

JOHN 19 vs 28

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28 After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now completed, that the scripture might be fulfilled, said,

I thirst / John tells us, in the agony of the hour, in this moment... having in mind and spirit scanned the history of the promised Messiah of God sent in humility to substitute his life in payment for the sins of the world... yet that is an interesting phrase common to a child, the poor, a stranger; but never to a king.

29 Now there was a jar full of sour wine: so, they put a sponge full of sour wine attached to a hyssop branch, and put it to His mouth.

30 When Jesus had received the sour wine,

He said, tetelesti / with a loud voice grabbing the attention of everyone there, He spoke a very familiar word used many ways: **when a masterpiece is complete**; when a debt is paid in full; when a job is finished; when a sacrifice was offered....

Finished / Paid in full! And I bet from that moment, He scared the hell out of a lot of people. Thank God!

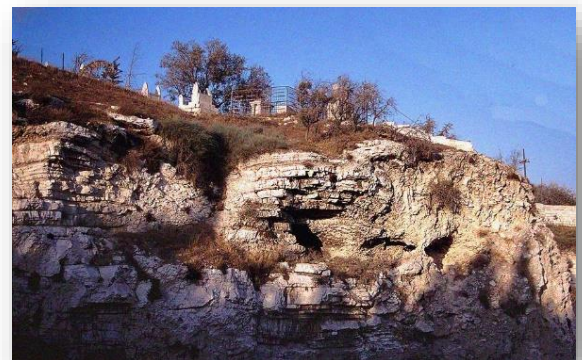
And we read...

He bowed His head and gave up the spirit / He gently pillowed His head, He gave back His breath committing it to God His Father!

Again... notice how John speaks from an intimate, eyewitness vantage point being one of Jesus' closest Judean followers.

31 Therefore, the Jewish leaders, because it was the preparation, and bodies should not remain on the cross on the Sabbath day / shortly after 3:00pm that Good Wednesday afternoon, the day before the Feast of Unleavened Bread, beginning at sundown -- 3 hours later,

for that Sabbath day was a high day -- like Christmas Day... and that just wouldn't look right! Most commentators dance around this parenthesis. 300 years ago, Matthew Henry incorrectly wrote, the esteem they had for the approaching sabbath, because it was one of the days of unleavened bread, and some reckon the day they offer the first fruits. Wrong! The Day of First-fruits is when Jesus rose from the dead; the first of the week following the Passover.



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Every sabbath was a holy day, and a good day, but this **was a high day**, literally a *megas*, **great day**; **the first of the 7 great days of the Lord**, foretold by Moses in Leviticus 23, fulfilled in Christ / the Messiah.


We read...

They sought Pilate that their legs be broken, and that they be taken away / this breaking of the bones... this crurifragium; in practice, it was additional punishment for shortening the suffering of the guilty.

³² **Then came the soldiers, and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who was crucified with Jesus.**

³³ **But when they came to Jesus, they found that He was dead already,**

and did **not break His legs** / now John returned to this gruesome scene; and is amazed what he sees. To him, it's inexplicable. It's extraordinary; it's contrary to what might have been expected.

 ³⁴ **But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced His side, and there came out blood and water** / one soldier... tradition names him: **Longinus**; he's the one **with a spear** who **pierced Jesus' side**. This famous spear of Destiny... of Longinus... can be seen in the Hapsburg Museum in Austria today. And it's interesting, the history of world leaders for the last 2,000 years, from Constantine and Charlemagne to Kaiser Wilhelm and the Hapsburg emperors, even the United States for a brief period under General Eisenhower: all of them... possessed that spear. Check it out!

One of the soldiers with a spear pierced His side, and there came out blood and water.

John in disbelief continues...

³⁵ **And he who saw it is eye-witness to it, and his record is true: and he knows what he said is true, that you also might believe** / John pledges the veracity of his account... that these brutal soldiers, warriors... who were not afraid to break your head, **did not break His legs**.

³⁶ **For these things were done** / these things occurred, **that the scripture was fulfilled, not a bone of His will be broken -- Psalm 34:20.**

³⁷ **And again another scripture says, They will look on Him whom they pierced -- Zech12:10.**

 ³⁸ **And after this Joseph of Arimathea, being a disciple of Jesus / one doing the math, but secretly for fear of the Jewish leaders,**

he sought Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus: and Pilate granted permission / Pilate allowed Joseph to take the body, clearly he had access to government.

Therefore they went and took Him.

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³⁹ And Nicodemus also came, who first came to Jesus by night / this is the 3rd incident in scripture where we see the maturity of a powerful man's faith in the Lord Jesus,

and brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, the weight of about a hundred pounds / obviously, this was very costly... and evidence that they did not expect resurrection... anytime soon.

⁴⁰ Then they took the body of Jesus, and bound it in linen clothes with the spices, as was the manner of the Jews to bury.

⁴¹ Now in the place where He was crucified / in the general locality,

there was a garden; and in the garden was a new tomb, where no one had yet been laid / no one was ever buried there. What these 2 men did that hour was the most important thing happening on earth.

⁴² So, because of the Jewish preparation day... it was there they laid Jesus / for the same length of time Jonah was inconvenienced: for 3 days and 3 nights;

for the tomb was near / eggus. Just imagine their fear of God, little did they know His love for them... as they hurried in a panic to bury the body of Jesus that late-Wednesday afternoon... before the sunset and the high Sabbath day - the Day of Unleavened Bread... during this springtime feast began.



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