“The Word of God and the Ways of Men”

*John 19:16b–37*

Sermon Outline

Big Idea—*The Word of God governs the ways of men, always accomplishing his good purposes.*

**Introduction: The Foolishness of Man and the Wisdom of God**

Key References—1 Cor. 1:18–25; Acts 4:27–28; Genesis 50:20

**Five Scenes**

*1. Jesus’ Crucifixion and Pilate’s Inscription* (Key Reference—Isaiah 53:12)

*2. Dividing Jesus’ Garments* (Key Reference—Psalm 22:18)

*3. Jesus’ Provision for his Mother*

*4. The Thirst and Death of Jesus* (Key References—Psalm 69:21; John 4:10, 14; Isaiah 41:17; John 10:18; Genesis 3:15)

*5. The Preservation of Jesus’ Bones and Piercing of his Side* (Key References—Deuteronomy 21:22–23; Exodus 12:46; Numbers 9:12; Psalm 34:19–20; Zechariah 12:10; 13:1; Isaiah 53:5; 1 John 1:7)

**Conclusion: Five Lessons**

*1. You cannot overcome God’s plan or overthrow his rule, so don’t try.* (Key Reference—Psalm 2:1)

*2. You are responsible for your actions.* (Key Reference—Romans 2:6–8)

*3. Events do not look the same on earth as they do in heaven, so live with a heavenly perspective.* (Key Reference—Colossians 3:2)

*4. God’s good purposes always come to pass, so live with hope.*

*5. The Son accomplished every work the Father gave him to do, so your work is your rest.*