



Easter Series

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Good Friday

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- Moment that matters – trial and death of Jesus
 - The setting – Jerusalem gearing up for Passover, Jesus' final week (triumphal entry, cleanses temple, last supper, betrayed!, abandoned, on trial)
1. The Human perspective – the darkest of all days. The day that the very people Jesus was sent to save killed him (a great cosmic tragedy)
 2. God's Perspective – the Day of victory. God's plans and prophecies fulfilled/finished (what is finished?)

John 18:33 – 19:30... ³³ So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” ³⁴ Jesus answered, “Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?” ³⁵ Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?” ³⁶ Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world.” ³⁷ Then Pilate said to him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.”

John 18:33 – 19:30... ³⁸ Pilate said to him, “What is truth?” After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them, “I find no guilt in him. ³⁹ But you have a custom that I should release one man for you at the Passover. So do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?” ⁴⁰ They cried out again, “Not this man, but Barabbas!” Now Barabbas was a robber. Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged him. ² And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head and arrayed him in a purple robe. ³ They came up to him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” and struck him with their hands. ⁴ Pilate went out again and said to them, “See, I am bringing him out to you that you may know that I find no guilt in him.”

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John 18:33 – 19:30... ⁵ So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, “Behold the man!” ⁶ When the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out, “Crucify him, crucify him!” Pilate said to them, “Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no guilt in him.” ⁷ The Jews answered him, “We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has made himself the Son of God.” ⁸ When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid. ⁹ He entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus, “Where are you from?” But Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰ So Pilate said to him, “You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have authority to release you and authority to crucify you?”

John 18:33 – 19:30... ¹¹ Jesus answered him, “You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above. Therefore he who delivered me over to you has the greater sin.” ¹² From then on Pilate sought to release him, but the Jews cried out, “If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar.” ¹³ So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Stone Pavement, and in Aramaic Gabbatha. ¹⁴ Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, “Behold your King!” ¹⁵ They cried out, “Away with him, away with him, crucify him!” Pilate said to them, “Shall I crucify your King?” The chief priests answered, “We have no king but Caesar.” ¹⁶ So he delivered him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus,

John 18:33 – 19:30... ¹⁷ and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. ¹⁸ There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. ¹⁹ Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." ²⁰ Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. ²¹ So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but rather, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" ²² Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written." ²³ When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom,

