

Is the Savior Your King?

John 19:31 Now it was the day of Preparation, and the next day was to be a special Sabbath. Because the Jews did not want the bodies left on the crosses during the Sabbath, they asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken down. 32 The soldiers therefore came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other. 33 But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. 34 Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water. 35 The man who saw it has given testimony, and his testimony is true. He knows that he tells the truth, and he testifies so that you also may believe. 36 These things happened so that the scripture would be fulfilled: "Not one of his bones will be broken," 37 and, as another scripture says, "They will look on the one they have pierced."

In this Series, We Will Learn That . . .

1. Everyone has an _____ king that they serve and this king _____ their thoughts and actions.
2. Many people who would call Jesus "_____" do not understand that He must also be _____.

Some Background

It was the day of _____. We know the _____!
 Exodus 12:6 Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the people of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight.

The Timeline -- Traditional

Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	Palm Sunday				Last Supper	The Cross	Pass-over	Easter

The Timeline -- Alternate Perspective

Sat 10	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
"Palm Sunday"				Cross & Pass-over	Feast of U B	FUB Day 2	Sabbath	First-Fruits (Easter)
Sun 11	Mon 12	Tue 13	Wed 14	Thu 15	Fri 15	Sat 17	Sun 18	The women go to tomb
			Last Supper	Feast of U B	FUB Day 2	Sabbath	First-Fruits	

The next day was a "_____ Sabbath."

John, an eyewitness, shared this so that you can _____!

John 19:35 The man who saw it has given testimony, and his testimony is true. He knows that he tells the truth, and he testifies so that you also may believe.

John 20:31 But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Who Did Nicodemus Serve

John 19:38 Later, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus. Now Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly because he feared the Jews. With Pilate's permission, he came and took the body away. 39 He was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night. Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds. 40 Taking Jesus' body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen. This was in accordance with Jewish burial customs. 41 At the place where Jesus was crucified, there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had ever been laid. 42 Because it was the Jewish day of Preparation and since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

1. Nicodemus had visited Jesus at night because he was _____.

John 3 :1 Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council. 2 He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the miraculous signs you are doing if God were not with him."

During this time, his king was _____ or _____.

2. Nicodemus then became _____.

John 7:50 Nicodemus, who had gone to Jesus earlier and who was one of their own number, asked, 51 Does our law condemn anyone without first hearing him to find out what he is doing?

During this time of his life, his king was _____.

3. Nicodemus and Joseph were finally _____.

John 19:38 Later, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus. . . . 39 He was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night.

How convinced were they?

-- They sacrificed their _____ by touching a _____.

John 18:28 Then the Jews led Jesus from Caiaphas to the palace of the Roman governor. By now it was early morning, and to avoid ceremonial uncleanness the Jews did not enter the palace; they wanted to be able to eat the Passover.

-- They sacrificed their _____ by going to _____.

John 19:38 Later, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus. . . .

-- They sacrificed their _____ by removing Jesus' _____.

John 12:42 Yet at the same time many even among the leaders believed in him. But because of the Pharisees they would not confess their faith for fear they would be put out of the synagogue;

-- They sacrificed their _____ by giving the tomb and the spices.

Matt. 27:59 Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, 60 and placed it in his own new tomb that he had cut out of the rock. . . .

John 19:39 . . . Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds.

But they didn't care because now their _____ was the _____.

