

Lesson #23: Jesus, Redeemer and Savior

Welcome Prayer & Class Review of previous week: Suffering Servant (15 minutes)

The time has finally come. All the trials are over. Barrabas has been set free instead. Jesus is brutally beaten and mocked, and though He is completely innocent, is nailed to a cross along with two criminals.

Good Friday is known as the day of Jesus' crucifixion and death. This is the gospel.

Everything we have studied about Jesus up to this point shows Jesus is a good teacher, a prophet, a healer, a miracle worker, a wise person and a good friend to sinners. But this last act shows that Jesus came to set us free from our sinful nature by paying the ransom, which is death.

Sin brings about death. Jesus paid the price of death so we might have eternal spiritual life.

As Jesus hung dying on the cross, the people continued to mock him.

Jesus spoke 7 times while on the cross, still teaching until the very end. His last words show what transpired while He was on the cross:

1. *"Father, forgive them for they do not know what they are doing."* (to those mocking him)
2. *"Today, you will be with Me in paradise."* (to the criminal who recognized who Jesus was)
3. *"Mother, behold your son, and John, behold your mother."* (to Jesus' mother and beloved disciple)
4. *"My God, My God, why have you forsaken Me?"* (God looked away as Jesus took on the sin of the world)

Then a darkness fell over all the land and beyond Israel, as the final words were spoken by Jesus before He died.

5. *"I am thirsty."*
6. *"It is finished."*
7. *"Father, into Your hands, I commit My Spirit."*

Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus (who were secret followers) took Jesus' body and placed it in a tomb they had bought. The tomb is sealed and guarded.

The disciples had fled in fear and disbelief over what had happened since just the evening before.

From the prophecy of Isaiah 53:

He was despised and rejected by men,
a man of suffering who knew what sickness was.
He was like someone people turned away from;
He was despised, and we didn't value Him.
Yet He Himself bore our sicknesses,
and He carried our pains;
but we in turn regarded Him stricken,
struck down by God, and afflicted.
But He was pierced because of our transgressions,
crushed because of our iniquities;

punishment for our peace was on Him,
and we are healed by His wounds. (v. 3-5)

They made His grave with the wicked
and with a rich man at His death,
although He had done no violence
and had not spoken deceitfully. (v. 9)

He submitted Himself to death,
and was counted among the rebels;
yet He bore the sin of many
and interceded for the rebels. (v. 12b)

Homework Discussion – In small groups (30 minutes)

Jesus, Suffering Servant

Study 1: Jesus is Mocked	Pg 182-183: #1, 4, 7
Study 2: The Crucifixion	Pg 184-185: #1, 5, 6
Study 3: Remember Me	Pg 186-187: #1-2, 3, 5, 6(overall, not each verse)
Study 4: It is Finished	Pg 189: #1, 2, 4, 5, 7
Study 5: Jesus is Buried	Pg 192: #1, 2, 3, 5

Lesson Intro for video: Redeemer and Savior (5 minutes)

First there was confusion and fear from seeing the stone that had been moved away.
But soon came faith and understanding.

Jesus continues to reveal Himself and turn mourning into joy.

We will now hear about the evidence of Jesus' risen body on the third day.

Video Lesson (45 minutes)

Discussion & Table Prayer Requests (20 minutes)

- What is the most amazing thing you learned about Jesus' resurrection?
- Share prayer requests with your group.

Ending Prayer (5 minutes)