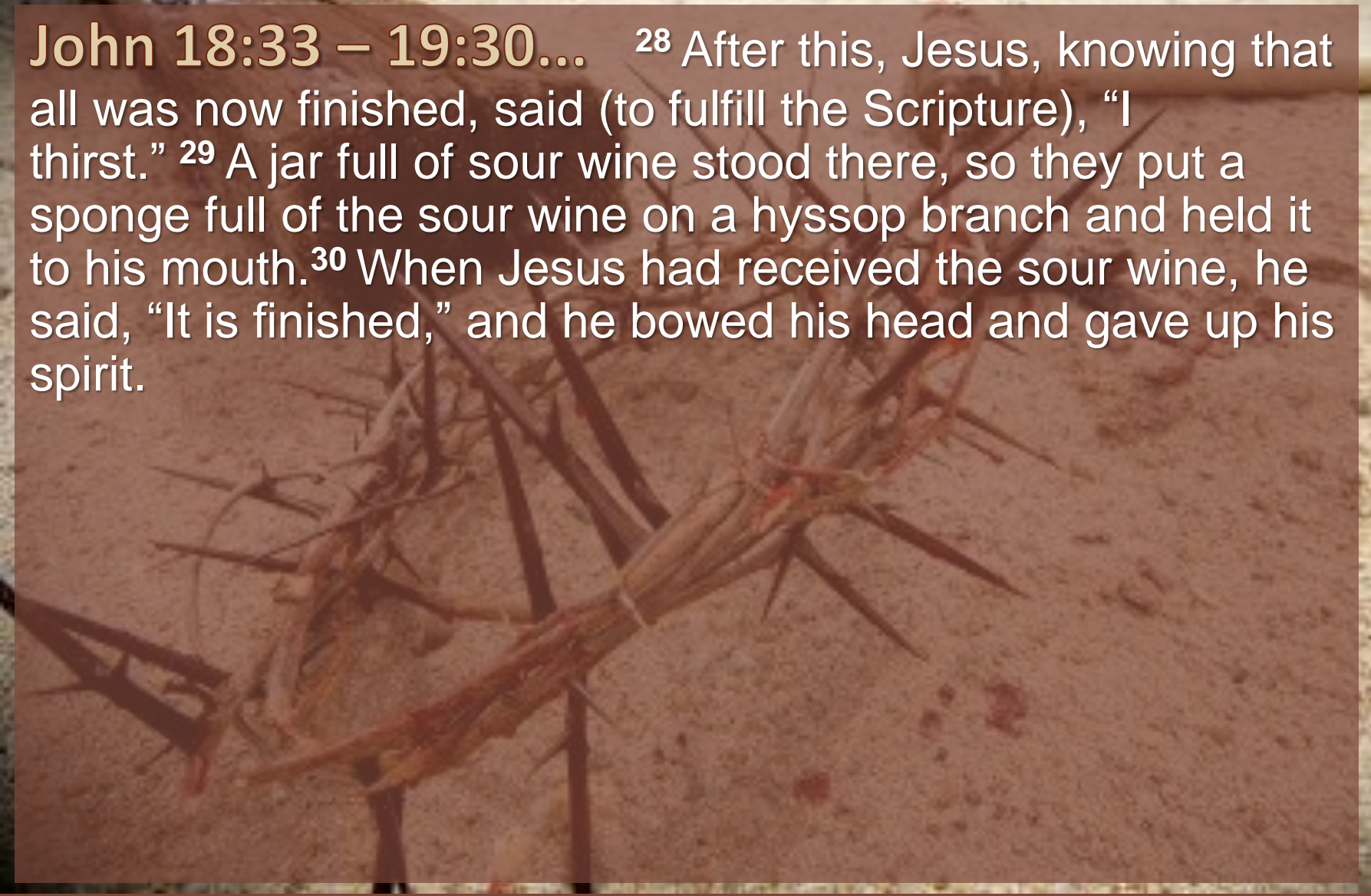
John 18:33 – 19:30... ²⁴ so they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be." This was to fulfill the Scripture which says, "They divided my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots."

So the soldiers did these things, ²⁵ but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" ²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

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John 18:33 – 19:30... ²⁸ After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.” ²⁹ A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. ³⁰ When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.



