THE GOSPEL OF JOHN
Lesson #15 - No Fault in this Man
Scripture Reading: John 19:1-4

Introduction:
1. Jesus was treated more unfairly than anyone else, yet the love of God was demonstrated through His great sacrifice - Ro 5:6-8
2. Jesus was perfect in all His ways; therefore, He is the only perfect sacrifice for our sins.

I. THE ACTIONS OF PILATE
A. HE FOUND NO FAULT IN JESUS
   1. He examined Jesus - Jn 18:28-38
   2. He was scourged and mocked - Jn 19:1-4

B. HE GAVE IN TO THE CROWD - Jn 19:5-16
   1. He told the Jews to crucify Him (which they could not do)
   2. Pilate feared when Jesus was said to be the Son of God - e.g. - Mt 27:19
   3. Pilate is not a friend of Caesar if he lets Jesus go
   4. He delivered Him over to be crucified

II. THE CRUCIFIXION
A. PILATE
   1. He had Jesus crucified between two thieves - cf. Is 53:
   2. He had a sign placed above the head of Jesus
      a. “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews”
      b. This was written in three languages for all to see (Hebrew, Greek, and Latin)

B. SOLDIERS
   1. They cast lots for His tunic
   2. This too was a fulfillment of prophecy - Ps 22:18

C. JOHN AND HIS MOTHER - Jn 19:25-27
   1. Jesus provided care for His mother.
   2. He did not choose one of His brothers for the task, but rather John.
   3. This indicates that Joseph, His father, had passed away.

D. FINAL WORDS OF JESUS - Jn 19:28-30
   1. “I thirst”
      a. Fulfillment of prophecy - Ps 22:15
      b. They gave Him sour wine to drink - vs. 29
2. “It is finished”
   a. Jesus had completed all the work that the Father sent Him to do.
   b. The effect of His work is ongoing today!

E. THE SIDE OF JESUS IS PIERCED -Jn 19:31-37
   1. The legs of the crucified were to be broken to speed up death.
      a. Jesus had already died; therefore, His legs were not broken.
      b. This fulfilled prophecy -Ex 12:46, Nu 9:12, Ps 34:20
   2. The soldiers pierced His side
      a. The spear would have entered His heart proving He had died.
      b. This fulfills prophecy -Ps 22:16, 17; Ze 12:10; 13:6; 1Co 15:3, 4

III. THE MEANING OF THE CROSS
   A. THE CROSS MEETS THE DEMANDS OF SIN
      1. Sin demands blood -He 9:22
      2. Blood of bulls and goats not enough -He 10:4
      3. The blood of Jesus is once and for all -He 10:5-10
         a. Jesus came to do the will of the Father -vs. 5-9
         b. His body was offered once and for all -vs. 10

   B. THE CROSS DEMANDS A SOBER MIND
      1. We are to be sober minded concerning sin -1Pe 1:13-16; 5:8
      2. We must not treat the blood of Jesus as common -He 10:26-31

Conclusion:
1. Only through the cross salvation is possible -1Co 2:2; Jn 12:32
2. Only through obedience to the gospel do we find the salvation for our souls.