

*John 19:17-37.*

□ **It is 2024 years after the birth of Jesus Christ**

*John 19:28. Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, “I am thirsty.”*

- There are only two words ‘I thirst’ in the original text

# I Thirst

## 1. A brutal crucifixion

### Unjust charges

*Matthew 26:65. Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, “He has spoken blasphemy! Why do we need any more witnesses? Look, now you have heard the blasphemy.”*

### A trial of convenience

*Matthew 27:23. “Why? What crime has he committed?” asked Pilate. But they shouted all the louder, “Crucify him!”*

### The cruel punishment of an innocent person

### The torturous walk to Golgotha

### A barbaric crucifixion

### Darkness from noon to 3.00pm

*Matt. 27:45. From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land. <sup>46</sup> About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Eli, Eli lema sabachthani?” (which means “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”)*

□ **God could not fellowship with a ‘sin bearer’**

Hebrews 9:12-14. He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but **he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood**, thus obtaining eternal redemption.<sup>13</sup> The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who are ceremonially unclean sanctify them so that they are outwardly clean. <sup>14</sup> **How much more, then, will the blood of Christ**, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!

V.28. ... so **Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many**; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

## 2. The hour has come

John 19: 28-30. Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, **"I am thirsty."** <sup>29</sup> A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips. <sup>30</sup> When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit

### **For this reason I came to this hour**

John 4:34. "My food," said Jesus, **"is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work."**

John 12:27. "Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was **for this very reason I came to this hour.**

(John 12:23; John 12:28-33)

John 17:1-5. After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: "Father, **the hour has come.** Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. <sup>2</sup> For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him.<sup>3</sup> Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup> **I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do.** <sup>5</sup> And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

John 17:13. **I am coming to you now,** but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them.

## **Many prophecies were fulfilled**

### **□ They nailed Jesus to a cross**

*Psalm 22:16. Dogs surround me, a pack of villains encircles me; they pierce my hands and my feet.*

### **□ They gambled to take his clothes...**

*Psalm 22:18. They divide my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment.*

### **□ His body had been savagely tortured**

*Isaiah 52:14. Just as there were many who were appalled at him his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any human being and his form marred beyond human likeness*

### **□ No bones were broken...**

*John 19:31-33. .... Because the Jewish leaders did not want the bodies left on the crosses during the Sabbath, they asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken down.....<sup>33</sup> But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs.*

*Psalm 34:20. he protects all his bones, not one of them will be broken.*

## **I thirst...**

*John 19:28. Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, “I am thirsty” (I Thirst)*

*Psalm 22:15. My mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; you lay me in the dust of death.*

### **□ Jesus had refused the first offer of a drink**

### **□ A drink of ‘wine vinegar’ – common cheap wine**

*Psalm 69:21. They put gall in my food and gave me vinegar for my thirst.*

*His thirst was quenched to enable His most history making and history changing declaration*

### **3. Who is this man?**

#### **The wise men called Him a king...**

*Matthew 2:2. “Where is the one who has been born **king of the Jews**? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”*

#### **Jesus declared of Himself...**

*John 6:35 – I am the bread of life*

*John 8:12 – I am the light of the world*

*John 10:9 – I am the door*

*John 10:11 – I am the good shepherd*

*John 11:25-26 – I am the resurrection and the life*

*John 14:6 – I am the way, the truth and the life*

*John 15:5 – I am the vine*

#### **Peter said, ‘You are the Messiah...’**

*Matthew 16:15-16. But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”*

*<sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”*

#### **Pilate called Him a king...**

*John 19:19. Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: Jesus of Nazareth, the **king of the Jews**.<sup>20</sup> Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Aramaic, Latin and Greek.<sup>21</sup> The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate, “Do not write*

*‘The King of the Jews,’ but that this man claimed to be king of the Jews.”<sup>22</sup> Pilate answered, “What I have written, I have written*

**The mocking and insulting crowd said...**

*Matt. 27:40. “Come down from the cross if you are the Son of God”*

**Listen to the 20<sup>th</sup> century secular crowd...**

**The Centurion and those with him said...**

*Matt. 27:54, Mk. 15:39, Lk. 23:47. “Surely he was the Son of God”*

**On March 24, 2024 – what do we, I, you say?**

- ❑ Either he is an imposter, a charlatan, a liar, a hoax...
- ❑ Or - He is who He claimed He was

<i>Who do you and I say He is?</i>
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