From The Pavement To The Skull (John 19:13)

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INTRODUCTION

- In reading John 19 recently, I was drawn to the only time the word pavement is used. It is where Pilate would ultimately give the sentence for Jesus to be put to death.
- I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ. And him crucified.
- We should not stray too far or too long from the suffering of Jesus at Calvary.

1 A Portrait of Jesus and His Excruciating Suffering

John 19:1

- Obviously, it is a portrait of Jesus and his excruciating suffering.
- The crux of Jesus is at the very heart of human history.
- While we justifiably give a lot of time and attention to his six hours of suffering upon the cross. … This was not the full extent of his suffering.
- Pilate has Jesus scourged. Nearly forty blows with a leather cord.
- He suffered rejection from his closest friends and followers, the deniance of Peter, the betrayal of Judas.
- And here people were calling for his death. Who owe their very existence to him.

2 The Goal of All History Was Accomplished

John 19:28; Isaiah 40:23–24

- But there is a hopeful tone in Jesus' horrible death. The goal of all history was accomplished.
- Jesus knowing that all things had already been accomplished.
- He reduces rulers to nothing. They've scarcely been planted, and he blows on them and they go away.
- This is the most compelling event that has ever happened in the world. It is still affecting men and women today.
- History should always be viewed in relation to God's activities.
- If you somehow remove God from the equation, … You are turning your back on the most epic event that has ever happened in the world.

3 Darkness Was Conquered

Ephesians 5:11; 1 John 2:8; Acts 26:18

- The significance of this event is that darkness was conquered.
- Jesus' death conquers the darkness. But I want to tell you, darkness hasn't surrendered the fight.

- Do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness. But instead even expose them.
- Because the darkness is passing away. And the true light is already shining. Darkness loses.
- To open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of Satan to God.
- This event in history, it is powerful enough, it is designed to compel you to turn from the darkness.

4 Feed the Need of Your Soul

- All of that kind of assistance is only temporary. It's not permanent. And it does not address the greatest need that any individual has.
- And that is a soul that is tainted by sin. That needs to be liberated by the work of Jesus and the message of the gospel.
- There is a greater act of service that only the Lord's people will do. And that is to feed the soul.
- The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone upon which we must build our lives.
- There is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.

THE CHALLENGE

He endured the torment from the pavement to the skull so that you might be saved. What are you waiting for? Arise and be baptized and wash away your sins.

MY NOTES