

KNOWING REAL POWER**The Death of Jesus****John 18—19**

“It is finished.” John 19:30

1. Read John 18:1–11. Where did Jesus’ betrayal take place? (John 18:1) Where did humankind’s first sin take place? (Genesis 3:1–19) Describe the difference between what God said and did in the garden in Genesis and what Jesus, God in the flesh, said and did in the garden in John.

2. Why do you think those who came to arrest Jesus drew back and fell to the ground when he told them who he was? (Exodus 3:13–14; John 8:58)

3. Read John 18:12–26. What did Peter say he would do for Jesus in John 13:37? What did he actually do? Have you ever been surprised by your own heart like Peter was? How do Peter’s actions (and your own) help you to understand the events in John 18—19?

4. Read John 18:28—19:26. What is the cup (John 18:11) the Father has given Jesus? (Psalm 75:8; Isaiah 51:17, 22)

5. After reading John 18—19 all the way through, list all the different kinds of suffering that were in Jesus’ cup. Which do you think would have been the hardest to bear?

6. What were the Jews trying to avoid as they brought Jesus to the Roman governor? (vs. 28) Does this seem at odds with their plans for Jesus? (vs. 31; see also John 7:19) Have you ever combined religious activity with a heart that is cold, unloving, bitter, and angry toward others?

7. What was Pilate right about? (18:37) Skim the rest of this week’s passage and write down the other references to Jesus’ title. What does Jesus’ title mean to you?

8. Who does John say was with Jesus when he was crucified? What did Mary know that would comfort her as she watched her son die? (Luke 1:31–33; 46–55)

9. John records two phrases that Jesus said on the cross. What are they? (vs. 28; vs. 30)
 - a. Do you think Jesus was just talking about his physical thirst? Why or why not? (John 4:13; John 7:37)

 - b. What was finished? (Hebrews 10:1–18)

10. What happened when the soldier pierced Jesus' side? (19:34) Why do you think John includes this detail? (Exodus 12:1–3, 46; Zechariah 13:1; Hebrews 9:11–14)

11. What does Jesus' shed blood mean to you today? What does it mean for you tomorrow? For eternity? (Hebrews 10:19–25)