

## INTRODUCTION

- \* We have been considering John's declaration of the Gospel of Jesus Christ for the past nine months. We have seen that the purpose of John's gospel is to reveal Jesus as the Son of God who became the Lamb of God in order to take away the sins of the world.
- \* Today, we come to the fulfillment - the consummation - of this purpose, when Jesus offers Himself for the sins of the world!
- \* Last week we saw the perplexity of Pilate as he interacted with Jesus, and then his ultimate capitulation of the Truth because of the fear of men.
- \* Today, we see again how God takes what is meant for evil and uses it for good. Satan, seeking to destroy the plan of God actually fulfilled the plan of God!

## INSTRUCTION

### I. THE L\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 17-18)

#### A. The Place of the Skull

#### B. Between Two Malefactors

### II. THE A\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 19-22)

#### A. The Languages

#### B. The Reactions

### III. THE C\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 23-37)

#### A. The Perfection of God's W\_\_\_\_\_ (cf. Psalm 22:1,6-8,13-18; Isaiah 53)

#### B. The Perfection of God's W\_\_\_\_\_ (cf. John 4:34; 5:36; 17:4)

#### C. The Perfection of God's L\_\_\_\_\_ (cf. Matthew 5:17-18; Romans 10:4; Hebrews 7:18-19; 9:9-10)

#### D. The Perfection of God's P\_\_\_\_\_

1. THE FULFILLMENT OF THE P\_\_\_\_\_ SACRIFICE (cf. Exodus 12:2-6; Lev 23:5; 1 Cor 5:6-8)

2. THE FULFILLMENT OF THE S\_\_\_\_\_ SACRIFICE (cf. Leviticus 4:1-12; 1 John 2:1-2; Hebrews 9:11-15)

#### E. The Perfection of God's S\_\_\_\_\_

1. OUR P\_\_\_\_\_ SANCTIFICATION (cf. Hebrews 10:1-4, 11-14; Hebrews 7:25; Romans 8:28-39)

2. OUR P\_\_\_\_\_ SANCTIFICATION (cf. Hebrews 12:2; Philippians 1:6; Romans 6:11-14; John 17:23)

## INTROSPECTION

- \* WHAT IMPACT HAS THE DEATH OF CHRIST HAD UPON YOUR LIFE?
- \* HAVE YOU TRUSTED IN HIS SACRIFICE AS A PAYMENT FOR YOUR SINS?
- \* IS THERE EVIDENCE OF HIS WORK OF PERFECTION HAPPENING IN YOUR LIFE?
- \* IS THERE A NEED TO CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK ... AND, THEREFORE, THE WAY YOU ACT?

## INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

- \* Considering the purpose of Jesus' "cross," read Matthew 10:34-41; 16:24-27 and Philippians 2:1-8. What is the purpose of our "cross?"