

Good Friday

Jesus Forgave our Sin through the Cruelty of the Cross

but no man can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. James 3:8

Deliver me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of evil and cruel men. Psalm 71:4

To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. 1 Peter 2:21

Jesus' went through six separate trials

1. At the home of Annas
2. Before Caiaphus
3. In front of the _____
4. Pontius Pilate, at dawn

And they began to accuse him, saying, "We have found this man subverting our nation. He opposes payment of taxes to Caesar and claims to be Christ, a king." Luke 23:2

"I find no basis for a charge against this man." Luke 23:4

But they insisted, "He stirs up the people all over Judea by his teaching. He started in Galilee and has come all the way here." Luke 23:5

5. Herod the Tetrarch of Galilee
6. Back to Pilate—ending in _____

While Pilate was sitting on the judge's seat, his wife sent him this message: "Don't have anything to do with that innocent man, for I have suffered a great deal today in a dream because of him." Matthew 27:19

But with loud shouts they insistently demanded that he be crucified, and their shouts prevailed. So Pilate decided to grant their demand. Luke 23:23-24

The injustice of Jesus' trials

- Jewish courts were not to meet at _____
- Capital offense needed two witnesses
- High priests were to remain neutral
- Sanhedrin to vote from younger to _____
- Two day waiting period for death sentences
- Roman trial was innocent then an appeasement to quiet the mob

*The soldiers led Jesus away into the palace (that is, the Praetorium) and called together the whole company of soldiers. They put a purple robe on him, then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on him. **Mark 15:16-17***

The Soldiers mocked Jesus

*And they began to call out to him, “Hail, king of the Jews!” Again and again they struck him on the head with a staff and spit on him. Falling on their knees, they paid homage to him. **Mark 15:18-19***

*And when they had mocked him, they took off the purple robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him. **Mark 15:20***

**Jesus experienced the most _____
physical torture known to man for six hours.**

*Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying, “You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!” **Matthew 27:39-40***

*In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him. “He saved others,” they said, “but he can’t save himself! He’s the King of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. **Matthew 27:41-42***

*He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’ ” In the same way the robbers who were crucified with him also heaped insults on him. **Matthew 27:43-44***

Jesus, knowing all that was going to happen to him, went out and asked them, “Who is it you want?”

*“Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied. **John 18:4-5***

*“I am he,” Jesus said. (And Judas the traitor was standing there with them.) When Jesus said, “I am he,” they drew back and fell to the ground. **John 18:5-6***

*Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple guard, and the elders, who had come for him, “Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come with swords and clubs? **Luke 22:52***

*Every day I was with you in the temple courts, and you did not lay a hand on me. But this is your hour—when darkness reigns.” **Luke 22:53***

*“Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” **Luke 23:34***

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. 2 Corinthians 5:21, 19

Old Testament Day of _____

Two Scapegoats

- One sacrificed the other set free—Leviticus 16:7-10

We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. Isaiah 53:6

***We are not only free from _____,
but we are free to follow His example, responding to people who are cruel to us.***

To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.” 1 Peter 2:21-22

When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. 1 Peter 2:23

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. 1 Peter 2:24

Jesus example when the victim of cruelty.

1. Escape if possible and appropriate.

Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.”

Matthew 26:39

2. Do not _____.

But I tell you, Do not resist an evil person. If someone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. Matthew 5:39

3. Pray for those who abuse you.

But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:44-45

“But I tell you who hear me: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. Luke 6:27-28

4. Forgive as quickly as _____.

“Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” **Luke 23:34**

5. Trust God’s care, even though He may seem _____.

From the sixth hour until the ninth hour darkness came over all the land. About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?”—which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” **Matthew 27:45-46**

“I will save you from the hands of the wicked and redeem you from the grasp of the cruel.” **Jeremiah 15:21**

The Lord’s Supper

On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Where do you want us to make preparations for you to eat the Passover?”

He replied, “Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, ‘The Teacher says: My appointed time is near. I am going to celebrate the Passover with my disciples at your house.’”

So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them and prepared the Passover.

When evening came, Jesus was reclining at the table with the Twelve. And while they were eating, he said, “I tell you the truth, one of you will betray me.”

They were very sad and began to say to him one after the other, “Surely not I, Lord?”

Jesus replied, “The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me.

The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born.” **Matthew 26:23-24**

Then Judas, the one who would betray him, said, “Surely not I, Rabbi?”

Jesus answered, “Yes, it is you.” **Matthew 26:25**

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body.” **Matthew 26:26**

Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.” **Matthew 26:27-28**

I tell you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it anew with you in my Father’s kingdom.” **Matthew 26:29**

When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. **Matthew 26:30**

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