why did Jesus have to suffer, and be humiliated and mocked, and still that was not enough? Find verses in Hebrews 9 or elsewhere that indicate why he had to also die:</p>
<p>John 19:5</p>	<p>The soldiers not only abused Jesus, they ridiculed his kingship by giving him a mock crown and royal robe.</p>	<p>Here is the man, the Son of Man, brutalized by the sinfulness of the human race. What do I think of the human race?</p> <p>What did Jesus look like at this point according to Isaiah 52:13-15?</p> <p>What do I think of Jesus?</p>

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<p>John 19:6</p>	<p>The chief priests and officials insisted that Jesus be crucified. The Jewish priests were not allowed to crucify people. It had to be done by the Roman authorities, but Jesus was not guilty of a crime.</p>	<p>For each verse, in column three write the important key points about Jesus' death prophesied 700 years before: Isaiah 53:8-10</p>
<p>John 19:7</p>	<p>Jesus' claim to be the Son of God was considered blasphemous. The Jerusalem priests did not want the Jewish people to follow Jesus. They wanted him discredited and denigrated.</p>	<p>Isaiah 53:3-5</p>

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<p>John 19:8</p>	<p>Pilate didn't understand what was happening. He was afraid because he couldn't control the situation or the Jewish leaders. He was afraid because there was something about Jesus he couldn't command or understand.</p>	<p>Isaiah 53:6</p>
<p>John 19:9</p>	<p>Isaiah 53:7-8 explains that Jesus remained silent because he had determined to die for the Jewish people's (and all people's) transgressions or sins against God.</p>	<p>Isaiah 53:11-12</p>

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<p>John 19:10</p>	<p>Jesus refused to defend himself, frustrating Pilate. Pilate believed he had earthly authority over all people in his region.</p>	<p>Who has earthly power over me?</p> <p>Who has ultimate power over us all?</p>
<p>John 19:11</p>	<p>Jesus was under the Heavenly Father's authority, submitting to his will. Pilate had no real power over Jesus, but God allowed the events to happen for Jesus to be crucified. Pilate was still accountable for his sin. Caiaphas, who turned Jesus over to Pilate, was accountable for forcing the crucifixion of an innocent man who was also the Son of God. Judas, Christ's betrayer was responsible for that sin. The Jewish leaders were responsible for the sin of rejecting the Son of God. See the parable Jesus had told to the unrighteous chief priests in Matthew 21:33-42. Everyone in the human race is ultimately responsible for sending Jesus to the cross. (1 John 2:2)</p>	<p>In Matthew 21, Jesus quoted Psalm 118:22-23, a psalm about the Messiah, a psalm about himself being rejected and being offered up, thus becoming God's capstone or cornerstone of salvation. How did the sacrifice of Jesus and accomplishing salvation for all who fear God reveal the enduring love of God?</p> <p>This is the day, or age, of salvation, according to Psalm 118:24. What does that mean? (Romans 10:13)</p>

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<p>John 19:12</p>	<p>Claiming that Jesus opposed Caesar and Roman rule was the ultimate accusation to make sure that he suffered death by Roman Law rather than be released. Pilate would not dare release Jesus if it meant Pilate would be accused of opposing Caesar.</p>	<p>How did God use even the sinfulness of the human race (our unrighteousness) to accomplish his righteousness? (II Corinthians 5:17-21)</p>

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<p>John 19:13</p>	<p>Pilate could not ignore an accusation against Caesar and Roman rule or he would have been held accountable and would have lost his position.</p>	<p>What do I value more than truth?</p> <p>Would I trade God's truth for what I hold dearest?</p>
<p>John 19:14</p>	<p>Jesus was prepared to be led like a lamb to slaughter. (Isaiah 53:7) Jesus' kingship was ridiculed.</p>	<p>Is Jesus truly <i>my</i> king?</p>

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<p>John 19:15</p>	<p>The chief priests chose to side with Rome, to accept Roman rule, rather than accept Jesus' kingship from God.</p>	<p>If I reject Jesus' kingship over me, what am I choosing instead?</p>
<p>John 19:16</p>	<p>Pilate gave in to the demands and condemned Jesus to death on a cross like a criminal.</p>	<p>How does knowledge of my own sins affect the way I interpret these events or place blame on others for these events? (I Peter 2:24)</p>

Day 209 ***Read John 19:13-16***

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<p>John 19:17</p>	<p>As Isaac carried the wood for his own sacrifice (Genesis 22:6), so Jesus carried the wooden “tree” of his own sacrifice. Mark 15:21 adds that someone had to help Jesus carry this cross beam at some point, evidently because he was too weak. Luke 14:27 records Jesus saying that if we desire to be his disciples we must take up our own cross and follow him.</p> <p>(According to a <i>NIV Study Bible</i> note, we get the word “Calvary” from the Latin word for skull.)</p>	<p>What are the parallels and differences between Abraham offering Isaac in approximately 2000 BC and the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross? (Genesis 22)</p> <p>Why is Jesus’ crucifixion “good news”, the Greek meaning of “gospel”? (Review Hebrews 9:11-15 and see Hebrews 10:1-10)</p>

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John 19:18 	Archaeology and literature of the first century supply examples of crucified victims, their agony, and their humiliation, since it was reserved for the basest criminals. (<i>NIV Study Bible</i> note on Mark 15:24)	What are the parallels between Psalm 22 and Mark 15?

