John 19 The WKND

Sermon Outline:

Acts 4:25-28

- Easy to focus on the physical suffering
- Easy to focus on the sinful acts
- The NT forces us to see deeper and higher to the sovereign
- From the cradle to the cross to the crown- all went according to plan
- God takes the worst of evils and uses them for the greatest of good
- God is not reacting. He is sovereignly ruling

In John 19, the mock trials are over. The disciples have fled. Judas is gone

Go back to the night before:

- Judas betrayal of Jesus Psalm 41:9
- The amount he would trade for (30 pieces)- Zechariah 11:12

Friends would forsake him

- Zechariah 13:7- Strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered
- Matthew 26:31- Then Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away because of me this night. For
 it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'
- Matthew 26:56- But all this has taken place that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled." Then all the disciples left him and fled.

19:1- Pilate flogged him (19:1)

- Mark 14:65- And some began to spit on him and to cover his face and to strike him, saying to him, "Prophesy!" And the guards received him with blows.
- Micah 5:1- strike him with a rod on the cheek
- Isaiah 50:6- I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting.
- Isaiah 52:14- his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance

19:2-3- They mocked him (19:2-3)

- it didn't end here.. they mocked him on the cross
- Psalm 22:7-8- All who see me mock me; they make mouths at me; they wag their heads; "He trusts in the Lord; let him deliver him; let him rescue him, for he delights in him!"

19:6- Jews leaders rejected Him (19:4-15)

- Psalm 118:22- The stone that the builders rejected
- Isaiah 49:7- Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: "Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

19:16-17- He was lead like a lamb to His death (19:16-17)

- very much in his right mind
- Didn't have to be dragged but went willingly
- Isaiah 53:7-8- He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth;

like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,

and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,

so he opened not his mouth. By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people?

- Carrying his own cross
- Straight from the prison to trial to death
- Genesis 22:4-14

19:18- He was crucified with transgressors (19:18)

- crucified Him not stoned him (Roman execution not Jewish)
- John 3:14- And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up
- Numbers 21:4-9
- Psalm 22:14-16- I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint;
 my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast; my strength is dried up like a potsherd,
 and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death. For dogs encompass me;
 a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my hands and feet
- Isaiah 53:12- numbered among the transgressors and bore the sin of many

19:23- the soldiers divided garments (19:23-24)

- psalm 22:18- they divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.
- Even the Romans were being used in His divine plan

19:28- they gave him sour wine (19:28-30)

- Psalm 69:21- and for my thirst they gave me sour wine to drink.

19:36- not a bone broken (19:31-37)

- Exodus 12:46- **46** It shall be eaten in one house; you shall not take any of the flesh outside the house, and you shall not break any of its bones.
- Psalm 34:20- He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken.

19:38-42- buried with the rich (19:38-42)

- Isaiah 53:9- And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death,

Forces you to see God's hand...

Why?

- To show us the worst evil is meant by God for good

Small Group Discussion:

- 1. What spoke to you through the Bible passage and the sermon from Sunday?
- 2. Why is it important to see the events of Good Friday not as random incidents but God's sovereign plan?
- 3. What does it mean that God can take the worse of evils and use them for the greatest good? How does this help us gain perspective in our own lives and troubles?