

Problem:

- 1 Cor 1:17-19 (Rom 1:16-17) - just because we are not ashamed does not mean the cross is not shameful
 - we have sanitized and domesticated the cross - it never became a symbol until a couple generations after Roman crucifixion was outlawed -
 - can you imagine coming up for communion and seeing an electric chair or a noose up here?
 - or could you imagine wearing a bedazzled electric chair necklace?
 - the cross is more than a symbol but for it to be more than a symbol it cannot be less than what it is - a grotesque and humiliating means of torture.
- yet...it is the ugliness of the cross that reveals the beauty of the Christ

Text:**His cross reveals His crown**

John 19:16b So they took Jesus,

John 19:17 and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha.

John 19:18 There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them.

John 19:19 Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, **the King of the Jews.**"

John 19:20 Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. (Jn 3:16 - the world)

John 19:21 So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but rather, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'"

John 19:22 Pilate answered, "**What I have written I have written.**"

(22) High and lifted up - Isaiah 6:15; 52:13-53:12

His cross reveals His crown -> Phil 2:1-11

His poverty reveals our gain

John 19:23 ¶ When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom,

John 19:24 so they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be." **This was to fulfill the**

Scripture which says,

"They divided my garments among them,
and for my clothing they cast lots."

¶ So the soldiers did these things,

(24) Psalm 22 (crucifixion from Christ perspective 4 centuries before it existed and a millennium before Jesus was born)

1-5 (Jesus spiritual anguish); 6-11 (Jesus' mental torture); 12-21 (His physical pain); 22-31 (Man triumphant before God)

His poverty reveals our gain -> 2 Cor 8:9; Gen 3:20-21 - He is our tunic

His separation reveals our unity

John 19:25 but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister (sister John's mother), Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

John 19:26 When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!"

John 19:27 Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

(27) other siblings to entrust his mother to - Matt 13:55-56 but did not entrust to them - John 7:5 -> Luke 8:19-21;

His separation revealed our unity -> Jn 15:12-16; 17:20-23

His death reveals our life

John 19:28 ¶ After this, Jesus, knowing that all was **now finished**, said (**to fulfill the Scripture**), "I thirst."

John 19:29 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.

John 19:30 When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "**It is finished (perfect),**" and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

(28) (I thirst - Psalm 69:19-21 - the Living water was being poured out (made thirsty))

(30) It is finished - Jn 13:1 - to the end (perfect tense)

(the temple was destroyed - Jn 2:19) - we can worship in spirit and truth

(the serpent was lifted up - Jn 3:14) - we can look and be healed

(the Good shepherd laid His life down - Jn 10:11-18) - He has brought us to living water

(the seed was laid - Jn 12:20-25)

wrath was satisfied - Propitiation - 1 Jn 2:2; Rom 3:21-26; 2 Cor 5:21 (declared sin and treated as such)

His death reveals our life -> hyssop - ex 12:21-27

His body reveals our exodus

John 19:31 ¶ Since it was the **day of Preparation**, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their **legs might be broken** and that they might be taken away.

John 19:32 So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him.

John 19:33 But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, **they did not break his legs.**

John 19:34 But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water.

John 19:35 He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe.

John 19:36 For these things took place **that the Scripture might be fulfilled: “Not one of his bones will be broken.”**

John 19:37 And again **another Scripture says, “They will look on him whom they have pierced.”**

(31) day of preparation - this was His hour - John 13:1; 17:1; 19:14 - 12 pm - behold your king -

(matt 27:45-46 - 9th hour in Jewish time was 3pm when the lambs were sacrificed in the temple)

(34) penetrate the pericardial sac which surrounds and protects the heart and contains watery fluid.

His body reveals our exodus ->

(36) Passover fulfilled- 1:29, 35-36; exodus 12:43-47; num 9:11-12; 10:10

(37) Passover foretold ... Zech 12:10-13:1 - The nation of Israel refuses to even look at the cross and they remain blind - but not forever -

John invites all of us to do one thing- see the glory of christ in the ugliness of the cross - see and believe

Main Idea:

His cross reveals His crown

His poverty reveals our gain

His separation reveals our unity

His death reveals our life

His body reveals our exodus

Implication:

The ugliness of the cross reveals the beauty of the Christ

Application:

1:14 -> 19:35 -> John invites us to do one thing - to see His glory - and believe

Articles for further study:

<http://www.barabbas.com/lamb-selection-day/>

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<http://www.desiringgod.org/articles/why-god-created-the-universe-for-good-friday>