

The Death and Resurrection
of
Jesus Christ

LUKE 22-24



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WEEK 1 INTRODUCTION

GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER [20-30 MINUTES]

- Share the basic self-intros and maybe highs and lows from the past week.
- Does your family celebrate Easter? How? (This study will focus on the events of Easter).

TALK ABOUT BIBLE STUDY [10 MINUTES]

- What has been your experience with Bible study or reading Scripture with others?
- Plan on an hour of prep on your own during the week. Start building a life-long habit of time with the Lord! You might like doing your whole hour prep at once, or you might like splitting it into 2 or 3 shorter times. Experiment and see what works.

READ LUKE 22-24 AND DISCUSS [30 MINUTES]

- Read out loud through Luke 22-24 and then discuss:
- What might some of your friends find strange or offensive in this passage?
- What stood out to you?
- What do you like about this passage so far?

PRAY TOGETHER [20-30 MINUTES]

- Starting with the Bible study leader, share a 1 minute prayer request about an area where you need God's help. Each person share a request.
- Pray for each other and also pray about what you read in Luke 22-24.

LOOK AHEAD [5 MIN]

- Look ahead at next week's study to know what to prepare on your own during the week. You will be reading Luke 22-24 a few times, as well as writing out your thoughts on the questions given.

WEEK 2 FIRST READINGS OF LUKE 22-24

PREP: READ THROUGH LUKE 22-24 SEVERAL TIMES.

- Read the article WHY WE SHOULD READ MORE THAN ONE TRANSLATION on the next page.
- This week, read Luke 22-24 at least 3 times. Make sure you read it in a few different versions.
- Read it on different days, different times and places. Try outside, walking, in your room, etc.
- Write down your observation and questions.

Chapter 22

Chapter 23

Chapter 24

DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- How did reading this passage in different locations or at different times impact you?
- What did you learn in the article WHY WE SHOULD READ MORE THAN ONE TRANSLATION.
- What is this passage about? That is, what are some of the events and themes?
- What is God saying to you?

WHY WE SHOULD READ MORE THAN ONE TRANSLATION

EVERY ENGLISH VERSION IS A TRANSLATION.

The books of the Bible were originally written in Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek. Every English version we have today is ultimately based on ancient copies of the writings in these languages.

TRANSLATION PHILOSOPHIES FLAVOR THE WORDING. AND THIS CAN'T BE HELPED.

Each version is based on a translation philosophy. For example, some translations place a higher value on word-for-word literalness than on the naturalness of the English. This is why the more literal versions are harder to read out loud, because we stumble over the unexpected word combinations. Other versions reword verses to remove words like “he” or “man,” out of a desire to produce a less gendered Bible. Some versions prioritize the impact of the wording on English-speaking readers, trying to help us experience God’s word as the original readers may have done. And of course there are many other aspects of translation philosophy. Not surprisingly, all these different values result in subtle and sometimes drastic differences between the versions. Translation is a fascinating and very difficult endeavor. See this helpful [chart](http://www.thenivbible.com/bible-translation-chart/) (www.thenivbible.com/bible-translation-chart/).

If God’s Word is like water, then the translation we read from is the plastic cup. It’s only when we switch cups that we realize that what we thought was the flavor of the water was really coming partly from the cup.

READ FROM MULTIPLE TRANSLATIONS TO BEST UNDERSTAND SCRIPTURE.

Therefore, we should often read across the translation spectrum to get a better grasp on the meaning and impact of God’s word. You can read from lots of versions on bible.com. One suggestion, though. Even though it is a very popular version, I never recommend The Message as anyone’s main Bible for reading or studying. On the whole, it is simply too loose with the text, at times leaving out or putting in words in order to maximize readability and impact. Often Peterson’s paraphrase brings in strong nuances that are simply not there in the more accurate versions or in the original languages. There are much better versions available that are extremely readable but still very accurate (shoutout to the NLT).

So, to better understand God’s Word, try reading a version from the highly literal side of the spectrum (like the NASB or ESV). Then, read a version from the high-readability side (like the NLT). And, of course the mediating versions are also great (like the NIV).

WEEK 3 THE PEOPLE OF LUKE 22-24

PREP: READ THROUGH LUKE 22-24, LOOKING FOR THE PEOPLE.

- Write down the names of each person or group of people who shows up in these chapters. Be sure to include Jesus and also Satan.
- Map out the people on a sheet of paper. You might consider these kinds of questions: What does each person do or say? How do they treat other people?

DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Whose actions surprised you? How?
- Do you think peer pressure influenced anyone?
- Choose one person or group of people in Luke 22-24. What can you learn about them by their choices? Do you ever make similar choices? Talk about that.
- What is God saying to you?

WEEK 4 PASSOVER AND EXODUS IN LUKE 22-24

PREP: LEARN ABOUT THE EXODUS AND PASSOVER

Read Luke 9:28-36.

Notice how Moses and Elijah talk with Jesus about his departure (literally, his exodus), which he was to accomplish at Jerusalem (v. 31). So, God clearly wants us to understand Jesus' death as a fulfillment of the Passover and Exodus stories from the book of Exodus.

Read Luke 22:1-2.

Notice how Jesus' death took place during the celebration of the Passover. This was no accident. God was lining up Jesus' death with Passover weekend, because Jesus' death was what the Passover symbolized.

