



THE GREATEST WEEK IN HISTORY

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Saturday: *Resting in the Reality of the Empty Cross*

Luke's Spirit-inspired goal of revealing Jesus as the long-awaited Servant King is especially clear in the chapters leading up to the death and resurrection of Jesus. In the space of a few chapters, the Righteous One is wrongly accused; the Messiah becomes a martyr; the King is crucified as a common criminal; the perfect Servant of God becomes a sacrifice for the sins of the world and then rises from the dead in glorious triumph.

The story of this week is inspiring, but it is far more than a mere story! This week was the greatest week *in history*, and it matters deeply whether these events really happened in the ways that the Gospel-writers reported them. If these events did not occur in history, "your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins" (1 Cor. 15:17). But if these events did truly happen in history—and I firmly believe that they did—eternal life has been made available through Jesus Christ to everyone who trusts in Him.

The purpose of this Bible Study is to look closely at the final days of Jesus' earthly life from the perspective of Luke's Gospel.

Read Luke 23:50-56

If you had been a follower of Christ during this time, what might you have thought and felt?



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Do you sometimes struggle between what you see as present reality and what you know about God?

How can you have faith in the future he will do what he has promised?

Who can you ask to pray for you as you learn to trust God more this week?