

CRUCIFIED

As preached on Sunday, July 12th

Read: John 19:17-42

1. The Apostle's Creed summarizes this week's passage in one brief sentence: "He was crucified, dead, and buried." What do you think of this summary? How significant are these three events?
2. Cicero said that crucifixion was "the most cruel and shameful of all punishments." What type of person was crucifixion usually reserved for? What was Jesus executed in this way?
3. What was the significance of the sign Pilate posted over Jesus' head: "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews"?
4. What do you think John means when he says in v.28 that Jesus knew "that everything had now been finished"? Why does Jesus then say, "It is finished" in v.30?
5. In vv.31-34 we are provided with details about how the guards determined that each of the men crucified was in fact dead. Why does John provide such detail? Who is "the man" John is describing in v.35?
6. Why do you suppose Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus asked Pilate for Jesus' body?
7. Why does John provide the burial details which are listed in vv.39-42? Is there any connection between these details and the resurrection that is to come?
8. In reading through this description of Jesus' crucifixion, death, and burial, how does it feel to know that he was willing to endure all of this for you?