



## Study Guide

### “The Goat is Gone”

*John 19:13-17*

Easter Weekend

April 7/8, 2012

Next week: New Series Begins – The Happiest Book  
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Read and reflect on the following scripture:

**John 19:13-17**

<sup>13</sup> When Pilate heard this, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judge's seat at a place known as the Stone Pavement (which in Aramaic is Gabbatha). <sup>14</sup> It was the day of Preparation of the Passover; it was about noon.

"Here is your king," Pilate said to the Jews.

<sup>15</sup> 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.

<sup>16</sup> Finally Pilate handed him over to them to be crucified.

So the soldiers took charge of Jesus. <sup>17</sup> Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha).

Notes:

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**Scripture**

1. Read the passage in John. Is there one particular verse that causes you reflect on the magnitude of this event?
2. When the crowd turned on Jesus, what feelings and thoughts do you think Jesus experienced? Have you experienced similar situations? What feelings and thoughts did you have?
3. The chief priests proclaimed Caesar was their king. Do you claim other things, other than Jesus, to be your “king?”

**Sermon**

1. Reflect on the two different ways the gospels described Jesus in the story of Good Friday. In three of the gospels Jesus is described as the Passover Lamb who died as a sacrifice for our sins. In the gospel of John, Jesus is described as the Goat of Atonement who took away our sins. How are both accurate descriptions? Which description most reflects the way you view Jesus?
2. Did the comparison of the ceremony of the Hebrew Day of Atonement and Easter enlighten you to Jesus’ final three days on earth? What details about Jesus as the Goat of Atonement did you find most interesting?
3. Does the term “scapegoat” being used to describe Jesus cause you to change the way you view Jesus’ sacrifice?
4. Bruce ended his sermon with joyous celebration. Do you find it difficult to openly praise God? What ways in your life do you proclaim and celebrate our risen Jesus?

### **Life Application**

1. As you reflect on Jesus, the Goat of Atonement, do you feel a renewed sense of freedom and reason to celebrate?
2. How can you celebrate this Day of Atonement in your daily life?
3. Have you offered an invitation to others to accept Jesus as their Goat of Atonement?

### **Prayer**

Give thanks to Jesus for being our Goat of Atonement. Thank Him for taking away the punishment of your sins. Pray that in this season of freedom you will experience the fullness of Easter. Jesus, the Goat of Atonement, took upon himself all your sins, CELEBRATE!