



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

L.G. Parkhurst, Jr.

John 19:28-42 Study Hints for Discussion

[Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further](#)

are not actually intended to be *the answers* to the discussion questions. These indeed are “hints” a teacher may use to help students think through and discuss the questions in class. The [Class Preparation Guide](#) includes the questions below, and it can be given to students at the end of the previous class; then, they can pray, read, and think ahead to prepare for the next week’s Bible lesson. And/Or, consider giving each student the [Verse-by-Verse Scripture Handout](#), which includes the Bible verses to be studied before class and other questions.

1. Give two reasons why you think Jesus said, “I am thirsty.”

Jesus was a real human being who suffered as we do as real human beings. He also said, “I am thirsty,” in order to fulfill Scripture.

2. What do you think Jesus meant when He said, “It is finished”? How did Jesus die?

He meant that He had finished all that His Father had sent Him to do in the world. He did so perfectly. He meant that He had completed the sacrificial death that He came to die

on the cross for the forgiveness of sin and to open the doors of eternal life for all who would believe in Him.

3. How did the soldiers make certain Jesus had died? What did their action teach?

They did not need to break Jesus' legs to kill Him. They made certain He was dead by thrusting a spear into His side. Blood and water came forth after they thrust the spear into His side, and some interpret this to refer to the water of baptism and the shed blood of the new covenant in His blood. For this reason, some mix water and wine together in the communion cup.

4. What did John say about his testimony? What does his testimony mean to you?

John said that he tells the truth, and his testimony is true. John is an example for us. When we teach the Bible, we are teaching from a book that is totally true, and we need to pray for the Holy Spirit to help us teach the truth according to the truth of the Bible. We can pray that people will forget whatever we might unintentionally teach that is mistaken, and we should never intentionally teach what we know is contrary to the Bible.

5. Who helped with Jesus' burial? What did they do?

Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus. Joseph asked permission to remove Jesus' body and he placed it in a new tomb. Nicodemus brought spices weighing about 100 pounds. The amount of costly spices were fit for the burial of a king, and usually only the rich were buried with such a large amount.

© 2021 by L.G. Parkhurst, Jr. All Rights Reserved.

Permission Granted for Not for Profit Use.

Contact: P.O. Box 1052, Edmond, Oklahoma, 73083 and lgp@theiblf.com.