

Jesus' Passion and Resurrection (2)
Luke 22:66–23:56

Memory Verse: *"Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise"* (Lk. 23:43 ESV).

Background Helps:

We continue Luke's narrative of our Lord's sufferings. This week we cover 1) the Jewish trial: Luke gives a brief account of the formal verdict given after daybreak (21:66-71); 2) the Roman trial in three parts: hearings before Pilate, Herod, and Pilate again (22:1-25); 3) the crucifixion (22:26-49); and 4) the burial (22:50-56). Again, notice the unique features of Luke's account:

- The hearing before the Jewish Sanhedrin at daybreak (22:66-71)
- The hearing before Herod (23:6-12)
- Jesus' words to the women on the way to the cross (23:27-31)
- Jesus' prayer for his enemies (23:34)
- The salvation of the penitent thief (23:39-43)
- Jesus' prayer of committal (23:46)

Lesson Helps:

Once again, here are several alternative lesson plans, paralleling last week's suggestions:

1. Focus your lesson on some of the unique features of Luke's account of Jesus' sufferings in order to bring out his special portrayal of Jesus Christ. Be sure to have a written aim, including application: ". . . so that . . ." etc.
2. Focus your lesson on the attitude of others toward Christ, for example, the Jewish council, Pilate, Herod, the people, the two thieves, the Roman centurion, the women, and Joseph of Arimathea. Challenge your class: "Which is your attitude or response to Jesus Christ?"
3. After briefly surveying the whole chapter, focus on one of the key events, such as the story of the penitent thief (23:39-43). Lead any unbelievers in your class to pray, as the thief did, in order that they too may receive a place with Christ in heaven.

Using your map of Jerusalem (#6), continue to trace the steps of Jesus from the Sanhedrin, to Pilate, to Herod, back to Pilate, to the cross, and to the tomb.

If ever you are to invite your students to personal faith in Christ, shouldn't this be the week? Make sure they understand why Jesus died on the cross. Lead them to say, from the heart, the simple prayer of faith of the penitent thief: "Lord Jesus, remember me."

Home Assignment:



Read Luke 24.



Memorize Luke 24:5.