Lesson 37

"IT IS FINISHED"

John 19:16b-42

Key Verse: 19:30, "When he had received the drink, Jesus said, 'It is finished.' With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit."

- 1. Based on the previous passage, what was the result of Jesus' trial (19:15-16)? Describe the crucifixion scene (19:1-2,17-18). How would you have felt as an onlooker? What did Pilate write on the notice in three languages and how is this criminal charge ironic (19-22)?
- 2. What did the soldiers do, and what does this show about them (23-24a)? What is the significance of scripture being fulfilled (24b)? Who else was near the cross (25)? Who did Jesus see and what did he say (26-27)? What does this show us about Jesus?
- 3. Later, what did Jesus say and why (28)? After receiving the drink, what did Jesus say and do (29-30)? In view of Jesus' life and ministry, what is the meaning of his last words (Jn 1:29; Heb 7:27)? What do the last words of Jesus mean to you?
- 4. What does the request to Pilate show about the Jews' hypocrisy (31-32; Dt 21:22-23)? What did the soldiers do to Jesus and why (33-34)? How does the author emphasize the truth of these things (35)? Why is the fulfillment of scripture important in all this (36-37)?
- 5. Who asked Pilate for Jesus' body and why (38)? Who accompanied him and with what (39)? How did they honor Jesus' body and where was it laid (40-42)?