# The Good News that John Wrote

...that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name.

**John 20.31** 

Life in the Spirit

#### Objectives of the Class

- To behold in our hearts the glory of Christ
- To participate more deeply in life in the Spirit
- To become more conformed to His image
- To pray for and encourage one another

#### Prayer Before Reading Scripture

Shine within our hearts, loving Master, the pure light of Your divine knowledge and open the eyes of our minds that we may comprehend the message of Your Gospel. Instill in us also reverence for Your blessed commandments, so that having conquered all sinful desires, we may pursue a spiritual life, thinking and doing all those things that are pleasing to You. For You, Christ our God, are the light of our souls and bodies, and to You we give glory together with Your Father who is without beginning and Your all holy, good, and life giving Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

### John 19.1-42

#### **Outline of John 18-19**

- 1. Jesus and His enemies in a garden (18.1-11)
- 2. Jesus brought before Jewish leaders (18.12-27)
- 3. Jesus brought before Pilate (18:28–19:16a)
- 4. The Crucifixion (19:16b-37)
- 5. Jesus' Burial (19.38-42)

## Then Pilate took Jesus and had him whipped.

#### John 19.2-3

The soldiers made a crown out of thorny branches and put it on his head; then they put a purple robe on him and came to him and said, "Long live the King of the Jews!" And they went up and slapped him.

Pilate went back out once more and said to the crowd, "Look, I will bring him out here to you to let you see that I cannot find any reason to condemn him."

So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Look! Here is the man!"

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The crowd answered back, "We have a law that says he ought to die, because he claimed to be the Son of God."

#### John 19.8-9

When Pilate heard this, he was even more afraid. He went back into the palace and asked Jesus, "Where do you come from?"But Jesus did not answer.

Pilate said to him, "You will not speak to me? Remember, I have the authority to set you free and also to have you crucified."

Jesus answered, "You have authority over me only because it was given to you by God. So the man who handed me over to you is guilty of a worse sin."

When Pilate heard this, he tried to find a way to set Jesus free. But the crowd shouted back, "If you set him free, that means that you are not the Emperor's friend! Anyone who claims to be a king is a rebel against the Emperor!"

When Pilate heard these words, he took Jesus outside and sat down on the judge's seat in the place called "The Stone Pavement." (In Hebrew the name is "Gabbatha.")

It was then almost noon of the day before the Passover. Pilate said to the people, "Here is your king!"

They shouted back, "Kill him! Kill him! Crucify him!" Pilate asked them, "Do you want me to crucify your king?" The chief priests answered, "The only king we have is the Emperor!"

Then Pilate handed Jesus over to them to be crucified. So they took charge of Jesus.

#### **Video of Crucifixion of Christ**

### Questions? Comments?