

# **Good Tidings of Great Joy**

*Studies in the Gospel of Luke*

## **The Death of the King**

**Luke 22:63-23:49**  
**Lesson 21**

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# Gospel of Luke – Outline

1. Prologue (1:1-4)
2. The Preparation for Jesus' Ministry (1:5-4:13)
3. The Ministry in Galilee (4:14-9:50)
4. The Judean/Perean Ministry (9:51-19:27)
5. The Ministry in Jerusalem (19:28-21:38)
6. The Consummation of His Work (22:1-24:53)

# The Consummation of His Work (22-24)

- ▶ Nisan 15, A.D. 30 – Friday
- ▶ Outline:
  - An explanation of the Cross (22:1-62)
  - The trial and execution (22:63-23:49)
  - Resurrection and revelation (23:50-24:53)
- ▶ Lesson 21: The Death of the King
  - The Cross in history
  - The Cross in the life of faith (1 Peter 2:23; 4:19)

# Blasphemy (22:63-65)

- ▶ Mocking and beating (Luke 22:52, 63, 66)
- ▶ Blasphemy - Speaking contemptuously of God or sacred things (Luke 23:39)
- ▶ Despised and rejected of men (Isaiah 53:3)

# The Sanhedrin Judgment (22:66-71)

- ▶ What standard to judge Jesus Christ?
- ▶ The wisdom of man (1 Corinthians 2:8)
- ▶ “If you are the Christ, tell us.”
- ▶ Jesus condemns:
  - You will not believe (Luke 7:19)
  - “If I ask, you will not answer.” (Luke 20:1-8)
- ▶ Psalm 110:1 – the Son of Man and the power of God
- ▶ Jesus is the Son of God
- ▶ Guilt exposed



# Pilate's Judgment (23:1-7)

## ▶ Accusations

- Misleading the nation
- Forbidding to pay taxes to Caesar (20:19-26)
- Saying He is *Messiah* a king

## ▶ Jesus claims to be King

- Eschatology in view by Christ
- Hebrews 12:2 – the joy set before Him

## ▶ Pilate's judgment – no guilt (23:4, 14, 15, 22)

## ▶ Pilate bails

## Herod's Judgment (23:8-12)

- ▶ Herod curious about Jesus (guilty?) Luke 9:7-9
- ▶ Herod wanted Jesus dead - Luke 13:31-33
- ▶ Jesus said nothing to Him
- ▶ Herod mocked Jesus – blasphemy
- ▶ Herod at peace without the Prince of Peace

# Pilate's Folly (23:13-25)

## ▶ The verdict:

- No evidence of inciting the people
- No crime worthy of death
- Compromise: punish and release

## ▶ Jews prefer an insurrectionist and a murderer – Barabbas

## ▶ The verdict again

- No crime worthy of death
- Compromise: punish and release

## ▶ Crucify Him

- Pilate grants crucifixion - required by the justice of God
- Pilate joins the Jews



# Why the intensity of opposition?

- ▶ They were of their father, the devil - John 8:34-47
  - Slaves of sin (34)
  - No place for the Word (37)
  - Their father the devil and not of God (44, 47) – 2 Corinthians 4:3-4
- ▶ Pilate - a partner in crime – “No man can serve two masters.” Luke 16:13
  - Delivered Him to the will of the Jews
  - Pilate’s will prevailed
  - The will of God prevails (Luke 22:22; Acts 2:23)

# The Crucifixion (23:26-49)

- ▶ Simon of Cyrene
- ▶ Mourning women
  - No need to lament the death of Christ, rather coming wrath
  - Hosea 10:8-15
  - Isaiah 2:19-22
  - The day of wrath is not full yet
- ▶ Crucified with 2 criminals suffering justly (23:41)

# The Seven Words on the Cross

## ▶ From 9 o'clock until noon:

- “Father, forgive them: for they do not know what they are doing.” (Luke 23:34)
- “I solemnly declare to you, Today you shall be with me in Paradise.” (Luke 23:43)
- “Woman, look, your son!... Look, your mother!” (John 19:27)

## ▶ The three hours of darkness: from noon until 3 o'clock; silence

## ▶ About 3 o'clock:

- “My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?” (Mark 15:34)
- “I am thirsty.” (John 19:28)
- “It is finished.” (John 19:30)
- “Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit.” (Luke 23:46)

# The Crucifixion (23:26-49)

- ▶ First word: “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing” (Luke 23:34)
- ▶ Divide His garments
  - Psalm 22:18 – Messianic Psalm
  - Changes after v. 18 to the expectation of Kingdom
- ▶ If this is the Christ of God . . .
- ▶ Sour wine – not same as Matthew 27:48
- ▶ If you are King of the Jews

# The King of the Jews

- ▶ Jesus went about preaching the Kingdom of God
- ▶ What is the Kingdom of God?
  - The rule of God now
  - The Millennial Kingdom
  - The new heaven and new earth
  - “Wherein dwells righteousness.” (2 Peter 3:13)
- ▶ No Cross, no Kingdom



“To the enlightened eye, there is found on the cross another inscription besides that which Pilate ordered to be written there: The Victim of guilt. The Wages of sin” (J. Brown).

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# The Crucifixion (23:26-49)

## ▶ The repentant criminal

- God commanded light to shine (2 Corinthians 4:6)
- Faith in a dying Savior!
- “Truly I say to you, today you shall be with me in Paradise” (Luke 23:43)

## ▶ Darkness x 3 hours

- The curse of God
- Veil of the temple torn – new access

## ▶ “Into Your hand I commend My spirit”

- Embracing the will of God (Luke 22:42)
- That God would not suffer His Holy One to see corruption (Psalm 16)
- Entrusted Himself to the Father (1 Peter 2:23-24)



# The Crucifixion (23:26-49)

- ▶ Centurion – confession of faith
- ▶ Crowds – sorrow and anxiety – fear
- ▶ His acquaintances – watching

# The Death of the King

- ▶ Christ died for our sins, according to the Scriptures
  - Must be accepted by faith
  - Permits God to be Just and the Justifier (Rom 3:25-26)
- ▶ Take up your cross
  - Entrust our souls “to a faithful Creator in doing what is right.”
  - For the joy set before us (Hebrews 12:2)