

New Beginning and New Ending at the Cross
(John 19:31-37)

Introduction

31 Therefore, because it was the Preparation Day, that the bodies should not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. 32 Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who was crucified with Him. 33 But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. 34 But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out. 35 And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you may believe. 36 For these things were done that the Scripture should be fulfilled, "Not one of His bones shall be broken." 37 And again another Scripture says, "They shall look on Him whom they pierced."

1. New Beginning (vv. 31-33, 35-36; Ex 12:5-13; Luke 22:1; Acts 12:3-4; Ex 12:46; John 1:29; 19:29; Ex 12:22; 1 Cor 5:6-8)

2. New Ending (vv. 34-35, 37; Zech 2:4; Ezra 5:1; 6:14; Zech 1:1, 7; 7:1; Isa 13:1; 15:1; 17:1; 19:1; 21:11; 23:1; Ezek 12:10; Nahum 1:1; Hab 1:1; Mal 1:1; Zech 9:1; 12:10-11; Rev 1:7)