

JOURNEY TO EASTER: Golgotha

Sermon Notes March 24th, 2024

John 18 and 19

When we read the trial of Jesus, we should see that there are powers at play.

- The powers of the _____.
- The powers of the _____.
- The _____ Powers and Rulers. (Paul calls this the powers of darkness. Ephesians 6:3)

John 19:7 The Jewish leaders insisted, “We have a law, and according to that law he must die, because he claimed to be the Son of God.”

John 19:10 “Do you refuse to speak to me?” Pilate said. “Don’t you realize I have power either to free you or to crucify you?”

Jesus Kingdom is different. He says to Pilate: **John 18**

36 Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place.”

Matthew 16:24 Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. **25** For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it.

—Cicero, 106-43BC, *Pro Rabirio Postump* 16

—Seneca, (about 4 BC-65 AD), *Epistulae morales (Moral Letters)*, 101.14

—Josephus (AD 37-100), *Wars of the Jews*, 5.11.1

—Josephus, *Antiquities* 13.14.2 (380)

Process of Crucifixion:

- _____
- _____
- Forced to _____ Cross through crowds
- _____ and lifted
- _____ is primary cause of death
- _____ - _____ to die
- Speed up the process by _____ to cause suffocation.

Crucifixion served one purpose. To _____ you, _____ you, then to _____ you from existence.

Romans 1:16 “I am not ashamed of the Gospel.”

1 Corinthians 1:18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

The way of Jesus, which is to lay your life down for others, is the best way to be _____ and live an _____.

Matthew 6:25 For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it.

Take Home:

What do you need to take up your cross and follow Jesus with?

- Family
- Work
- Community

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