

Digging Deeper: John 19:16–37  
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#### Day 1

As you pray, be asking for God's Holy Spirit to help you learn from His Word. Consider using a journal to record your ideas and findings while you study and pray through His Word this week. Read John 19:16–37. When you pass away, do you plan to be buried, cremated, or something else? If buried, what do you want to be carved into your headstone or said about you at your funeral?

#### Day 2

Try to find a place without distractions, perhaps early morning or late evening, to settle your mind and spirit. Read John 19:16–37. Signs placed on crosses during Roman crucifixion were used to show the crime. What does the sign Pilate put on Jesus' cross tell you about how or what Pilate felt about Jesus? See again verse 3. What is significant about Pilates' sign being in three different languages? Why do you think the Jewish priests wanted the sign changed? See verse 20. When Pilate refuses, what does that tell you about how Pilate feels about the Jewish priests?

#### Day 3

Pray for the Holy Spirit to help you hear from Him as you dig deeper into His word this week. Read John 19:16–37. What did the soldiers do with Jesus' clothes? Check out Psalms 22:18. In regard to the women at the cross witnessing Jesus' crucifixion, why do you think John names these people and why is this significant? Check out Matthew 28:1 and Mark 16:1. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The\\_Three\\_Marys](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Three_Marys) Compare these multiple witnesses (at Jesus' death, and again at His resurrection) to what happened during Jesus' trial when the Jewish leaders were scheming to kill Jesus. See Mark 14:55–59.

#### Day 4

Pray for your neighbors. Ask God how He wants you to love and support your neighbors and friends with patience, grace, and love today. Read John 19:16–37. Our family members are important to us. In verse 27, Jesus asks John to be a son to His mother. In verse 26, Jesus asks His mother to take John as her son. What does this tell you about the three of them? Do you think Jesus also thinks about our comfort when we have to endure hard times? Pray on James 1:2–4.

#### Day 5

Pray for who Jesus wants you to connect with today. Call them. Send them an encouraging word. Read John 19:16–37. Why did the Jewish priests ask for Jesus' legs to be broken? The Roman soldiers didn't do what they were asked to do, but they did something else they were not asked to do. Check out Zechariah 12:10. The Jewish leaders were in a hurry because the next day was Passover. What is one thing they weren't supposed to do to a Passover lamb? Check out Exodus 12:46. See also Numbers 9:12. Jesus is our sacrificial lamb, to pay for our sins (yours and mine). God's judgment of our sin passes over us and onto Jesus, the perfect sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

Day 6

As you pray, reflect and discuss with Jesus and the Holy Spirit what you learned this week. One last time, read John 19:16–37. If you had been there, with John and the three Marys, watching the crucifixion, what emotions do you think you would have felt? How difficult is it for you to believe that Jesus died for your sins? Let one of the pastors or elders know if you would like to talk about these things and also how we can be praying for you.