Read Exodus 11-14.

Record your observations about the Exodus and the Passover. Remember that the word "exodus" means departure from somewhere. What and where was God saving Israel from? What was the Passover meal that they were to celebrate?

Read Luke 22:7-23.

What does Jesus mean by saying that the Passover is about him? What are some implications of seeing Jesus' death as The Passover. How does Jesus' death and resurrection become our Exodus? From where or what is Jesus leading us out, helping us to depart from?

DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Have someone summarize the Exodus story. Do others agree with that summary, or want to adjust it at all?
- Why was the Exodus story one that Israel kept looking back to throughout their whole history?
- How does the Passover meal in the book of Exodus point to Christ's death?
- What is God saying to you?

WEEK 5 JESUS' EXPERIENCE IN LUKE 22-24

PREP: JESUS' EXPERIENCE

- This week, your prep is to focus on Jesus' experience of these events. Ask God to help you experience Jesus as he goes through his suffering, rejection, death and resurrection.
- Read Luke 22-24 slowly and thoughtfully.
- Make notes on Jesus' experience as you walk through the chapters.

Chapter 22

Chapter 23

Chapter 24

DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Which scene in chapters 22-24 struck you most forcefully, as you considered Jesus' experience of it? How so?
- Choose a scene from these chapters to read together and discuss. What was this like for Jesus? How does Jesus impact you in this passage?
- What is God saying to you?

WEEK 6 PRIDE, HUMILITY AND SUBMISSION IN LUKE 22-24

PREP:

- Read slowly through these chapters again (Luke 22-24). This time, look for the themes of pride, humility and submission. Make notes on what you see in these chapters.

DISCUSSION STARTERS (PICK AND CHOOSE):

- Why do you think pride, self-justification, and even self-righteousness are so common among people? How have you seen these in your life?
- Look at 22:24-30. What do you think about Jesus' response to the disciples' pride?
- Look at 22:39-46. What is the connection between humility and submission to God?
- Consider this phrase from 23:26, "they led him away." How could Almighty God let himself be "led away" to be killed? What was going on? What do you think was motivating Jesus to let this happen?
- What is God saying to you?

WEEK 8 CONFRONTED AND COMFORTED BY LUKE 22-24

PREP:

- Ask God to confront you as you read through these chapters. Maybe to reveal things about yourself that are uncomfortable. Perhaps to expose misunderstandings or frustrations with God even. Don't force it, but just be open to God's loving confrontation.
- Also, ask God to comfort you. To give you confidence, reassurance, and peace. Jesus' death and resurrection is our hope of all good things from God. How is God comforting you through this passage?

DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- How has God been confronting you through this passage?
- How is God comforting you through this passage?
- What is God saying to you?

WEEK 9 THIS GOSPEL IS FOR ALL NATIONS!

PREP:

- Read Luke 2:22-32. Notice how in verse 32, Jesus is to be a “light for revelation to the Gentiles.”
- Read Luke 24. Notice especially vv. 44-49. Jesus says that “repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all the nations.” What does he mean? In Jesus’ mind, was his death and resurrection in Jerusalem only for the Jews or for all people?
- Write down 10 implications of Jesus’ statement in Luke 24:46-47. (Here’s what I mean by an implication of a statement. If the statement is, “Tomorrow there is a 95% chance of heavy snow,” then some implications could be that a town parade may be canceled, that I should wear a jacket tomorrow when I go to campus, and that today might be a good time to buy a sled at Walmart.)

DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- You’ve heard people say things like this: “There are many paths to God.” “All religions are the same.” “As long as you are a good person, you’ll go to heaven.” How might Jesus respond to these kinds of statements? How would you support your thoughts from Luke 22-24 or other places in Scripture?
- Have you ever considered your responsibility to share the gospel with other people?
- What is God saying to you?

WEEK 10 A PRAYER PILGRIMAGE THROUGH LUKE 22-24

PREP:

- This week, the prep is not to do a study, but to make a pilgrimage.
- Here's what your pilgrimage can look like. It'll be a prayer walk outside. You can go to a park, or just walk on campus.

You should do the actual pilgrimage part by yourself, so that you can focus on the Lord and listen to him. But, you and a friend can meet up to start together, then do each of your pilgrimages by yourself, and then meet up at the end to share how it went.

Here's the idea. Start at your first location somewhere outdoors. Take a few minutes to be quiet. Maybe close your eyes and just present yourself to God in prayer. Then, read the first section of Luke 22-24. To make it easy, use each heading in your Bible to mark off the sections. So, in my Bible, the first section would be just Luke 22:1-2. After you read it, take a minute or two to be quiet. Let what you read echo in your heart. Then, pray for a minute or two. Next, walk to another spot a few minutes away. Read the next section of the passage. Again, spend a few minutes being quiet and then pray. Walk to your next spot and continue. The pattern is walk, then read, be still, pray. Walk, then read, be still, pray.

Your pilgrimage will probably take an hour or bit longer, depending on your pace of quietness and prayer. Enjoy walking with Jesus through his Passover, suffering, death and resurrection.

DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- How was your pilgrimage? Was it uncomfortable at any point? What were highlights for you?
- How has your experience of Christ through Luke 22-24 impacted you during these weeks of this study?
- What is God saying to you?