



The Words of Jesus Series

Trials, Crucifixion & Resurrection

Illegal Trials, Crucifixion, Burial & Resurrection

Context: Luke 22-24, Matthew 26-28, Mark 15-16, John 18-20

Lesson 1 – Illegal Trials (Luke 22:54-71)

Lesson 2 – On the Cross (Luke 23:26-49)

Lesson 3 – Resurrected Lord (Luke 24:1-12, 36-53)

Jesus is put on trial, but the proceedings are illegal. Jesus is condemned to the cross and endures much. Jesus rises from the dead and appears to many.

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*GOLGOTHA – The hill of redemption where Christ shed his blood for our sins. **Mt 27:33***

Suggested methodology for each lesson:

1. Fellowship (Save most of this for the end of class.)
2. Take prayer requests (Try to keep it from becoming a competition to see who has the most or the worst.)
3. Pray (The idea here is to leave our troubles with God so we can give His word our attention with a clear mind.)
4. Read the lesson's text aloud from the Bible. (... or a few verses at a time as you answer the questions.)
5. Answer and *briefly* discuss the "fill in the blank" questions. (Let those who prefer to listen, listen. My answers on the next page are just one opinion; you may have a better answer if it is based on Scripture.)
6. On the final "Think & Pray" question everyone should take a few minutes to pray over it and jot down their own thoughts before the discussion. **This will give the Holy Spirit a time to speak.**
7. Discuss your "Think & Pray" answers. (Never force anyone to share theirs. As with the other questions, my answer is just one more opinion; you may have a better answer.)
8. Close in prayer (It is best to call on others to pray, but try to get their permission ahead of time.)
9. Fellowship (Leave this as open ended as possible for the time and place you meet.)

Depending on the number of people, each lesson is expected to take about one hour. Steps 4 thru 7 are about half of that. If you take longer, let each lesson take more than one meeting, or consider breaking into two groups. If you take less time, extra questions are provided for discussion called "For Further Thought"

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Lesson 1 – Illegal Trials (Luke 22:54-71)

The arrest, interrogation and trials of Jesus were illegal. For instance once a charge was brought the charge could not be changed until a trial was held. Later they could bring different charges, of course, but it had to be later. Jesus' charges were changed between Matthew 26:65 and Matthew 27:11-14, from blasphemy to sedition and treason. Certainly false witnesses were not to be solicited as they were in Matthew 26:59. Following are some more illegal actions of the authorities:

Match these scriptures to the laws that were broken.

Luke 22:63-65 | Luke 22:66-67 | Luke 23:4 | Luke 23:14

- [1A] According to Jewish law charges were to be placed before an interrogation _____
- [1B] According to Jewish law prisoners were not to be punished until found guilty _____
- [1C] According to Roman law once found innocent a prisoner was to be released. _____
- [1D] According to Roman law a guilty verdict required sufficient evidence _____

Match these scriptures to the Jewish laws that were broken.

John 18:13 | John 18:19 | John 18:22

- [1E] Interrogation was only to be carried out by those in authority _____
- [1F] Prisoners were not to be physically punished during interrogation _____
- [1G] The High Priest was to be an impartial judge _____

Match these scriptures to the Jewish laws that were broken.

Matthew 26:57-58 | Matthew 26:65-66 | Matthew 25:66 | Matthew 27:15

- [1H] Interrogation was only to occur in the daytime _____
- [1I] Trials could not be held on a feast day _____
- [1J] Sanhedrin members were supposed to be polled for a verdict. _____
- [1K] There was supposed to be 24 hours between a verdict and sentence _____

Match these scriptures to the Jewish laws that were broken.

Mark 14:53 | Mark 14:56

- [1L] False witnesses were to be prosecuted, not solicited _____
- [1M] Sanhedrin trials could only take place in the temple _____
- [1N] Why does it matter that Jesus' trials were illegal?

Think & Pray _____

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[1N] If Jesus had actually been guilty of anything they could have had a legitimate trial. The illegal trials demonstrate that Jesus was innocent and that the authorities knew He was innocent even after extensive investigation. If He were guilty of anything His death would have been for His own sins, and we would have no way to avoid Hell.

