

BIBLE STUDY on JOHN (NIV) Part 27

JESUS HAD POWER OVER HIS OWN LIFE AND DEATH

John 10 v 17 & 18

“17 The reason My Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. 18 No one takes it from Me but I lay it down of My own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from My Father.”

John 19 v 4—11

“4 Once more Pilate came out and said to the Jews, “Look, I am bringing Him out to you to let you know that I find no basis for a charge against Him.” 5 When Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, “Here is the man!”

6 As soon as the chief priests and their officials saw Him, they shouted, “Crucify! Crucify!”

But Pilate answered, “You take Him and crucify Him. As for me, I find no basis for a charge against Him.”

7 The Jews insisted, “We have a law and according to that law



He must die because He claimed to be the Son of God.”

8 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.”

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Could Jesus die?

Since Jesus was truly the Son of God, was it possible for men to kill Him? No man had power over Him. Only He could choose to die and come back to life again.

Jesus said to Pilate, “My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, My servants would fight to prevent My arrest by the Jews. But now My kingdom is from another place.” (John 18 v 36) Jesus allowed Himself to be arrested by the Jews. When He was arrested, He said, “Do you think I cannot call on My Father and He will at once put at My disposal more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen in this way?” (Matthew 26 v 53 + 54) The angels who ministered to Jesus as He prayed in the garden could have destroyed the soldiers who arrested Him. But Jesus knew God’s purpose which was revealed in the Scriptures.

Jesus Himself had said, “The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law and He must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.” (Luke 9 v 22). You see, Jesus died because it was God’s plan from before the beginning of the world (Revelation 13 v 8).

It was God’s wonderful plan that Jesus would conquer death! “Since the children have flesh and blood, He too shared in their humanity so that by His death He might destroy him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.” (Hebrews 2 v 14 + 15) Do you fear death? Jesus died to deliver you! Yes, Jesus chose to lay down His life for you!

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