

THE SUFFERING & RESURRECTION OF JESUS

SVCC Sunday Morning Bible Study

Summer 2020

LESSON 5: THE CRUCIFIXION, PART 1

Primary readings: Luke 23:26-31 & 23:35-43, John 19:17-27

Full readings: Matthew 27:32-44, Mark 15:21-32, Luke 23:26-43, John 19:17-27

Luke 23:26 — Carrying the Cross

- _____ of _____ was forced to carry Jesus' cross. *This place was a region in North Africa that had a large Jewish population.*
- Why might this man have been traveling to Jerusalem at this particular time?
- **Mark 15:21** — This man was the father of _____ and _____.
 - *from class discussion:* What is one possible reason why Mark mentions this man's sons by name? (See Romans 16:13.)
- *from class discussion:* Compare Luke 23:26 (_____ carried Jesus' cross) with John 19:17 (_____ carried Jesus' cross). What is one possible explanation for the conflicting information here?

Luke 23:27-31 — Message for the Women

- *In Luke 23:30, Jesus quotes from Hosea 10:8, a prophecy of the anguish that would overtake Israel when it fell to Assyrian conquest in 722 BC. Here Jesus applies the same lament to another, future judgment of Israel by God.*
- **Luke 23:28-30** — Jesus calls these women to weep not for him, but for _____ and their _____, for a time will come when childless women will be glad they never bore children and people will say to the mountains, " _____!" and to the hills, " _____!"
 - *from class discussion:* What terrible "time" might Jesus be predicting here?
- Luke (in Luke and Acts) often stresses the faithfulness of people outside society's circles of power—people like the poor, foreigners, and women. Here he mentions women who followed and _____ for Jesus. What did faithful women do in these passages?
 - Luke 1:26-56 —
 - Luke 8:1-3 —
 - Acts 9:36 —
 - Acts 16:11-15 —

John 19:17-24 — Golgotha

- The Aramaic word _____ means "the place of the skull." *The Latin word for "skull" is calvaria, from which we get the place-name, Calvary.* What happened at this place?

- **Matthew 27:34** says Jesus was offered wine to drink, mixed with _____; **Mark 15:23** says the wine was mixed with _____. Both additives were used with wine to provide relief from pain.
 - Matthew’s mention of this drink recalls **Psalm 69:21**, “They put _____ in my food and gave me _____ for my thirst.” Also notice **Luke 23:36**, which notes that some soldiers offered Jesus wine _____.
- **John 19:19-22** — What was the chief priests’ complaint about the written charges against Jesus that were posted on the cross? How did Pilate respond to their complaint?
- **John 19:23-24** — What did the soldiers do with Jesus’ clothes?
 - John quotes **Psalm 22:18**, “They divided my _____ among them and cast _____ for my garment.”
- At what time was Jesus crucified?
 - according to **Mark 15:25** —
 - according to **John 19:14** —
- **Luke 23:34** — What did Jesus pray for here?

Luke 23:35-38 — The Insults

- List the groups who insulted Jesus while he was on the cross:
 - Matthew 27:39-40 —
 - Luke 23:36 —
 - Matthew 27:41-43 —
 - Luke 23:39 —
- These insults might remind us of **Psalm 69:9**, “the insults of those who insult _____ fall on _____.” Paul connects this statement to Jesus in **Romans 15:1-3**, reminding us that we should not try to please _____, but our _____ for their good, just as _____ did not please himself, but received insults against God upon himself.
- **Matthew 27:40** — The people misquote Jesus here, as the false witnesses in Jesus’ trial did when testifying before the Sanhedrin (Matthew 26:59-61). They say that Jesus said he would destroy the _____ and rebuild it in _____ days, but Jesus actually said, “[You] Destroy this _____, and I will raise it again in _____ days” —but he was speaking of his own body (John 2:18-22).
- **Luke 23:35** — The rulers said, “He _____ others; let him _____ himself if he is God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.” *Notice the irony in how they acknowledge that (by God’s power) he had saved others, yet they refuse to believe he is God’s Messiah, that earlier miraculous evidence notwithstanding.*
- **Matthew 27:43** — Matthew adds that the Jewish leaders said, “He trusts in _____. Let God _____ him now if he wants him, for he said, ‘I am the _____ of God.’” *Compare this statement with **Psalm 22:7-8**.*

Luke 23:39-43 — The Two Criminals

- What reasons do you think the criminal who stood up for Jesus might have had for defending him?
- What blessing did Jesus promise to the criminal who defended him?

John 19:25-27 — Jesus’ Mother

- What did Jesus do for his mother as he was dying?
- Recall Simeon’s prediction in Luke 2:34-35. What did he prophesy would happen to Mary’s soul one day? How is that prophecy being fulfilled now?