

## Luke 23 - Good Friday Bible Study

The night before chapter 23 Jesus was betrayed, deserted, denied & mocked; but He continued to stand for the truth & walk towards the horror of the cross

Intro Question - How do you often feel about injustice?

### Read Luke 23:1-25

1. How would you describe the charges that are being brought against Jesus? Which, if any, of these accusations is true? (See e.g. 20:20-25.)
2. What is Pilate's verdict (v4, 15, 22)? What is Herod's verdict (vv.14-15)?
3. What does Pilate do (vv.24-25)? Why, do you think?
4. What are the big contrasts between Barabbas and Jesus? How does the inclusion of Barabbas help to illustrate the gospel? (What did Barabbas face at the start of the day, & at the end of the day?)
5. How do we see the crowd's decision being made in our own lives, & in our society?

### Read 1 Peter 3:18; Colossians 2:21-22 & Revelation 1:5b.

6. How are we like Barabbas?

### Read Luke 23:26-46

7. How do the two criminals crucified with Jesus respond to Him? (v39, 40-42)
8. What is so remarkable about Jesus' words in v43?
9. In what sense are the words "with me" the most exciting part of this promise?
10. What does the darkness in the middle of the day (vv.44-45) signify?
11. What 2 things happen in the darkness?(v45, 46)
12. Explain in your own words what Jesus' death achieved, using the events of vv.44-46? (3)
13. How did the centurion (gentile executioner) react to all that he saw concerning Jesus? What is your response? How does this reveal itself in your life?
14. How will Christians view death? Why?