

## John 19:23-30

**John 19:23-24** *“(23) Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took his garments, and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also his coat: now the coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout. (24) They said therefore among themselves, Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be: that the scripture might be fulfilled, which saith, They parted my raiment among them, and for my vesture they did cast lots. These things therefore the soldiers did.”*

A. They parted His garments and cast lots for them (**Matthew 27:35, Mark 15:24, and Luke 23:34**).

1. Jesus' coat was without seams; therefore it would not easily tear (**Exodus 39:22-23**).
2. Sadly, they are collecting souvenirs of mockery when our Savior is doing something for them to be saved (**Romans 5:10, I Thessalonians 5:9, I Timothy 1:14-15, I Peter 1:18-19, and Revelation 1:5**).

B. They fulfilled prophecy when they parted Jesus' garments and cast lots (**Psalms 22:18**).

1. All prophecies concerning Christ had to be fulfilled (**Matthew 5:17-18 and Luke 24:44**).
2. All of the prophecies concerning Christ were fulfilled as they were written (**Acts 3:18 and I Corinthians 15:3-4**).
3. They fulfilled what was prophesied, but that does not mean they knew they were doing so (**Acts 13:26-29**).

**John 19:25-27** *“(25) Now there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene. (26) When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son! (27) Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home.”*

A. While women are not elders, deacons, preachers, etc.; the support role they offer is very much needed (**Acts 1:14, Romans 16:1-4, and Philippians 4:3**).

1. Mary is Jesus' mother (**Matthew 1:18**).
2. Other women were there too (**Matthew 27:55-56 and Luke 23:48-49**).

B. Jesus wanted Mary to be among the witnesses of what He suffered (cf. **Acts 10:39-41**).

1. Mary already had things she was pondering in her heart (**Luke 2:16-19 and Luke 2:42-51**).
2. Truly, a sword was piercing her too (**Luke 2:33-35**).

C. The disciple whom Jesus loved was there (cf. **John 13:23-26, John 20:2, John 21:7, and John 21:20**).

1. As we've discussed before, this could very well be Lazarus (**John 11:1-3**).

2. This disciple opened his home for Mary (**Matthew 25:34-40** and **Romans 12:13**).
3. Telling this man, "Behold thy mother" does not necessarily imply a physical relationship (**Mark 3:31-35**).

**John 19:28-30** *"(28) After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst. (29) Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar: and they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put it upon hyssop, and put it to his mouth. (30) When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost."*

- A. Jesus knew everything that needed to occur (**Mark 8:31**).
  1. These things needed to occur as they were written (**Mark 14:21** and **Luke 24:44**).
  2. Jesus stressed the significance of the fulfillment of these Scriptures when He explained why He surrendered (**Matthew 26:51-56**).
- B. "I thirst" brings about the fulfillment of a prophecy (**Psalms 69:21**).
  1. They gave Him vinegar (**Matthew 27:34, Matthew 27:48, Mark 15:36, and Luke 23:36**).
  2. Under the Law of Moses even an enemy should not have been treated this way (**Proverbs 25:21-22**).