

**October 1, 2023**

Behold the Man

John 19:1-7

The trial of Jesus by Pilate continues. Unable to convince the crowd to free Jesus, Pilate employs a new strategy to gain Jesus' release. Pilate believes if he can publicly humiliate Jesus that would gain the crowd's sympathy, effecting Jesus' release. Pilate flogs Jesus and the soldiers place a crown of thorns on His head. Standing with Jesus before the crowd, Pilate proclaims, "Behold, the man."

**Additional Verses:**

Genesis 3:14-15

Daniel 7:13-14

**Outline:**

1. Behold the promised man.

2. Behold the innocent man.

3. Behold the Son of Man.

**Study Questions:**

1. Which prophetic promise from the Old Testament do you find most fascinating? Why? Which one do you see most easily fulfilled? Why?

2. Why is it important that Jesus is declared innocent? Why is that truth necessary for our salvation?

3. What does it mean that Jesus is the "Son of Man?" How does this fulfill Daniel 7:13-14? How is Daniel's prophecy not yet fully realized?

4. Read the "Son of Man" passages in John. (1:51; 3:13-14; 5:27; 6:27, 53,62; 8:28; 9:35; 12:23,34; 13:31) How does John use these passages to understand Jesus' mission? What is the climatic glorification of Jesus? How does John use these verses to guide us to that truth?

5. How is the Holy Spirit leading you to respond to God today?