

John 17-19

Ch 17

Theme – High Priestly Prayer; Jesus asked to be glorified thru the cross so that He can glorify the Father; the Father's desire is for the Son to give eternal life to all that the Father has given to the Son (Sovereignty of God, further clarified in v6-8 w/ Freewill choice of man); eternal life is knowing (Grk: Gnosko- personal, intimate knowledge); the Son has fulfilled/ about to fulfill all that the Father has for the Son to do; Lord Jesus again asked to be glorified w/ glory He had w/ Father BEFORE world began (1Pe 1:20); Lord prays for the disciples (those who know the Father by receiving, understanding, & believing- Freewill actions); The Son will be glorified through His disciples; the Son asks the Father to keep the disciples as the Son will be returning to the Father; son of perdition (means utter loss, Greek used to describe the anti-Christ in 2Thess 2:3); disciples will be hated by the world because we are not of world, just as the Lord Jesus is not of this world; Jesus asks the Father to sanctify (set us apart) from the world by truth, which is the Father's Word; Jesus is set apart for a holy purpose first so that disciples can be set apart as well; Lord Jesus prays for us, future believers (v20-24); Jesus wants all believers to be one as the Father & Son are one (emphasized 3x's in v21-23); Lord Jesus longs for us to behold His glory which He had BEFORE the foundation of the world (echo of v5); Lord Jesus made the Father known, as only Jesus knows Him (echo of Jn 1:18); the Lord Jesus makes known the Father so that the Father's love and the Lord Jesus may be in us

Ch 18

Theme – The Lord crosses the brook Kidron (like David in 2Sam 15:23); Judas uses his intimate knowledge of the Lord Jesus to betray Him; Jesus asks the mob who they seek; “I AM”; all fall at the “roar” of the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, firmly establishing who is in charge (Jn 19:11); question is repeated & Lord directs the mob to let His disciples go; Peter cuts off Malchus’s ear; Lord bound & taken to Annas (former high priest) for “shadow trial”; a disciple, known to the high priest (possibly John), gets Peter into the courtyard; Peter warms himself by the fire of the Lord’s enemies & denies the Lord the 1st time; Lord Jesus questioned by Annas & struck; Annas sends the Lord to Caiaphas (possibly the same location?), who was the formal high priest that year; Peter denies knowing the Lord (2nd & 3rd time); Caiaphas sends the Lord to Pilate at the Praetorium; Jewish leaders refuse to enter the Gentile quarters so as not to ritually defile themselves (hypocrisy, 2Tim 3:5: godly on the outside while denying its power on the inside); Pilate asks the religious leaders for the charge & they cannot give a straight answer; Pilate interviews Jesus (1st time); Jesus is a King, but His kingdom not of this world; “What is truth?” (sadly, Pilate does not wait for the answer); Pilate declares truth, “I find not guilt in this Man” (1st of 3 declarations of innocence); Pilate offers to release the Lord Jesus, but the people want Barabbas

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Ch 19

Theme – Pilate has Jesus horribly scourged (Lk 23:16- was hoping this would satisfy the crowd); Lord Jesus mocked by the soldiers; Pilate declares for 2nd time that he has found “no guilt” in Jesus; Lord Jesus presented to the crowd in His tortured, humiliated state; “Ecce Homo” (“Behold the Man” in Latin); Pilate forces the people to behold the Lord Jesus, but the crowd has no mercy or compassion for the Lord; people demand that the Lord be crucified; Pilate declares for the 3rd time that he has found “no guilt” in the Lord Jesus; Jewish leaders state that the Lord must be executed because He claimed to be the Son of God (clear claim to be divine); Pilate afraid at this news (likely because Roman/Greek myths filled w/ stories of pagan gods taking on human form) & interviews the Lord a 2nd time; Pilate claims to have authority, but the Lord corrects him- the only authority Pilate has is what the Father has given to him; because of the countenance of our Lord, Pilate keeps trying to release Him; religious leaders use their masterstroke: “If you release someone who claims to be a king, you are no friend to Caesar”; Pilate sits in the judgment chair and forces the people to declare what they want done with Jesus; as confirmation of their desire for Jesus to be crucified, they confess that they have “no king but Caesar” (v15); Lord Jesus taken to be crucified on Golgotha (means Skull in Hebrew/ Aramaic, “Calvary” in Latin); identity of Jesus inscribed on a plaque (the Lord Jesus was crucified for being who He was- the King of the Jews); Pilate refuses to take it down when the chief priests protest (they have to bear the guilt); actions of soldiers at the cross; Lord Jesus commits Mary into the care of the Apostle John (2nd or 3rd statement from the cross); “I Thirst” (5th statement from the cross, said near the end so that the 6th statement could be powerfully declared); “TELESTAI!”- 6th statement (means “IT IS FINISHED,” is a statement written in ledgers indicating a debt was fully paid off, so PAID IN FULL); Lord Jesus gives up His spirit (Jn 10:18- no one takes His life, He lays down His life of His own free will); legs of the thieves are broken, but the side of the Lord Jesus was pierced (fulfilling Ps 34:20 & Zechariah 12:10); Joseph of Arimathea overcomes his fear & asks for the body of the Lord Jesus; Nicodemus provides spices and TOGETHER they take the body of the Lord Jesus & lay Him in an unused tomb; the tomb was near the crucifixion site
