

John 19

Sunday, March 30, 2025 8:00 AM

THE CRUCIFIXION

After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. **(John 19:28-30)**

Crucifixion: The method of torture and execution used by the Romans to put Christ to death. At a crucifixion, the victim usually was nailed or tied to a wooden stake and left to die. Crucifixion was used by many nations of the ancient world, including Assyria, Media, and Persia. Alexander the Great of Greece crucified 2,000 inhabitants of Tyre when he captured the city. The Romans later adopted this method and used it often throughout their empire. Crucifixion was the Romans' most severe form of execution, so it was reserved only for slaves and criminals. No Roman citizen could be crucified. **(Nelson's New Illustrated Bible Dictionary)**

Jesus came as the perfect Sacrifice. The person whose sins are forgiven has them forgiven only because of Jesus Christ. **Hebrews 9:22** says that without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness for sin. **1 John 1:7** says ... the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

If your heart desires to receive Jesus as Savior, believing in and accepting His Sacrifice, your sins are washed away at that very point. Jesus gives the right to become son's and daughters of God by buying them back from the slavery of sin.

Lord, thank you for your sacrifice. Help me be thankful for your love and grace for the rest of my days.