

JESUS IS TRIED AND CRUCIFIED

Introduction: Salvation is free, but it is not cheap. It is so expensive that the richest person on earth could not buy it. Therefore, God offers it to us as a gift, but at great cost to Himself. In John 18-19, God's account books are opened, so we can see the cost of our redemption.

Lesson Aim: To appreciate the cost of our redemption and thank God for His great gift to us.

Memory Verse: "You were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold . . . but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot" (1 Pet 1:18-19).

Lesson Outline and Questions to Answer**I. Jesus Betrayed by Judas — 18:1-14**

1. How did Jesus act when Judas came into the Garden with men to arrest Him? 18:3-4
2. How did the arresting officers react to Jesus when He identified Himself as "I am"? 18:6
3. How did Peter try to defend Jesus? 18:10
4. What did Jesus tell Peter to do? 18:11

II. Jesus Denied by Peter — 18:15-18, 25-27

5. How did Peter follow Jesus? 18:15; Mt 26:58
6. What was the bad decision that Peter made while Jesus was being tried? 18:18; cf Ps 1:1

III. Jesus Interrogated by Annas — 18:19-24

7. What did the high priest ask Jesus to do in his haste to condemn Him? 18:19-21

IV. Jesus Arraigned before Pilate — 18:28-40

8. What did Jesus mean when He said, "My Kingdom is not of this world"? 18:36
9. What did Pilate say when Jesus said He came to tell people the truth? 18:37-38
10. What did Pilate say to the Jews after interrogating Jesus? 18:38b

V. Jesus Condemned by Unjust Leaders — 19:1-16

11. How did Pilate treat Jesus after he told the Jews that He found no fault in Him? 19:1-3
12. What did Pilate tell the Jews a second time? 19:4
13. How did the Jews respond to Pilate? 19:6
14. What did Pilate tell the Jews the third time? 19:6
15. What did the Jews say to Pilate that made him afraid? 19:7-8
16. Where do government officials get their power? 19:10-11
17. What did the Jews tell Pilate that finally made him give the order to crucify Jesus? 19:12

VI. Jesus Crucified by Roman Soldiers — 19:17-37

18. What did Pilate have written and nailed to the cross? 19:19
19. What did the soldiers do that fulfilled Psalm 22:18? 19:23-24
20. What did Jesus say after He drank some vinegar to clear His throat? 19:28-30

VII. Jesus Buried by Two Secret Disciples — 19:38-42

21. Who were the two secret disciples that openly identified with Jesus after His death?