

Gospel According to John 19:23 – 42*New American Standard Version*

1 ²³ Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His outer garments
2 and made four parts, a part to every soldier and *also* the tunic; now the
3 tunic was seamless, woven in one piece. ²⁴ So they said to one another, “Let
4 us not tear it, but cast lots for it, *to decide* whose it shall be”; *this was to*
5 fulfill the Scripture: “THEY DIVIDED MY OUTER GARMENTS AMONG THEM,
6 AND FOR MY CLOTHING THEY CAST LOTS.” ²⁵ Therefore the soldiers did
7 these things. But standing by the cross of Jesus were His mother, and His
8 mother’s sister, Mary the *wife* of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When
9 Jesus then saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing
10 nearby, He *said* to His mother, “Woman, behold, your son!” ²⁷ Then He
11 *said* to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” From that hour the disciple
12 took her into his own *household*. ²⁸ After this, Jesus, knowing that all
13 things had already been accomplished, to fulfill the Scripture, *said*, “I am
14 thirsty.” ²⁹ A jar full of sour wine was standing there; so they put a sponge
15 full of the sour wine upon *a branch of* hyssop and brought it up to His
16 mouth. ³⁰ Therefore when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “It is
17 finished!” And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit. ³¹ Then the
18 Jews, because it was the day of preparation, so that the bodies would not
19 remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), asked
20 Pilate that their legs might be broken, and *that* they might be taken away.
21 ³² So the soldiers came, and broke the legs of the first man and of the other
22 who was crucified with Him; ³³ but coming to Jesus, when they saw that He
23 was already dead, they did not break His legs. ³⁴ But one of the soldiers
24 pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out.
25 ³⁵ And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he
26 knows that he is telling the truth, so that you also may believe. ³⁶ For these
27 things came to pass to fulfill the Scripture, “NOT A BONE OF HIM SHALL BE
28 BROKEN.” ³⁷ And again another Scripture says, “THEY SHALL LOOK ON HIM
29 WHOM THEY PIERCED.” ³⁸ After these things Joseph of Arimathea, being a
30 disciple of Jesus, but a secret *one* for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he
31 might take away the body of Jesus; and Pilate granted permission. So he
32 came and took away His body. ³⁹ Nicodemus, who had first come to Him
33 by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a
34 hundred pounds *weight*. ⁴⁰ So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in
35 linen wrappings with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. ⁴¹ Now
36 in the place where He was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a
37 new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. ⁴² Therefore because of the
38 Jewish day of preparation, since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

Observation (What does it say?):*What do you notice in this passage?*

- Repeated words or ideas?
- Comparisons or contrasts?
- Purpose or explanation?
- Unusual or symbolic language?
- Commands or instructions?
- Conditional (if–then) statements?
- Other observations?

Interpretation (What does it mean?):*After observing the passage:*

- What parts seem clear and straightforward?
- What parts seem unclear or confusing?
- What parts challenge your previous thinking?
- What questions come to mind as you read?
- How would you title this passage?

Application (What does it mean for me?):

- What parts of this passage fit your current life situation?
- What parts seem unrelated to your circumstances?
- How might this passage affect your understanding of who God is and what He is doing?
- What part of this passage would be the most challenging for you to apply?
- What would be different (attitudes, behavior) if God used this passage to change you?

Additional questions for thought and discussion:

Inductive Bible Study

(A few general ideas)

Observation (What does it say?)

What facts do you **observe** about the passage that help bring out the writer's thought process?

- Who are the people involved?
- What action takes place?
- What type of literature is it (poetry, history, didactic, etc.)?
- What details are included or left out?
- Are any unusual words used?
- Is there symbolic language?
- What is the grammar of the passage (pronouns, prepositions, verb tenses)?
- Are words or ideas repeated?
- Any comparisons or contrasts?
- Any cause and effect?
- Are there indications of purpose ("in order that...")?
- Are there conclusions ("Therefore...")?
- Are there explanations?
- Does the passage logically break into sections?
- How would you summarize the passage?
- What would be a good "headline" for the passage?

Interpretation (What does it mean?)

What questions come to mind about the facts that would help you **interpret** the meaning?

- How would the original readers have understood the passage?
- What is the main emphasis?
- Why does the writer use repetition, or contrast, or unusual words?
- What does the grammar or structure of the passage reveal about the writer's thought pattern?
- Is there a logical sequence in the passage?
- How are different ideas in the passage connected?
- Are there any new ideas or concepts presented?
- Are there difficulties in the passage?

Application (What does it mean for me?)

What is the impact on your life? What **application** does the Holy Spirit want to show you?

- Is there a command to obey?
- Is there a promise to be thankful for?
- Is there an attribute of God to worship?
- Is there an example to follow?

**Read nothing into the Scriptures,
but draw everything from them,
and suffer nothing to remain
hidden that is really in them.
J.A. Bengel (1687-1752)**