

Luke: Heaven's Savior with a Human Touch
Death of the King
Luke 23:1-56
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Accept His SUBSTITUTION - Enter into His CRUCIFIXION.

1. Really LOOK at Jesus. Luke 23:1-16

Luke 23:1-56 – *“We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding us to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ, a king.” 3 And Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” And he answered him, “You have said so.”*

8 *When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had long desired to see him, because he had heard about him, and he was hoping to see some sign done by him. 9 So he questioned him at some length, but he made no answer.*

11 *And Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him...12 And Herod and Pilate became friends with each other that very day, for before this they had been at enmity with each other.*

And after examining him before you, behold, I did not find this man guilty of any of your charges against him. 15 Neither did Herod, for he sent him back to us. Look, nothing deserving death has been done by him.

2. Accept the RELEASE of Jesus. Luke 23:18-19

Here's one of the places in Luke's account of the crucifixion of Jesus that the substitutionary nature of the death of Jesus comes to the fore...

“Away with this man, and release to us Barabbas”– 19 a man who had been thrown into prison for an insurrection started in the city and for murder.

2 Corinthians 5:21 – *21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

1 Peter 3:18 – *18 For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit,*

3. Acknowledge your part in the **CRUCIFIXION** of Jesus. Luke 23:20-26

23 But they were urgent, demanding with loud cries that he should be crucified. And their voices prevailed.

25 He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder...they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus.

Galatians 2:20 — *20 I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.*

Romans 6:3-4 — *3 Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.*

4. Weep over the **JUDGMENT** of Jesus. Luke 23:27-31

“Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children.

5. Forgive because of the **FORGIVENESS** of Jesus. Luke 23:32-38

32 Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. 33 And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left.

34 And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide his garments.

Luke 6:35 — *35 But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil.*

...Ephesians 4:32 — *32 Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.*

35 And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!”

6. Ask to be **REMEMBERED** by Jesus. Luke 23:39-43

“Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? 41 And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.”

42 And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” 43 And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

7. Rest in anticipation of the **RESURRECTION LIFE** of Jesus. Luke 23:44-56

46 Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!” And having said this he breathed his last.

47 Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, “Certainly this man was innocent!”

55 The women who had come with him from Galilee followed and saw the tomb and how his body was laid...On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

Let's talk about the death of the King...

1. Why did Pilate have to get involved in what the Jewish religious leaders wanted to do to Jesus (v.1)?
2. What were the accusations the Jewish religious leaders brought against Jesus and which one caught the attention of Pilate (v.2-3)?
3. How many times did someone pronounce Jesus' innocence in Luke 23?
4. Why is curiosity about Jesus not always a good thing (v.11)?
5. How are we all like Barabbas (v.18-19)?
6. How should we all be like Simon (v.26)?
7. How do we get to the place where God's judgment on sin breaks our hearts (v.29-31)?
8. How do you feel when you read how Jesus asked for forgiveness to be extended to those who crucified Him (v.34)?
9. Why would Jesus not save Himself (v.35)?
10. What was the difference between the two criminals who were crucified along with Jesus (v.39-43)?
11. What does the darkness over the whole land in the middle of the day tell you about the death of Jesus (v.44-45)?
12. What does the curtain in the Temple being torn in two tell you about the death of Jesus (v.45)?
13. How can you rest in the resurrection life of Jesus?