



John: The Great "I AM" Gospel  
John 19:31-42  
From Sermon 6.8.25

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Overview from Sunday's sermon: After studying the cross for a month, we now move forward in the Gospel to consider Jesus' monumental death and burial. These are crucial, foundational truths in the redemptive story. The enemy knows just how significant they are and has concocted several elaborate lies to offer the unbelieving world. Even now, the devil has infiltrated the Church to take the focus off of the cross, the death, and the burial, (because those reveal the truth about the sinfulness of man and the utter holiness of God) and replaced it with practical, feel-good messages or make Jesus a social advocate.

1. What are some of those common misconceptions about Jesus' purpose and mission in coming? Various answers. That He came to tell us to be nicer to each other, be more tolerant of differences, to never judge, to right social wrongs and champion the poor. He came to impart some wisdom and is equal to other historical philosophers.

2. If they believe those errors, what must they do with the biblical accounts of His death and burial. 1) you must make Jesus a martyr, victim who died before His time. 2) Claim He didn't die that day. 3) Give rational, scientific explanations regarding the resurrection to state it never happened.

3. What is the cost if any of those things are true? See 1 Corinthians 15:14-18. Jesus, the Church, and all of us believers are deceived liars. We are still in our sins and under the Law. Those who died as believers before us are not in heaven today. We have no hope. We are pitiful.

4. What is the universal dilemma of all mankind? We will all die and face God's judgment.  
See also *Genesis 3:19 & Hebrews 9:27*.

5. Relating to our mock courtroom, list and discuss the many witnesses that testify to the death of Jesus on Calvary's cross. Various answers. Jesus Himself, the soldiers, Pilate, the Jewish leaders, Mary (Jesus' mother) and the other women (Mary Magdalene), John, and the other Apostles.

6. From the other Gospel accounts, what other events happened at Jesus' death that also puts God the Father and God the Holy Spirit on our witness list? See *Matthew 27:50-53*.

- Darkness covered the entire earth.
- A great earthquake.
- The veil in the temple was torn in half, top to bottom.

7. Who buried (entombed) Jesus and why is that significant? Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus. Both were members of the Sanhedrin that handed Jesus over. Both were secret, undercover disciples. Joseph was rich and owned an unused tomb. This fulfilled even more prophetic Scripture.