

# The Greatness of the Cross: The Seven Wounds of Christ

## The Piercing of Jesus' Side | John 19:31-37

Ohana Group Discussion Questions: Week of April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025

### OVERVIEW

In John 19:31–37, the soldiers verify Jesus' death by piercing His side, fulfilling the Scriptural requirement that none of His bones be broken—thereby mirroring the Passover lamb. This detail highlights Jesus as the ultimate sacrifice, whose shed blood secures atonement for humanity.

### OHANA TIME!

**Icebreaker:** If you could only eat one food for the rest of your life, what would it be and why? **Or** If you suddenly became invisible for a day, what's the first mischief you would get up to?

**Activity:** Observe Lent as a group by engaging in a spiritual discipline together (Scripture reading/memorization, prayer, fasting, etc.)

### PRAYER

**Pray:** "Lord Jesus, thank You for willingly giving Your life as the perfect Lamb, and may my heart be ever grateful for Your redeeming sacrifice."

### BIBLE: READ JOHN 19:31-37

1. What details stand out to you the most as you read about the events surrounding Jesus' death?
2. How does John 19:31 situate Jesus' crucifixion within the context of the Jewish Passover ("the day of Preparation")?
3. John specifically notes that none of Jesus' bones were broken (v. 36). How does this echo the instructions for the Passover lamb in Exodus 12:46 (also Psalm 34:20)?
4. Why did the soldiers pierce Jesus' side in verse 34? When the soldier pierced Jesus' side, John writes that blood and water came out. Why include this detail at all?
5. In what ways does Jesus' crucifixion complete or fulfill the imagery established by the Passover lamb in the Old Testament?
6. In the Old Testament sacrificial system, blood was closely tied to atonement and the forgiveness of sins (see Leviticus 17:11). How does Jesus' shed blood on the cross connect with these themes?
7. The Passover lamb's blood protected God's people from judgment. How does Jesus' blood similarly bring deliverance from sin and death?
8. What does it mean that Jesus' blood was shed "once for all" (Hebrews 9:26) rather than needing continuous sacrifices?

### APPLICATION

1. How does the picture of Jesus as the sinless Passover Lamb deepen your gratitude for His sacrifice? In what ways can remembering the cost of atonement (Jesus' blood) impact the way you live and worship this week?
2. Are there spiritual practices or disciplines (e.g., prayer, fasting, journaling) that help you keep Christ's loving sacrifice front and center?
3. Who is one person you are praying for that you plan to invite to the Easter worship service?

