

TRADITIONAL VIEW OF HOLY WEEK

Sat	Palm Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Good Friday	Sat Sabbath	Easter Sun
	Rides into Jerusalem as king	Teach	Teach	Teach	Teach & Last Supper	Tried and Crucified	In the Tomb	Risen Appears to followers
Sabbath				Spy Wednesday	Maundy Thursday	Good Friday	Holy Saturday	

ANOTHER VIEW OF HOLY WEEK

Sat	Palm Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Good Friday	Sat Sabbath	Easter Sun
Rides into Jerusalem as king	Teach	Teach	Teach & Last Supper	Tried and Crucified	In the Tomb	In the Tomb	In the Tomb	Appears to followers
Sabbath				Day of Preparation	Pass-over	Feast of Unleavened Bread	Rises after 6 p.m.	

FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Which was your favorite person or group (aside from Jesus) in this story and why?
2. With which person or group do you most relate and why?
3. What did you learn about the two criminals that was helpful?
4. Explain the value of the theology of the repentant criminal. Why does each person need to come to this place?



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TWO LESSONS FOR THIS SERIES:

1. The whole _____ of Luke is based on the _____ and resurrection of Jesus!
2. Although the crucifixion is the _____ of Jesus' life, it is the _____ of so much more!

SIMON FROM CYRENE

Luke 23:26 As the soldiers led him away, they seized Simon from Cyrene, who was on his way in from the country, and put the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus.

_____ me? The _____ place at the _____ time.

Cyrene was a _____ city in _____ at that time and it had strong _____ to Jewish Christianity.

Acts 2: 7 Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? 8 Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? . . . 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome

Acts 11:20 Some of them, however, men from Cyprus and Cyrene, went to Antioch and began to speak to Greeks also, telling them the good news about the Lord Jesus.

We know _____ of Simon except for his _____.

Mark 15:21 A certain man from Cyrene, Simon, the father of Alexander and Rufus, was passing by on his way in from the country, and they forced him to carry the cross.

Rom. 16:13 Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord, and his mother, who has been a mother to me, too.

THE MOURNERS

Luke 23:27 A large number of people followed him, including women who mourned and waited for him. 28 Jesus turned and said to them, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep for yourselves and for your children. 29 For the time will come when you will say, 'Blessed are the childless women, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' 30 Then " 'they will say to the mountains, "Fall on us!" and to the hills, "Cover us!" ' 31 For if people do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

_____ me. We were hoping that this man would _____ us!

These women were probably professional _____ although there would have been _____ followers in the group.

Jesus spoke _____ to the mourners, telling them to weep for themselves because of the _____ of Jerusalem.

THE CROWD AND THE RELIGIOUS

Luke 23:32 Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. 33 When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. 34 Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots. 35 The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is God's Messiah, the Chosen One."

_____ me. _____ that you are the Messiah.

Many of the religious leaders who had unjustly _____ Jesus were now _____ at Him.

They used _____ language to _____ Him. Christ (Χριστός Christos) and Chosen (ἐκλεκτός eklektos).

Jesus asked the Father to _____ the people which included the soldiers and the crowd. This _____ mean that they would be _____!

THE SOLDIERS

Luke 23:36 The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar 37 and said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself." 38 There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

_____ me. We think you are a big _____!

The soldiers did the following:

1. _____ for His clothing.
2. _____ Him as He _____ on the cross.

3. Offered Him a "_____ drink" to taunt Him.

4. Asked Him to _____ that He was a King.

5. Placed a _____ which was to _____ Him.

THE UNREPENTANT CRIMINAL

Luke 23:39 One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"

_____ me. If you help me, I _____ follow you.

Even the non-religious knew who Jesus _____ to be and this criminal was pleading for _____ with his last breaths.

THE REPENTANT CRIMINAL

Luke 23:40 But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? 41 We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong." 42 Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." 43 Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

_____ me. I _____ that You are the Christ.

This thief had also been _____ Jesus. But at some point something _____.

Matt. 27: 44 In the same way the rebels who were crucified with him also heaped insults on him.

Please note that this thief had a better _____ of Who Jesus was than His disciples often _____. He was not asking for physical help but for spiritual _____.

1. He started with a "_____ of _____."
 2. He understood that Jesus was without _____.
 3. He believed that Jesus would _____ His Kingdom plan.
 4. He asked to be _____ in that Kingdom.
- And Jesus did _____ this criminal into His Kingdom!

OUR RESPONSE:

1. With which person/group do you most relate? (*Why me, Dear me, Show me, Gag me, Help me, Remember me*)
2. If a dying criminal can be accepted by Jesus, then there is a place for each of us! — (*This is the beginning of hope!*)