



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Praying Through John 19:28-42

Lord Jesus, thank You for coming into our world fully knowing the consequences. You knew You would suffer rejection, pain, sorrow, and a cruel death, but You also knew that You would rise from the dead and give eternal life to all who would believe in You! Thank You for being willing to pay such a high price for us when we were still sinners and enemies of the one true God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Thank You for showing us two attributes of Your great Love: Justice—only Your sacrificial death could substitute for the punishment and death we deserve for our sins, and Mercy—only Your forgiveness and cleansing could prepare us for an eternity with You and all who love You. Knowing these truths about You, please help us look to You, “the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God” (Hebrews 12:2). Please fill us with the Holy Spirit and give us the wisdom we need as we study Your Word, the Holy Bible. Please fill us completely with Your love and direct us in all our relationships so we can exercise justice and mercy when we meet those who need both. Please help us focus on others and their needs as You did, so we can help others believe in You as Lord and Savior as others have helped us. Indeed, work through us and help us give others the greatest gift of all: knowledge and faith in You as the Lord and Savior of the world. In Jesus’ Name we pray. Amen.

Please Note: I first learned about “Praying Through the Bible” from Edith Schaeffer, the wife of Francis Schaeffer. You might like to close your class with the above prayer as a way of beginning to teach your class how they too can pray through the Bible. First, you might like to teach your class how to pray through the *Verse-by-verse Scripture Handout* each week. [Perhaps some of them would learn how to pray through portions of the Bible during their daily Bible reading and quiet time.] Second, a week in advance, perhaps some of your students would like to write their own “Prayer Through the Bible” using the *Verse-by-verse Scripture Handout* and read their prayer at the close of class. Third, eventually, your students will be able to pray through the Bible without needing to write their prayer in advance before they pray at the end of class. If you would like to learn more about prayer from Edith Schaeffer, read [*How God Teaches Us to Pray: Lessons from the Lives of Francis and Edith Schaeffer*](#), Kindle Edition, by L.G. Parkhurst, Jr.

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