

Jesus Sacrifices His Life



MEMORY VERSE: "He isn't here! He is risen from the dead! Remember what he told you back in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be betrayed into the hands of sinful men and be crucified, and that he would rise again on the third day." Luke 24:6-7



John 19:1-4, 14-16; 28-30 Jesus' Sentencing and Death

1. Read John 19:1-4; 14-16. The Roman official Pilate thought Jesus was innocent. But the Jews, Jesus' own people wanted Him killed. Jesus claimed to be the Son of God and they didn't believe it, they wanted a political and military king. Why did Jesus willingly and humbly endure the pain and suffering of the cross?

2. What was the last thing Jesus said on the cross? vv. 28-30 What did Jesus mean?

3. What does Jesus' death on the cross mean to you? Do you believe that it had to happen?



John 20:11-18; 3, 8-10 The Resurrection

4. The Roman Soldiers sealed and guarded Jesus' tomb, but on Sunday morning Mary Magdalene found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. Read verses 11-18. Why was Mary crying? Who did Mary meet outside the tomb?

5. Read John 20:3, 8-9. Mary told Peter and John that Jesus' body was gone but they didn't believe her until they saw it. What does verse 9 say they finally understood? Why do you think they were still surprised even though the Scriptures foretold it would happen?

6. It is not hard to believe that Jesus lived and died, but it is harder to believe that He rose from the dead. Do you believe? How does this fulfill Jesus' mission?



John 20:19-29 Jesus Appears to the Disciples

7. Read verse 19. When Jesus appeared, what did He say to them? Why do you think they needed to hear those words?
8. Read verses 20-23. What did Jesus say to the disciples in verse 21? Jesus doesn't send His followers out on mission alone, He has given them (and us) the Holy Spirit. How does this encourage you?
9. Read verses 24-29. Instead of being mad at Thomas for not believing that He had returned, Jesus gave Thomas what he needed. What does this tell you about Jesus? Do you find it easy or difficult to believe in Jesus without seeing Him?
10. Jesus' own disciples had a hard time believing and understanding Jesus death and resurrection, but everytime we seek Jesus He will be faithful. How can we follow their example today when we are doubting?

BELIEVE THE TRUTH

Jesus was unlike any other teacher or religious leader in the way He lived. He preached radical love, the way of everlasting life, and claimed that He was God. He performed miracles and signs all to prove who He was. And all of this was to accomplish one purpose: to die on a cross for the sins of the world, and to conquer sin and death by raising from the dead. Do you believe that Jesus is God, our Savior?

PRAY THE TRUTH

Dear Lord,
Thank You for dying on the cross for our sins! Thank You for Your Holy Spirit that gives Christians the power to live for You. May we be full of Your joy and Your peace! May people see Jesus in our lives. In the powerful name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

WALK IN TRUTH



What do you think it means in your life today when Jesus said, "As the Father has sent me so I am sending you?"

How can the Holy Spirit help you in this?

Various John Verses (NLT)

John 19:1-4: "Then Pilate had Jesus flogged with a lead-tipped whip. 2 The soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they put a purple robe on him. 3 "Hail! King of the Jews!" they mocked, as they slapped him across the face.

4 Pilate went outside again and said to the people, "I am going to bring him out to you now, but understand clearly that I find him not guilty."

John 19:14-16: "It was now about noon on the day of preparation for the Passover. And Pilate said to the people, "Look, here is your king!" 15 "Away with him," they yelled. "Away with him! Crucify him!" "What? Crucify your king?" Pilate asked. "We have no king but Caesar," the leading priests shouted back. 16 Then Pilate turned Jesus over to them to be crucified."

John 19:28-30: "Jesus knew that his mission was now finished, and to fulfill Scripture he said, "I am thirsty." 29 A jar of sour wine was sitting there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put it on a hyssop branch, and held it up to his lips. 30 When Jesus had tasted it, he said, "It is finished!" Then he bowed his head and released his spirit."

John 20:11-18 "Mary was standing outside the tomb crying, and as she wept, she stooped and looked in. 12 She saw two white-robed angels, one sitting at the head and the other at the foot of the place where the body of Jesus had been lying. 13 "Dear woman, why are you crying?" the angels asked her. "Because they have taken away my Lord," she replied, "and I don't know where they have put him." 14 She turned to leave and saw someone standing there. It was Jesus, but she didn't recognize him. 15 "Dear woman, why are you crying?" Jesus asked her. "Who are you looking for?" She thought he was the gardener. "Sir," she said, "if you have taken him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will go and get him." 16 "Mary!" Jesus said. She turned to him and cried out, "Rabboni!" (which is Hebrew for "Teacher"). 17 "Don't cling to me," Jesus said, "for I haven't yet ascended to the Father. But go find my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

John 20:3, 8-10 "Peter and the other disciple started out for the tomb. 8 Then the disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in, and he saw and believed— 9 for until then they still hadn't understood the Scriptures that said Jesus must rise from the dead. 10 Then they went home."

John 20:19-23: "That Sunday evening the disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them! "Peace be with you," he said. 20 As he spoke, he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord! 21 Again he said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you." 22 Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven. If you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

John 20:24-29: "One of the twelve disciples, Thomas, was not with the others when Jesus came. 25 They told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he replied, "I won't believe it unless I see the nail wounds in his hands, put my fingers into them, and place my hand into the wound in his side." 26 Eight days later the disciples were together again, and this time Thomas was with them. The doors were locked; but suddenly, as before, Jesus was standing among them. "Peace be with you," he said. 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and look at my hands. Put your hand into the wound in my side. Don't be faithless any longer. Believe!" 28 "My Lord and my God!" Thomas exclaimed. 29 Then Jesus told him, "You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who believe without seeing me."

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