Women's Bible Study 2008/09

- I. Pray: ask God to open your mind, soul and spirit to His teaching through His Word
- 2. Think: the questions are designed to expand your knowledge of God and His Word
- 3. Begin: using only your Bible, answer the questions without other outside sources

Lesson Twenty Nine—The Gospel of John Chapter 19:31–42 April 29, 2009

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I.	a)	Why didn't the Jews want "the bodies left on the crosses during the Sabbath" in John 19:31? Read Deuteronomy 21:22–23 for background information.
	b)	What is surprising about the Jews' concern in John 19:31 when you consider their part in Jesus' crucifixion?
2.	a)	What did the guards discover about Jesus in John 19:33?
	b)	Why do you think this was unusual? Read Mark 15:42–45 for additional insight.
	c)	What do the following verses establish? John 19:34 Mark 15:44–45
	d)	Why do you think this fact is so important to establish?
3.	ln j	John 19:35, what is the result of the witness's (John's) true testimony?

4.	Na	ame all the ways in John 19:31–37 that reveal that God is truly in control.
5.	a)	Who is Joseph of Arimethea? Read Matthew 27:57 and Luke 23:50–51 for additional information.
	b)	What did he ask Pilate for in John 19:38?
	c)	Who is Nicodemus in John 19:39? Re-read John 3:1–2 and John 7:45–52.
	d)	Describe the risk you <u>think</u> they took to claim Jesus' body.
	e)	Name the ways your life reflects your bold claim to Jesus if you are a believer. If you are not a believer in Jesus Christ, name what you are bold in claiming and how your life reflects this.

	†)	What do you risk losing in your claim? What do you gain?
6.	a)	Summarize what Joseph and Nicodemus did with Jesus' body in John 19:40–42 & Matthew 27:57–61.
	b)	Read also Isaiah 53:9, Mark 15:46 and Luke 23:53. Why do you think Jesus' burial and grave site are so important that they are described and prophesied many times in the Bible?
	c)	What might Joseph and Nicodemus have further risked in preparing Jesus' body according to the Law in Leviticus 21:1–4 and Numbers 5:1–3, 19:11–13?
	d)	How do you <u>think</u> God, who gave His people the Law through Moses, would view Joseph's and Nicodemus' state of cleanliness (imagine them covered in Jesus' blood), especially after Jesus' death or the cross?
	e)	How does God view your state of cleanliness, especially after Jesus' death on the cross?

7.	Remember what Jesus prophesied in John 16:29–32. Though the disciples, Jesus' inner circle, were "scattered," God the Father sent Joseph and Nicodemus to complete the important tasks of preparing and burying Jesus' body. Who are the unlikely heroes that God has sent you in times of need? How did God use these heroes to show you that He is with you?