

### 1. Motivate

When have you been frustrated by your inability to fix something?

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### 2. Transition

Some things we just cannot fix on our own.

- A broken relationship with God is certainly one of those things.
- Forgiveness is possible only because Jesus died for our sins.

### 3. Bible Study

#### 3.1 God's Control of Events

Listen for Pilate's claim.

John 19:8-11 (NIV) When Pilate heard this, he was even more afraid, 9 and he went back inside the palace. "Where do you come from?" he asked Jesus, but Jesus gave him no answer. 10 "Do you refuse to speak to me?" Pilate said. "Don't you realize I have power either to free you or to crucify you?" 11 Jesus answered, "You would have no power over me if it were not given to you from above. Therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin."

What do you think Pilate was afraid of?

Why would Pilate want to question Jesus again?

Even though Pilate's assessment of his own authority was true, how was his thinking flawed, especially in that moment?

What lessons might Jesus have been teaching in His response to Pilate recorded in verse 11?

How does God's authority differ from the authority exercised by institutions in your life?

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## The Death of Jesus

How does it make you feel to know the events around the passion of Jesus were part of God's plan?

### 3.2 Jesus Suffered in Our Place

Listen for how Pilate is manipulated.

John 19:14-18 (NIV) It was the day of Preparation of Passover Week, about the sixth hour. "Here is your king," Pilate said to the Jews. 15 But they shouted, "Take him away! Take him away! Crucify him!" "Shall I crucify your king?" Pilate asked. "We have no king but Caesar," the chief priests answered. 16 Finally Pilate handed him over to them to be crucified. So the soldiers took charge of Jesus. 17 Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). 18 Here they crucified him, and with him two others--one on each side and Jesus in the middle.

Pilate wanted to preserve his authority. What position or possession might you be tempted to preserve at the expense of doing the right thing?

Pilate acted under political pressure. When and why might we allow the pressures of the moment to compromise our beliefs or standards?

The religious leaders rejected Jesus as King of their lives. Who or what are the "kings" that people worship today?

What emotions do you experience when you think about Jesus' crucifixion?

When have you been overwhelmed by the sacrifice Jesus made for you?

### 3.3 Jesus Died for Our Salvation

Listen for Jesus final words.

John 19:28-30 (NIV) Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." 29 A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips. 30 When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

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## The Death of Jesus

What was the first saying from the cross John recorded and what was its significance?

Why did Jesus receive something to drink at this point when He had refused earlier?

What did Jesus mean when He said, "It is finished"? What is its significance, even to us?

What do you find hopeful about Jesus' declaration, "It is finished"?

Why is the crucifixion of Jesus an essential element of the gospel?

How would you describe the importance of the cross to someone who needed to hear it?

### Application

Give thanks.

- Reflect on the salvation we have in Jesus
- Thanking Him for forgiving your sins.

Offer forgiveness.

- Since you have been forgiven by the blood of Christ, identify someone in your life who has wronged you.
- Reach out to them with a word of forgiveness.

Share the message.

- The forgiveness and salvation Jesus provided through His death is available to all.
- Share this truth with a friend who does not know Jesus.

### Cryptogram Puzzle

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