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<p>John 19:19</p>	<p>The <i>NIV Study Bible</i> note states that “A placard stating the crime for which a man was executed was often fastened to his cross.”</p>	<p>Is Jesus King only of the Jews?</p>
<p>John 19:20</p>	<p>Everyone from every nation in the Roman empire would have been able to read one of those languages. Because of God's love and his promises, the message of Jesus' life and death and kingship came first to his Jewish people, and through them to the whole world.</p>	<p>What verses from the Bible could I give to show someone that salvation through Jesus is for all people?</p>

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<p>John 19:21</p>	<p>Though many would have accepted Jesus as their king and even attempted to crown him as an earthly king (Luke 19:37-40), the chief priests rejected his kingship over them.</p>	<p>What is the difference between an earthly king and a heavenly kingship?</p>
<p>John 19:22</p>	<p>Jesus' kingship remains.</p>	<p>How do people show an earthly king that they accept his kingship?</p> <p>How do I demonstrate that Jesus is my king?</p>

Day 211 **Read John 19:19-22**

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<p>John 19:23</p> <div></div>	<p>This was foretold 1,000 years before by King David when he wrote Psalm 22.</p>	<p>Why does it matter that details like these were foretold prophetically?</p> <div></div>

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<p>John 19:24</p>	<p>God had given many signs to point to Jesus throughout history, from the beginning of creation and throughout God's revealed and recorded interactions and interventions in the history of the Jewish people.</p> <p>This verse quotes from Psalm 22:18, one example of the detail of God's revelation through the prophetic experiences and utterances of King David, which were given to him to show us that Jesus is God's Son and that his suffering was ordained by God to accomplish salvation.</p>	<p>What are some of the reasons and the purposes of God in choosing David as king and working in his life?</p> <p>What does God want to work in my life?</p>

Day 212 **Read John 19:23-24**

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<p>John 19:25</p>	<p>Jesus' mother witnessed his humiliation and death. Jesus' aunt and other women were also there. Mary Magdalene was among many women who had demons cast out of them and followed Jesus. She was evidently delivered of seven demons, a large number, indicating that she had a great deliverance and deep gratitude to Jesus. (Luke 8:1-3)</p>	<p>Luke 7: 36-50 records that once when Jesus was invited to a Pharisee's house, he was not welcomed with the usual washing of feet, but a sinful woman who was repentant came and washed his feet with an expensive perfume instead. When the Pharisee objected to her interruption, Jesus had to explain to the Pharisee through a parable (or story), that one who is forgiven little loves little, but one who is forgiven much, loves much. The Pharisee considered himself unneeded of Jesus' forgiveness, but the sinful woman was given forgiveness because she knew how much she needed it. How much do I need Jesus? Does my love for Jesus equal my need for forgiveness?</p>
<p>John 19:26</p>	<p>The disciple whom Jesus was closest to was probably John, the author of this book. John observed all of these events firsthand. He records that Jesus' concern at his death was that his mother be cared for and provided for.</p>	<p>Luke 2:21-39 records that Joseph and Mary took Baby Jesus to the Jerusalem temple in order to meet all of the requirements of Moses' Law. An old man who had waited there a long time to see the Messiah praised God at seeing Jesus, recognizing him as the Messiah. He also prophesied to Mary that a sword would pierce her soul. How did Mary's faith see her through Jesus' birth, life, death, and resurrection? (Luke 1:45)</p>

Day 213

Read John 19:25-27

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John 19:27 <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 180px; width: 100%;"></div>	Jesus' concern only for his mother shows that he was not married. It also shows that he did not have ungodly relationships with John or Mary Magdalene, that Joseph was probably deceased, and that perhaps Jesus' brothers (children born after Jesus, to Mary and Joseph) did not yet believe in him as they did after the resurrection when they became leaders in the early church.	Can I imagine how Jesus' death and then his resurrection changed the lives of those closest to him? (John 16:20-22) <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 180px; width: 100%;"></div>

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<p>John 19:28</p> <div></div>	<p>See Psalm 22:15.</p>	<p>Why was it important for all to be completed and for Scripture to be fulfilled? (John 1:1-18, Hebrews 1:1-4)</p> <div></div>
<p>John 19:29</p> <div></div>	<p>See Psalm 69:20-21.</p>	<p>How was Scripture fulfilled? Read Psalm 22 again.</p> <div></div>

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<p>John 19:30</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 349px;"></div>	<p>Jesus accomplished all that the Father had asked of him, including giving his life.</p>	<p>What was finished? Read Hebrews 9 again.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 349px;"></div>

