

# Hope Groups

## John 19:1-16

1 Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. 2 The soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head. They clothed him in a purple robe 3 and went up to him again and again, saying, "Hail, king of the Jews!" And they slapped him in the face.

4 Once more Pilate came out and said to the Jews gathered there, "Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no basis for a charge against him."

5 When Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe, Pilate said to them, "Here is the man!"

6 As soon as the chief priests and their officials saw him, they shouted, "Crucify! Crucify!"

But Pilate answered, "You take him and crucify him. As for me, I find no basis for a charge against him."

7 The Jewish leaders insisted, "We have a law, and according to that law he must die, because he claimed to be the Son of God."

8 When Pilate heard this, he was even more afraid, 9 and he went back inside the palace. "Where do you come from?" he asked Jesus, but Jesus gave him no answer. 10 "Do you refuse to speak to me?" Pilate said. "Don't you realize I have power either to free you or to crucify you?"

11 Jesus answered, "You would have no power over me if it were not given to you from above. Therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin."

12 From then on, Pilate tried to set Jesus free, but the Jewish leaders kept shouting, "If you let this man go, you are no friend of Caesar. Anyone who claims to be a king opposes Caesar."

13 When Pilate heard this, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judge's seat at a place known as the Stone Pavement (which in Aramaic is Gabbatha). 14 It was the day of Preparation of the Passover; it was about noon.

"Here is your king," Pilate said to the Jews.

15 But they shouted, "Take him away! Take him away! Crucify him!"

"Shall I crucify your king?" Pilate asked.

"We have no king but Caesar," the chief priests answered.

16 Finally Pilate handed him over to them to be crucified.

## LOOK BACK... (10-15 mins)

What are you thankful for and what's been a challenge this week?

Can we help with or pray about anything shared?

**Vision\* & Check-in:** How did you go with your plan to share/invite or obey from last time?

## LOOK UP... (10-15 mins)

**Read this week's story/passage. Discuss the following questions:**

1. What did you like about this passage?
2. What did you find challenging or hard to understand?

## Re-read the passage/story (& retell in your own words)

3. What does this say about God/Jesus?
4. What does this say about people?

## LOOK FORWARDS... (10-15 mins)

What would it mean for me to obey/follow what is taught here?

Who will I share this story with?

Who will I invite to the next Event in my City?

If appropriate, pray.

## Scan to find the next Event in your City:



**\*Vision:** "Reaching the world through workers with the good news about Jesus, starting with 100,000 workers in APAC"