

John 19:1-5 **Behold Your King**

Introduction:

The gospel of John helps us to focus upon the person and work of Christ. The world with all its trappings discourage many from looking into the face of Christ. Many refuse to look others completely ignore Him. Christ and His gospel are treating with disdain. But for those who love Him indeed, love Him not because we have greater insight or wisdom. As John says, "We love Him because He first loved us." (I John 4:19) But our love is genuine and complete. We behold the God - Man who suffered, bled and died upon a cursed cross for our perfect redemption.

I. WHAT KIND OF MAN IS HE?

A. From the perspective of the Religious Jews

1. Overthrow the religious establishment – Isa. 53:2-3

B. From the perspective of Many

1. Pilate acknowledge this is an Innocent Man – John 18:38; 19:6
2. Herod said, "nothing deserving of death" – Luke 23:15
3. Pilate's wife dream indicated this is a righteous man – Matt.27:19
4. Judas the betrayer confessed, "I have betrayed innocent blood"
5. The dying thief on the cross earnestly stated, "this man has done nothing wrong" – Luke 23:41
6. The Centurion observed, "certainly this was a righteous man" – Luke23:47
7. The crowd that witnessed the crucifixion acknowledged, "truly this was the Son of God" – Matt.27:52-54

C. Christ's Bravery –v.1

D. Christ's Majesty – Rev.19:16

II. THIS MAN BEFORE THE CROWDS

A. Why such hatred and hostility?

1. They opposed true righteousness – Isaiah 53:7-9
2. Turn to: I Peter 2:21-25

B. The Crowds Today

1. Extreme religious groups openly hate Christ – John 7:7; Luke 16:13
2. Most people simply ignore Him.
3. The parable of the rich man – Luke 12:15,33,34; 18:22
4. The parable of the ten virgins – Matt. 25:1-13

Conclusion:

1. *Don't be so busy that you fail to behold Christ.*
2. *Today behold your King.*

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