

Responding to Jesus

KEY THEME

- Jesus is the only way of salvation.

KEY PASSAGES

- Luke 4:28–29
- John 3:18, 3:36, 5:15–16, 10:31–33
- Matthew 7:28–29
- Mark 1:21–22



What You **HEARD** in the **WORD**

- Some people who heard Jesus speak were angry and wanted to kill Him. Others were astonished at His wisdom and teaching and believed.
- Whoever believes in Jesus is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned.

Answer these questions from today's lesson.

- 1 What two reactions does Jesus bring about in people?
- 2 Where does a person who is condemned spend eternity?
- 3 Who is not condemned by God?



1) They love Him or hate Him. 2) Hell, separated from God. 3) Those who believe in Jesus as Lord

Read the Word

Monday {John 3:16}

What does God give to those who believe in His only begotten Son?

Tuesday {Romans 10:13}

How is a person saved?

Wednesday {Ephesians 2:8-9}

How do sinners get saved?

Thursday {John 5:24}

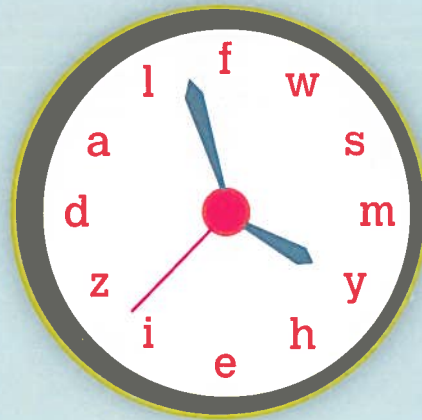
How does a sinner pass from death to everlasting life?

Friday {1 John 3:23}

What is the commandment mentioned here?

Saturday {John 17:3}

What is eternal life?



Learn the Word

Write the letters of the numbers they have replaced on the clock to complete the verse.

Jesus 2 10 7 9

to 5 7 3, "I am the

1 10 4, the truth, and

the 11 7 12 6. No one comes to the

Father except through 3 6." John 14:6

LIVE the Word

Suppose you hear someone say they believe in Jesus, but they don't want to tell others about Him because they are afraid of being mocked. **What could you say?**

If you believe Jesus is God and have turned to Him, repenting of your sins and receiving His forgiveness, you have a lot to tell others about! You've been given the wonderful gifts of forgiveness and eternal life. Think of it this way. Suppose you were facing the death penalty because of a terrible crime. Then someone offered to die in your place. And the judge let him! Wouldn't you tell everyone that your life had been spared because of the sacrificial love of someone else? That's just what Jesus did for you! He died a horrible death so you could have eternal life. Instead of fearing the rejection of others, ask God for boldness. Then start telling others the truth about Jesus so they can be saved from the punishment of sin and death, too.



HomeWord

For Parents

Jesus was not accepted widely when He lived on earth—and He is still not accepted widely today. Jesus knew this when He said that we must enter by the narrow, difficult gate to gain eternal life. For the broad gate leads to destruction and death, and many enter through it (Matthew 7:13–14).

You would think that the God-Man would be welcome in the synagogues. But, that was not the case. The religious rulers repeatedly heard what He said and were filled with wrath! They were frequently stirred to intense anger by His claims and in their anger would threaten His very life (Luke 4:28–29).

It wasn't just Jesus's teaching that angered them but His miracles as well! The Bible tells us that after He healed a man who had been paralyzed for 38 years, the Pharisees and Jews persecuted Jesus and sought to kill Him (John 5:15–16). Another time they picked up stones to stone Him (John 10:31). And it was at this point that they admitted why they were moved to murder! They stated, "You, being a man, make Yourself God" (John 10:33). These reactions from the religious

rulers were fueled by jealousy and hatred that someone would claim to be God—and that this Man would demand their respect, submission, and attention!

But Jesus came to seek and to save the lost (Luke 19:10). He did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance (Matthew 9:13). And it was they who listened and learned from the Messiah. The Bible tells us that they were astonished at His teaching, for Jesus taught as one who had authority (Matthew 7:28–29; Luke 4:21–22). So, while many wanted to destroy Jesus, those who witnessed His life, and had eyes to see the truth, were convinced that He was the Christ, the Son of the living God (Matthew 16:16).

This same division of belief continues today. Some believe and are transformed by His Word. Others mock the Word and refuse to humble themselves before the Son of God. Our prayer for all the unsaved we know ought to be, "Today, if you will hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion" (Hebrews 3:15).

Go to the Online Resource Page for more information.

OutWord

For Family Discussion

What if you heard someone ask what happens to a person after he dies? **What could you say?**

The Bible says that we all deserve God's punishment and wrath because we are sinners. So, we are all condemned to suffer eternal punishment when we die. But God made a way to escape His wrath—through Jesus Christ. God says that those who hear the truth of His Word and are sorry for their sins and turn to Jesus in faith will be saved from the punishment all sinners deserve. Jesus took the punishment for sinners when He lived, died, and rose again. The Bible says that everyone who believes has eternal life with Him. And everyone who does not believe does not have life. So, believers will go to heaven when they die. But those who do not believe and reject Jesus Christ will go to hell and suffer God's punishment for their sins.

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For Family Study

"Let your tender mercies come to me, that I may live; for Your law is my delight" (Psalm 119:77). God wants His Law to be the delight of your family. Teach it to them. Memorize it together.

Begin with the memory verse in the Learn the Word section inside this handout.

