

## John 19:13-22

**John 19:13-16** *“(13) When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus forth, and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called the Pavement, but in the Hebrew, Gabbatha. (14) And it was the preparation of the passover, and about the sixth hour: and he saith unto the Jews, Behold your King! (15) But they cried out, Away with him, away with him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priests answered, We have no king but Cæsar. (16) Then delivered he him therefore unto them to be crucified. And they took Jesus, and led him away.”*

A. Pilate could not ignore the Jews allegation that friendship with Jesus meant being an enemy of Caesar (cf. **John 19:12**).

1. The Jews had twisted laws to bring charges against Jesus (**Psalms 94:20-21**).
2. Wicked people pervert judgment (**Proverbs 17:23**).
3. The fear of man [Caesar] was used to twist Pilate’s arm (**Proverbs 29:25**).

B. It is not a new thing to see the Jews rejected God as their King (**I Samuel 8:7-8** and **I Samuel 10:19**).

1. If the Jews didn’t repent of rejecting Jesus, He will deny them before the Father (**Matthew 10:32-33**).
2. They were all ignorant of the fact (**Acts 3:14-19**) that they were rejecting the eternal King (**I Timothy 1:17**).

**John 19:17-18** *“(17) And he bearing his cross went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha: (18) Where they crucified him, and two other with him, on either side one, and Jesus in the midst.”*

A. Jesus carried His cross, but He did not have to carry it alone (**Luke 23:26**).

1. Jesus and Simon carried this cross to Golgotha (**Matthew 27:32-33** and **Mark 15:21-22**).
2. This place is also called Calvary (**Luke 23:33**).

B. Jesus was crucified in the midst of two others (**Isaiah 53:12**).

1. These two others were thieves (**Matthew 27:44**).
2. One of those thieves knew who Jesus was, confessed Him, and by implication had a penitent heart (**Luke 23:39-43**).
  - a. We know the one thief had to have changed, as he would not have been in Paradise otherwise (**Deuteronomy 5:19** and **Ephesians 4:28**; cf. **Luke 13:3; 5**).
  - b. Jesus could certainly forgive sins while He was on earth (**Mark 2:10**).

**John 19:19-22** *“(19) And Pilate wrote a title, and put it on the cross. And the writing was, JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS. (20) This title then read many of the Jews: for the place where Jesus was crucified was nigh to the city: and it was written in Hebrew, and Greek, and*

*Latin. (21) Then said the chief priests of the Jews to Pilate, Write not, The King of the Jews; but that he said, I am King of the Jews. (22) Pilate answered, What I have written I have written."*

A. The "accusation" was written about Jesus being The KING OF THE JEWS (**Matthew 27:37** and **Mark 15:26**).

1. Jesus never wanted to just be The KING OF THE JEWS (**John 6:15**).

2. The Psalmist hit the "nail on the head" when He said: "*The haters of the LORD should have submitted themselves unto him: but their time should have endured for ever*" (**Psalms 81:15**).

3. Whether people like it or not, He has dominion over everyone (**Ephesians 1:18-23**, **Philippians 2:9-11**, and **Colossians 1:12-22**).

B. The Jews despised Jesus so much that they even rejected Pilate writing "The King of the Jews" on the cross of our Lord (**Isaiah 53:3**).

1. Remember, Jesus knew how the majority of the Jews felt about Him and everything that was going to happen to Him (**Mark 9:31** and **John 18:4**).

2. Yet, His love for the souls of all men remained as the motivation for what He went through (**Luke 19:10** and **Revelation 1:5**).