For further thought:

(1o) In Luke 23:2 Jesus is accused of being in rebellion against Caesar by making Himself King instead of Caesar. Jesus answers this charge in John 18:33-38. Jesus did say He was King, but was He in rebellion against Caesar?

(1p) In Luke 23:2 Jesus is accused of sedition for telling people to not pay their Roman taxes. In Luke 20:19-26 we read what Jesus actually said about paying taxes. Was He guilty of sedition?

(1q) Thinking about John 19:11: We are under some authority. Who gave them authority over us? So what?

(1r) In Mark 14:62 Jesus says that He is the Christ. Even if it were not true, how could that be blasphemy?

(1s) According to Jewish Law:

- The accused should have someone to represent him
- There must be 3 days between the sentence and execution.
- Sanhedrin members were to fast a day between the sentence and execution
- If after fasting, Sanhedrin members had doubts, they was a new discussion

Can you find that any of these happened? (See Luke 22:54-71, Luke 23:1-25, Matthew 26:57-75, Matthew 27:11-26, Mark 14:53-72, Mark 15:1-15, John 18:12-40, John 19:1-15)

Lesson 2 – On the Cross (Luke 23:26-49)

Please read these scriptures and answer the associated questions:

[2A] Luke 23:33-38 What did Jesus pray? _____

[2B] Luke 23:39-43 Where did Jesus say the criminal would soon be? _____

[2C] John 19:25-27 Who did Jesus have take care of His mother? _____

[2D] John 19:28-29 What did Jesus have to drink? _____

[2E] Matthew 27:45-50 What did Jesus say? _____

[2F] Psalm 22:1 What are the first nine words? _____

[2G] Mark 15:33-34 What did Jesus say? _____

[2H] Luke 23:44-49 What did Jesus do a moment before He died? _____

[2I] John 19:30 What did Jesus say? _____

[2J] Psalm 22:31 What are the last four words? _____

[2I] How are we to understand what Jesus said in Matthew 27:45? Did God forsake Jesus?

Think & Pray _____

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While being crucified, Jesus prays to God the Father.. these amazing PERFECT words of love and compassion. **Luke 23:34**

Lesson 2 – On the Cross (Luke 23:26-49, Matthew 27:33-56, Mark 15:22-41, John 19:16-30)

- [2A] Luke 23:33-38 What did Jesus pray? Forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.
- [2B] Luke 23:39-43 Where did Jesus say the criminal would soon be? Paradise
- [2C] John 19:25-27 Who did Jesus have take care of His mother? The Apostle John See John 21:20-24
- [2D] John 19:28-29 What did Jesus have to drink? Sour wine Vinegar
- [2E] Matthew 27:45-50 What did Jesus say? "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?"
- [2F] Psalm 22:1 What are the first nine words? "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?"
- [2G] Mark 15:33-34 What did Jesus say? "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?"
- [2H] Luke 23:44-49 What did Jesus do a moment before He died? Spoke with a loud voice.
- [2I] John 19:30 What did Jesus say? "It is finished."
- [2J] Psalm 22:31 What are the last four words? "He has performed it."

[2I] Some say that God did forsake Jesus on the cross. They say that was part of the terrible punishment He had to endure for our sake. Maybe, but I don't think so. First of all, Jesus did not use the phrase "My God" to pray. He said, "Father" when He prayed. Second of all, He was quoting Psalm 22:1. They did not have chapter and verse references for the Scriptures at this time. They were not to be added to the Bible for over a thousand years. When they wanted to refer to a passage the common practice was to quote the first line or two. If it was a lengthy passage, they would quote the first part and the last part. Clearly He was referring to Psalm 22:1, but why? I think he was also referring to Psalm 22:31 when He said "It is finished," but that is not as certain. Either way, why mention Psalm 22 at all?

If you read Psalm 22 you will find many parallels, foreshadowing and prophecies of His death on the cross. He wanted us to know, that what happened to Him was exactly what the Father had planned, the Holy Spirit had said in Psalm 22, and Jesus was purposed to do.