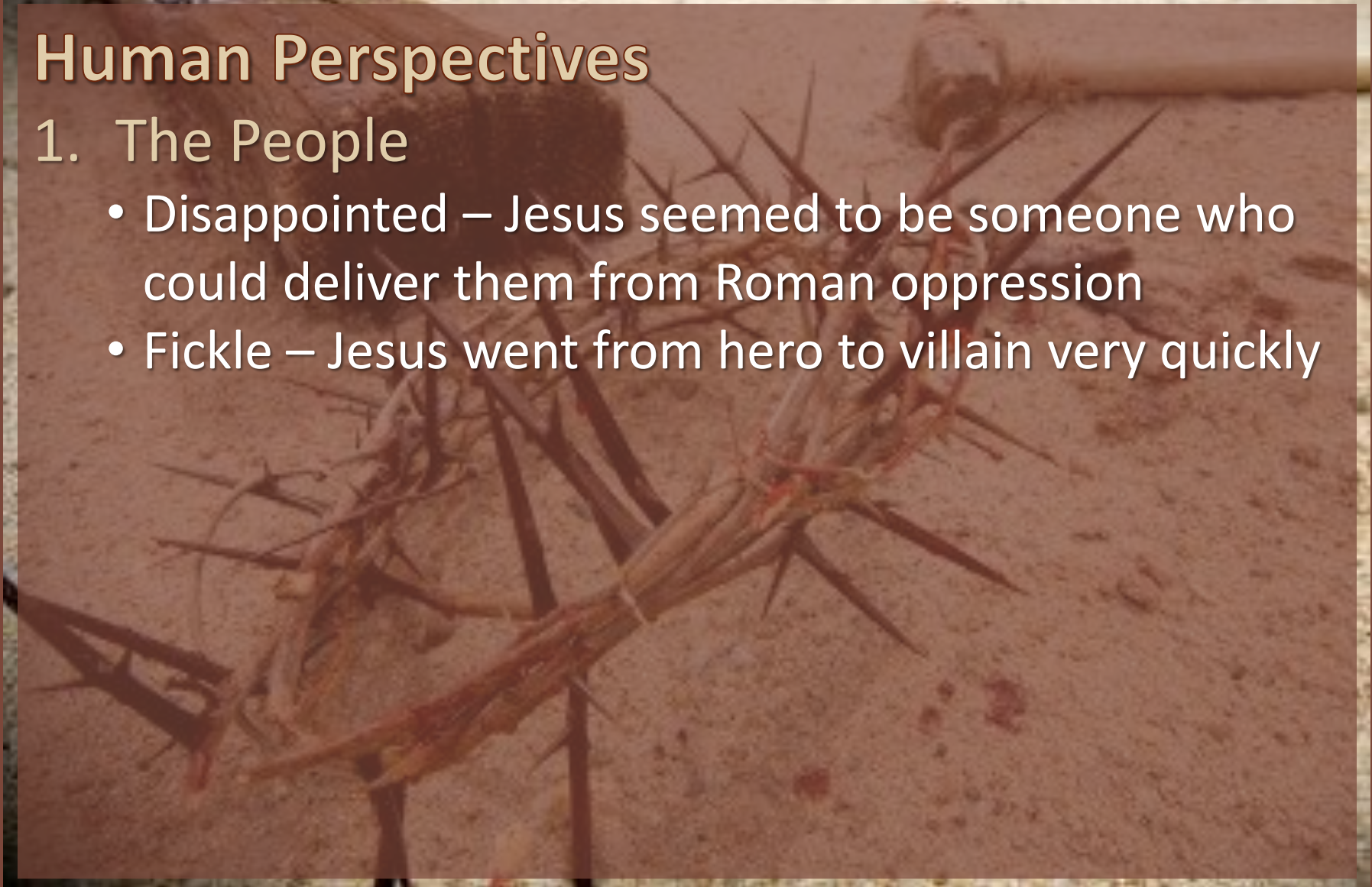
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Human Perspectives

1. The People

- Disappointed – Jesus seemed to be someone who could deliver them from Roman oppression
- Fickle – Jesus went from hero to villain very quickly



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Human Perspectives

1. The People

2. The Religious Leaders

- Jesus was a threat to their love of power and influence (loved themselves)
- Hated and envied him (were jealous of his power and influence with the people)
- Needed Jesus to die – only solution to end his power and influence over the people
- With Jesus' death, they would have been thinking they had achieved victory

Human Perspectives

1. The People
2. The Religious Leaders
3. The Disciples

- Excitement turned to horror – Witnessed Jesus' authority over nature, disease, demons and death, and then watched their dreams die with Jesus
- Disillusioned – they really had believed that Jesus would be king and set up a new kingdom to rule the world
- Afraid – full of fear causing them to desert, deny and hide

Spiritual Perspectives

1. What God Was Doing

- All of creation had been waiting for this moment
- The promises made to Adam, Abraham, Jacob, Moses, David and the prophets all being fulfilled
 - Adam (Gen 3:15) – “he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel”
 - Abraham (Gen 12) – “all peoples on earth will be blessed through you”
 - David (2 Sam 17) – “I will raise up your offspring after you... I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.”
 - Prophets – 300+ prophecies about Jesus (Psa 22, Isa 53)

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Spiritual Perspectives

1. What God Was Doing
2. The Enemy's Response to God's Work
 - Satan's work was to destroy what God was building
 - His weapon was deceit and he did exactly as God knew he would (deceive the people about who Jesus was)
 - God used Satan's own weapon against him – it was God's plan from the beginning for the people to turn on him and crucify him

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What Did Jesus Finish?

1. The work of salvation
2. Prophecies from OT
3. Mission on earth (seek and save the lost – primarily to the Jews)
4. The work of reconciliation
5. Finished paying the debt