

## STRONG | SECURE

*LIFEgroups*

Mar. 25, 2012

They Divided My Garments

John 19:16-24

### **Context**

In the weeks leading up to Easter, all around the world, millions of Christians spend time thinking about the meaning of the suffering and death of Jesus Christ. All of what it meant for him and what it means for each one of us.

We've been doing this over these last several weeks, and we've done it through what John wrote in his gospel about Jesus' last days of suffering. The 'passion of Christ' according to John.

This week's passage brings us to the point where Jesus submits his body to the will of his executioners. We're entering into the final hours of his life...hours of suffering infinitely greater than any person has ever experienced.

Read John 19:1-24. Also read the parallel account in Matthew 27:27-44, Mark 15:1-32, and Luke 22:63-23:43. You will need to use another sheet of paper to answer the following questions.

### **Questions for Study**

1. Compare John's account of Christ's arrest with the parallel passages listed above. What specific details does each writer include in what he wrote about this event? (This is important so do it with careful attention to each detail. Give yourself the time needed to learn everything you can from each passage.)
2. Write down what you would say are the emotions of each person involved in these final hours of Christ's life.

The Jewish religious leaders  
Pilate  
Herod  
The soldiers  
The criminals crucified with Jesus  
Jesus

3. Take some time to find out what you can about Roman crucifixions. Write down those findings.
4. From the biblical account of Christ's crucifixion, what was done to humiliate Jesus?
5. After hearing this Sunday's sermon, March 25, spend some time to consider your personal application.