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November 11, 2018 John 19:23-37 by Bob Branch Experiencing The Passion of Jesus, part 7

BIG IDEA: Thru Jesus' death, a new exodus from bondage has occurred, and a new creation has begun.

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, 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." (Ps. 22:18)...

Jesus is doing Priestly Work. (Heb. 4:15-16; 7:27)

"fulfill the Scripture"... God is working as He Promised.

²⁵ but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother... ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" ²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

Even in suffering and death, the GOD OF LOVE is revealed. At the foot of the cross, FAMILY IS CONNECTED.

²⁸ After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." (Ps. 22:15) 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. 30 When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

and that they might be taken away... ³⁴ But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. 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... "Not one of his bones will be broken." (Num. 9:12) 37 ... "They will look on him whom they have pierced." (Zech 12:10). 1. Jesus ACTUALLY DIED, rose again, ascended to heaven, is alive today—and calls you to follow him.

³¹ ... the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken

2. Jesus' death initiated a NEW EXODUS from bondage to sin, evil and death. This is the Passover theme at work here.

"I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt" **Jeremiah 31:32** (Josh. 24:17)

"if the Son sets you free, you are truly free." John 8:36 NLT (1 Jn. 3:8; 1 Cor. 15:55-57)

"For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed."

1 Corinthians 5:7

"And on the seventh day **God finished his work** that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done." Genesis 2:2

3. Jesus' death birthed a NEW CREATION power into our sinsick world, that is available to all who will trust him.

"I am making everything new!" Revelation 21:5

"if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" 2 Corinthians 5:17