

Family Bible Challenge Week 5

Scripture: Luke Chapter 23:1-56 (Whew that's a lot of verses but you can do it!)

Background: Our scripture this week gives us the story of Jesus dying on the cross and the trials that led up to it. The Jews are Jesus' own people, and they could have accepted him or rejected him. Since they rejected him, Jesus is filled with great sadness leading up to his crucifixion not just because of what he must suffer but because His people will suffer from rejecting him. Jesus doesn't defend himself with Pilate or anyone else because his mission to die for us wouldn't be completed. Pilate and others knew he was innocent, and Jesus would have, "beat his case" if he defended himself but he didn't. I hope you see the love Jesus has for his people to be willing to suffer for the forgiveness of our sins. As you read this story, I pray you, like the people in verse 48, will also experience the great anguish that our innocent savior dying deserves.

Questions for discussion:

1. If you were in the crowd that got to choose Jesus or Barabas, what might you have done if you were being bribed with something you needed?
2. It's bad enough to be tortured, but according to the scriptures Jesus was being mocked and talked about by the people who he was dying for. Would you have stayed on the cross?
3. There were two criminals with Jesus being crucified, one wanted to be liberated physically and the other spiritually. How do we go from being motivated by material things to instead being motivated by spiritual things?
4. How can you personally thank Jesus for his sacrifice?

Prayer: Spend time thank Jesus for all he has done for you and your family especially for his sacrifice on the Cross.

Going Deeper: Here is a video from the Bible project explaining more about Jesus' crucifixion and trial. https://youtu.be/_unHmAf7INK?si=6-KDd7K-5MR5wLSM

