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Series: Believing Christ: Responding to John’s Gospel 2024-08-04

**The Sovereign Plan: Pilate, Prophecy, and Obedience**

***John 19:17-42***

**Theme:** God’s sovereign purpose and control

I. God’s sovereignty was demonstrated by Pilate’s proclamation (17-22)

A. Actual description of Jesus’ crucifixion was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* John’s audience would be familiar with Roman crucifixion
* John’s audience also familiar with stories of Jesus’ death, therefore no need to recap Simon’s assistance or the criminal’s conversation
* Location would have been known to anyone from Jerusalem

B. Pilate proclaimed Jesus as “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the Jews”

* Out of spite to the Jewish leaders
* Unknowingly used by God to speak truth

II. God’s sovereignty was demonstrated by fulfilled prophecy (23-37)

A. John recounts \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ specific instances of fulfilled prophecy

* Casting Lots for Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_\_ (John 19:23-24) from Psalm 22:18

"They divide my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment."

* Jesus’ Thirst (John 19:28) from Psalm 69:21

"They put gall in my food and gave me vinegar for my \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_."

* Not One of His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Will Be Broken (John 19:33, 36) from Psalm 34:20

"He protects all his bones, not one of them will be broken."

* Piercing of Jesus’ Side (John 19:34, 37) from Zechariah 12:10

"They will look on me, the one they have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son."

B. 20 fulfilled prophecies in 24 hours (separate handout)

C. Modern Take on Prophecy

* Believable only in movies
* Actual prophecy is mostly \_\_\_\_\_
* World view is that accuracy of Biblical prophecy is due to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

III. The response to God’s sovereignty is obedience (25-27, 38-42)

A. John displayed obedience by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

B. Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus displayed obedience by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

How can we demonstrate obedience?

1. Believe in Christ

What does belief in Christ lead to?

1. Reading God’s Word

2. Praying to God

3. Fellowship with other Believers

**In what way is God calling you to obedience?**