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)?