

Women's Bible Study

John 19:16-42

1. The end of John 19 repeats the phrase “so the scripture might be fulfilled” multiple times (verses 24, 28, 36 and 37). Why is it so important that the events surrounding Christ’s death fulfill scripture? How does this impact your belief about Christ as the Messiah?

2. Let’s take a closer look at how the events of this chapter fulfill Old Testament prophecies. Consider Isaiah 53:2-9. Also study John 19:24 in light of Psalm 22:18; read John 19:28 with Psalm 69:21; and John 19:36 with Exodus 12:46 and Psalm 34:20. Each detail of Christ’s crucifixion fulfills what the Old Testament predicted. Yet most people watching the events failed to see the parallels and refused to believe that he was the Christ. Can you recall a time in your life when you refused to see God despite his attempts to reveal himself to you? What blinded you to the truth? What finally opened your eyes? How can this insight help you to recognize God’s work in your life now or in the future?

3. What does Jesus proclaim about himself in John 4:10? Compare this with his statement in John 19:28. Why is he who gives living water “thirsty?” Why does this matter for us now?

4. Throughout the Gospel of John, Jesus makes radical statements about himself. Now think about Jesus’ words on the cross. What strikes you about what he does or doesn’t say?

5. Jesus proves that he can give life in John 11 when he raises Lazarus from the dead. What do Romans 5:18, Hebrews 12:2 teach us about Christ’s ongoing ministry as a giver of life? In what specific, everyday way(s) can we remind ourselves and each other that the cross gives us life?