

# The Gospel Of John

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## PASSAGE

John 19:31-42

## DISCUSS

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- How can we be sure we are constantly reminded of the cross daily?
- How does the blood and water that flowed from Jesus' side bear significance in our lives?
- How can we experience these life-transforming effects of Jesus' sacrifice in our journey with God?
- What can we learn from Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus' actions in the burial of Jesus?

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- Why is it vital for Christians to share the bad news of sin along with the good news of salvation?
- How can we effectively communicate both aspects of the gospel message when sharing our faith with others?
- What can help believers find the courage to share their faith in the face of a negative and even hostile world?
- Share a personal experience where you found the courage to stand for your faith in a challenging situation and how you drew strength from your relationship with God.

## PRAYER

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- Pray for a heart that is continually grateful for the forgiveness and righteousness we have through Christ's death.
- Pray for the ability to look upon the cross and find strength, inspiration, and courage to follow Jesus boldly.

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