



**Tuesday, April 4**

**Breathe:** Calm your head, heart, and hands as you slowly breathe in... and out.

**As you read the passage today, imagine yourself in the crowd. What are you thinking? How are you feeling?**

**John 19:16b-24 NLT**

So they took Jesus away. <sup>17</sup> Carrying the cross by himself, he went to the place called Place of the Skull (in Hebrew, Golgotha). <sup>18</sup> There they nailed him to the cross. Two others were crucified with him, one on either side, with Jesus between them. <sup>19</sup> And Pilate posted a sign on the cross that read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." <sup>20</sup> The place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Hebrew, Latin, and Greek, so that many people could read it.

<sup>21</sup> Then the leading priests objected and said to Pilate, "Change it from 'The King of the Jews' to 'He said, I am King of the Jews.'"

<sup>22</sup> Pilate replied, "No, what I have written, I have written."

<sup>23</sup> When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they divided his clothes among the four of them. They also took his robe, but it was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom. <sup>24</sup> So they said, "Rather than tearing it apart, let's throw dice for it." This fulfilled the Scripture that says, "They divided my garments among themselves and threw dice for my clothing." So that is what they did.

**Prayer:** Lord, Thank you for your work on the cross. We are humbled by your willingness to die for us. May we be changed by your sacrifice. Amen.