

Take time to read through the passage as a group: John 19:16-42

1. John repeatedly points out that events at the cross happened “to fulfill the Scripture.” What examples of fulfilled prophecy do you notice in John 19:16–42. Take time to look at the cross references:

- Psalm 22:18
- Psalm 69:21
- Exodus 12:46
- Zechariah 12:10

Why do you think John wants his readers to see these connections?

2. Jesus’ death fulfills promises that go all the way back to Genesis 3:15 about the serpent being defeated. How does seeing the cross as part of God’s plan from the very beginning change the way we understand Jesus’ death?
3. Jesus’ final words on the cross were “It is finished” (John 19:30). What is the “it” that Jesus is referring to? When are you tempted to believe that the work of Jesus is not finished? Why might you be tempted to believe you have to add-on?
4. The message mentioned two implications of Jesus paying our ransom:
  - You are worth him giving Himself to free you from your sin.
  - You are His for two reasons: He made you and has paid the ultimate price for you.

How can you remind yourself of these realities? How can you encourage those within your group of these truths on a more regular basis?

Take time to pray as a group and give thanks to God for the work he has accomplished. It is finished!