



## **“He Was Crucified, Died and Was Buried”**

Life Group Study, Week of May 9, 2021

### **Memorize**

*But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.*

*Isaiah 53:5-6*

### **Open.**

Why do you think Christians wear the cross as jewelry, or have it tattooed on their bodies, or display it on the walls of their homes, given that it is an instrument of the most extremely cruel execution? Why would people who don't actually believe in Jesus do the same?

### **Study.**

If you happened to hear Pastor Jim's message on Sunday, what stood out to you? What questions do you have?

Read Matthew 26:36-46. What change occurs in Jesus' demeanor (verses 37-38)? In what sense can we say that the passion, or suffering, of Christ, began in the garden?

Read Mark 14:53-65. How would you characterize Jesus' "trial" up to verse 59?

What was it about Jesus' answer to the direct question of the high priest (verses 60-62) that gave the Jews what they needed to sentence him to death? Read Exodus 3:13-15 and Daniel 7:13-14.

Why do you think it might be that, in contrast with Mel Gibson's movie, "The Passion of the Christ," the writers of the Gospels and Epistles describe the multiple acts of violence against Jesus, but don't go into vivid, gory detail?

Pontius Pilate had earned a reputation for executing prisoners without proper trial. What reasons might he have had for trying four different ways to release Jesus before finally sending him to be scourged and crucified?

Read Psalm 22 and Isaiah 53. How is it that 900 and 700 years (respectively) before the birth of Christ, these men saw vividly many of the physical details of Jesus' crucifixion, death, burial and resurrection—even words he spoke from the cross—and their meaning?

Read Isaiah 53:10 and Acts 2:23. Is it accurate to say that "God killed Jesus," when it seems that there is plenty of blame to go around? Why or why not?

What do each of the following say about the purpose of the cross?

- 1 John 4:10
- Psalm 103:11-12
- Romans 5:10-11
- Ephesians 1:7; Mark 10:45
- Isaiah 53:10-12

Read Matthew 27:57-61; Mark 15:42-47; Luke 23:50-56; John 19:38-42. What do these verses tell us about the death and burial of Jesus? What do they teach us about this man, Joseph of Arimathea? What does it mean to be a "secret disciple"? What brought Joseph out from behind his veil of secrecy?

What additional questions do you have?