



God's Sovereign Plan

By Taylor Braswell on October 8, 2021

TODAY'S READING: John 19

When I was a child, I was angry when I learned the soldiers were mocking Jesus as they were killing Him. I could never understand why they would make fun of a man who did nothing wrong and who was going through so much. As I got older and more spiritually mature, I began to feel bad for the soldiers and people mocking Jesus. They put a crown of thorns on His head, not realizing they would one day bow before the same man and that by then it would be too late to believe in Him. When our culture today mocks Christianity and laughs at God, we should be motivated to share the gospel with more people. People who mock Christianity will have to stand before God one day and without Christ, will face the just wrath of God in hell forever.

It is fascinating that in this chapter alone, three Old Testament prophecies were fulfilled. Soldiers cast lots for Jesus' clothes, they did not break his bones, and they looked upon who they had pierced. These Roman soldiers would not have been aware of these Jewish scriptures and had no idea they were doing exactly what God said they would do. Brothers and sisters, the Bible is true and trustworthy. In no other historical document does this happen: books written thousands of years apart by different authors all agree and even fulfill prophecies. The real historical person, Jesus Christ, really did die on a cross, taking the wrath of God you and I deserve. Jesus took our punishment, and we receive His righteousness. Remember, God will judge the world, it is your job to point people to Christ.

PRAYER: God, You are just and holy, and I do not deserve the grace and mercy You show me each day. Thank You for sending Jesus to take my punishment for me on the cross. Give me a love for the lost and even my enemies who hate You. Use me to share the gospel with people this week.

TOMORROW'S READING: Weekend is for catch-up and review

MONDAY'S READING: John 20

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