For further thought:

- (2a) Compare Psalm 22:18 with Matthew 27:35, Mark 15:24 and John 19:24. How many other references to the crucifixion can you find in Psalm 22?
- (2b) In Luke 23:26-32 what is Jesus talking about? Does looking at Hosea 10:8 and Revelation 6:16 help?
- (2c) Luke 23:33-38 These were experienced soldiers who had executed many people before. What did Jesus mean by "they do not know what they are doing?"
- (2d) Thinking about Luke 23:46: People dying from crucifixion die slowly of suffocation. As death draws closer they can not speak at all, let alone loudly. If the crucifixion did not kill Jesus, what did?
- (2e) Thinking about Luke 23:47: How did the centurion know that Jesus was innocent?

Lesson 3 – Resurrected Lord (Luke 24:1-53)

Please read these scriptures and answer the associated questions:

[1A] John 20:1-10 What did they not understand from the Scripture?

[1B] John 20:11-16 When did she recognize Him? _____

[1C] John 20:17-18 Why did He tell her to quit clinging to Him? _____

[1D] Matthew 28:1-10 Where did Jesus tell the women to have them meet Him? _____

[1E] John 20:19 What did Jesus say?

[1F] Luke 24:36-40 What evidence did he offer to help them with their doubts?

[1G] Luke 24:41-43 What additional evidence did He offer them? _____

[1H] John 20:22 As He said, "Receive the Holy Spirit" what did He do? _____

[1I] John 20:23 What authority did Jesus give? _____

[1J] John 20:26-27 What evidence did He offer Thomas? _____

[1K] John 20:28-29 Who did Jesus bless? _____

[1L] Mark 16:14-18 What happens when hands are laid on the sick? _____

[1M] Matthew 28:16-20 Where are we to go to make disciples? _____

[1N] Compare John 20:23 with Matthew 7:2, Mark 11:25-26, Ephesians 4:32 and Colossians 3:13. How would it be possible for us to "retain the sins of any?"

Think & Pray _____

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**The First Annual Empty Tomb Dash
and John defeats Peter **John 20:1-4****

Lesson 3 – Resurrected Lord (Matthew 28:1-20, Mark 16:1-20, Luke 24:1-12, Luke 24:36-53, John 20:1-31)

[1A] John 20:1-10 What did they not understand from the Scripture?

That He must rise again from the dead Jn 20:9

[1B] John 20:11-16 When did she recognize Him? When He called her name Jn 20:16

[1C] John 20:17-18 Why did He tell her to quit clinging to Him? He had not yet ascended to the Father

[1D] Matthew 28:1-10 Where did Jesus tell the women to have them meet Him? Galilee Mt 28:10

[1E] John 20:19 What did Jesus say? "Peace be with you."

[1F] Luke 24:36-40 What evidence did he offer to help them with their doubts?

His hands and feet to touch

[1G] Luke 24:41-43 What additional evidence did He offer them? He ate food.

[1H] John 20:22 As He said, "Receive the Holy Spirit" what did He do? He breathed on them.

[1I] John 20:23 What authority did Jesus give? The authority to forgive or not forgive sins

[1J] John 20:26-27 What evidence did He offer Thomas? Touching his hands and side.

[1K] John 20:28-29 Who did Jesus bless? Those who did not see and yet believed

[1L] Mark 16:14-18 What happens when hands are laid on the sick? They will recover

[1M] Matthew 28:16-20 Where are we to go to make disciples? All nations

[1N] Without that authority Matthew 18:17-18 would be toothless. How could we influence our Christian brethren at all if our disapproval simply does not matter? 1 Corinthians 5:5 "I have decided to deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of his flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus." Where did Paul get the authority to do that if not from God?

For further thought:

(3o) What are you doing to carry out the commission given us in Matthew 28:16-20?

(3p) Do you believe that Jesus Christ was raised from the dead? How do you know?

(3q) Compare John 20:21 with Luke 24:44-49. What is the same? What is different?

(3r) Compare John 20:22 with Genesis 2:7. What did you learn?

(3s) Does Mark 16:14-18 tell us we must handle snakes and let them bite us to prove our faith? How about drinking poison?

(3t) What was Jesus talking about in 20:17-18? What did her clinging to Him have to do with ascending to the Father?

(3u) What did you learn in this course that you would like to remember?

(3v) If someone asked you what this course was about, what would you tell them?

(3w) What scripture from this course would be best to memorize? Why?