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<p>John 19:31</p>	<p>The legs of the crucified were broken to prevent them from lifting themselves in order to breathe. It shortened life. In their desire to celebrate the Passover Sabbath, the Jewish leaders neglected to realize that they had offered the Passover Lamb, Jesus, as a sacrifice for their own sins. (Exodus 12, I Corinthians 5:7-8)</p>	<p>In Matthew 23, Jesus is recorded as proclaiming that the teachers of the Law and the Pharisees were hypocrites who did things for show, to be honored by men. They tried to observe the minutia of the Law but were far from observing what was important to God's heart. Do I have blind spots in my life that are inconsistent with God's heart for justice, mercy, and faithfulness? (Matthew 23:23)</p>

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<p>John 19:32</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 313px;"></div>	<p>The criminals on each side of Jesus died, one ridiculing Jesus and the other expressing repentance. According to Luke 23:39-43, the repentant one joined Jesus in paradise that day.</p>	<p>Does recognizing who Jesus is and his perfect sacrifice as opposed to our sinfulness cause all people to repent and be saved?</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 117px;"></div> <p>Is it worth getting the message out to two people?</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 149px;"></div>

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<p>John 19:33</p>	<p>Jesus was already dead. He had given up his spirit, committing it into God's hands (Luke 23:44-49). While on the cross, Jesus had asked God to forgive those who crucified him (Luke 23:34). Though Jesus was acting in obedience to God, God had to turn from his own Son because he took on our sins as the lamb sacrifice. Jesus quoted Psalm 22:1 (recorded in Matthew 27:46 and Mark 15:34).</p>	<p>What are the special elements or characteristics of Psalm 22?</p> <p>Why did Jesus quote Psalm 22?</p> <p>Why is Psalm 22 quoted so frequently by Jesus' apostles in recording the events of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection?</p>

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<p>John 19:34</p>	<p>Instead of breaking his legs (Exodus 12:46), Jesus' heart was pierced to ensure that he was dead. This caused his blood to flow out. God caused Scripture to be fulfilled by ungodly men.</p>	<p>Why was it so important that Jesus' blood be shed? (Exodus 12:13, 24:8; Matthew 26:26-27; Romans 3:25, 5:9; Ephesians 1:7; I Peter 1:18-19)</p>
<p>John 19:35</p>	<p>John, the author of this book, wants his readers to know that he can testify to the truth of this account of Jesus' death because he was there and saw it all.</p>	<p>Why does it matter that Jesus was really dead, not just in a swoon? (Give Scripture to back up your answer.)</p>

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<p>John 19:36</p>	<p>Jesus' bones were not broken in order to indicate his righteousness in accordance with Psalm 34:19-20. Exodus 12:46 and Numbers 9:12 tell us that Jesus' bones remained whole, just as the bones of the Passover lamb remained unbroken every year. Jesus was the Passover lamb for the world, once and for all.</p>	<p>What was the role of the Passover lamb? ((Exodus 12:1-14)</p>
<p>John 19:37</p>	<p>Zechariah 12:10 describes the Jewish people someday realizing who Jesus is, and mourning with the grief equal to losing a firstborn son, an only son.</p>	<p>Write John 3:16 here from memory.</p> <p>Why is Jesus' identity as the Messiah, Son of Man (described in the book of Daniel), and Son of God, so important to the Jewish people and to all people?</p>

Day 216

Read John 19:34-37

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<p>John 19:38</p>	<p>Joseph of Arimathea (located in Judah) was a Jew and a member of the Sanhedrin (their ruling council). Luke 23:50-56 records these same events and tells us that Joseph was a godly man: he was waiting for the kingdom of God. He had not supported the Sanhedrin's decision to condemn Jesus.</p>	<p>Why is it godly to wait for something promised by God?</p> <p>What am I waiting for God to do? (Give Scripture to back up your answer.)</p>
<p>John 19:39</p>	<p>Nicodemus was a Pharisee and also a member of the Jewish ruling council. He had visited Jesus during the night (John 3:1-21) in order to express support for Jesus. He had learned that he needed to be born again and tried to prevent Jesus' unfair trial and condemnation. (John 7:45-52) He brought an amount of spices appropriate for a king's burial (<i>NIV Study Bible</i> note).</p>	<p>How can I honor Jesus today? (Hebrews 13:15) (Give additional Scripture if you have additional ways to honor Jesus.)</p>

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<p>John 19:40</p>	<p>See II Chronicles 16:13-14 for a king's burial. The body was wrapped with linen strips according to the custom.</p>	<p>Micah 5:2 foretold the Messiah's birth in Bethlehem. At some time before Mary and Joseph left Bethlehem with Jesus, the magi came from the east with gold, incense, and myrrh for the king they knew had been born. (Matthew 2: 1-12)</p>
<p>John 19:41</p>	<p>Joseph of Arimathea was evidently wealthy and provided a burial cloth (John 20:7) and his own hewn tomb for Jesus' burial. (Matthew 27:59, Mark 15:46, and Luke 23:53)</p>	<p>How was Isaiah 53:9 fulfilled?</p>

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<p>John 19:42</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 229px;"></div>	<p>They needed to complete the burial before sunset, when the Law required them to rest and cease from work.</p>	<p>How did Jesus' death provide a rest for us? What kind of rest does God offer us in Jesus? (Hebrews 3:15-4:10)</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 216px;"></div>

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