

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Why did Jesus speak specifically to the women?
2. Do the remarks the people made while Jesus was hanging on the cross indicate that they partly believed He was the Son of God?
3. What two types of believers are demonstrated by the two malefactors?
4. Which prophesies were fulfilled in this lesson text?
5. What symbolic events took place in this lesson text?

SUMMARY:

We can never understand the depth of compassion our Savior had in this hour of great trial and temptation which must have overwhelmed Him. He could only be concerned about the welfare of those about Him. He had compassion for the daughters of Jerusalem who loved Him because He knew what was to befall them in the days to come. He had compassion and prayed for the angry mob that nailed Him to the cross. He had compassion, and forgave the sinner who looked on Him and confessed Him to be the Son of God.

This same compassion is still shed abroad and will continue to be until the door of grace is closed. [\[SoF:6\]](#)

NOTES:

[\[SoF:6\]](#) We believe that all are sinners and lost, awaiting the judgment of God, but God is not willing that any should be lost. [\[SoF:7\]](#) We believe that sinners may have salvation by repentance toward God and faith in Jesus Christ.

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #12

March 25, 2018

First Quarter

BEHOLDING THE SAVIOR

LESSON TEXT: *Luke 23:26-49*

LESSON SETTING: Jerusalem and Calvary

TIME: Approximately 33 A.D.

- I. THE SAVIOR FORETELLS JUDGMENT.** Luke 23:26-31
 - A. Directed to the Women (vs. 28)
 - B. Sorrow in Childbearing (vs. 29) Luke 21:20-24
- II. THE SAVIOR SUFFERS FOR SINNERS.** Luke 23:32-38
 - A. Crucified on the Cross (vs. 33)
 - B. Prays for Sinners (vs. 34) Isaiah 53:12
 - C. Mocked and Derided (vs. 35-38) Matthew 13:55; Mark 15:29-30
- III. THE SAVIOR FORGIVES A SINNER.** [\[SoF:7\]](#) Luke 23:39-43
 - A. Sinner Feared God (vs. 40) Luke 18:13
 - B. Acknowledged His Son (vs. 40-41)
 - C. Confessed Jesus as Lord (vs. 42)
- IV. THE SAVIOR DIES FOR SINNERS.** [\[SoF:6\]](#) Luke 23:44-49
 - A. Darkness Upon the Earth (vs. 44)
 - B. Veil of Temple Rent in Two (vs. 45) Ephesians 2:14-18
 - C. Commends His Spirit to the Father (vs. 46)

GOLDEN TEXT: LOOK UNTO ME, AND BE YE SAVED, ALL THE ENDS OF THE EARTH.
Isaiah 45:22

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: Luke 23:50-56 24:1-12

SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: Psalm 16:1-11;
Matthew 27:57-61; 28:1-10;
Mark 15:42-47; 16:1-11;
John 19:38-42; 20:1-16

QUARTERLY THEME: Christ, the Son of Man

TOPIC: HE LIVES—FOREVERMORE!

INTRODUCTION:

Anyone can make noises or actions and call them acts of worship. Over the ages, many foolish and even cruel things have been done in the name of some god. The important portion of worship is not empty words or useless action, but the response to worship from a living God. It must have been a wonderful thrill to Gideon to have God cause the fleece to be dry when the ground around was wet, and wet when it was dry. It must have been a thrill when the sea opened for the children of Israel. All the times that the living God answered or responded to the cries of His people should have brought about a determination to serve Him and to allow Him to shape their lives.

The greatest thrill, however, is in the realization that God responded to the sacrifice of Jesus Christ—nailed to a cruel cross by men who did not know what they were really doing. This was even more wonderful than to have seen the fire from God come down from heaven to consume the bullocks, and the wood, and the stones, and the water and the very dust around the altar Elijah prepared to prove the existence of God. Jesus Christ became the firstfruits of the Resurrection, the first to enter the presence of the Father. And as His sacrifice is for all who would come unto Him in repentance, the victory has already been won. It remains only for sinful man to recognize how he stands and to claim the promise and the sacrifice so freely and lovingly given.

The women at the tomb did not understand fully what had transpired. It was later, no doubt—as they thought about these things—that they came to realize what was theirs as a result of His life and death.

CENTRAL TRUTH: Christ is not dead; He is alive.

GOLDEN TEXT: . . . WHY SEEK YE THE LIVING AMONG THE DEAD?

Luke 24:5

These words were spoken to the women who came to the tomb to perform acts of love on the body of the man Jesus whom they had come to love. The words spoken to them by messengers of God reflected the work that He had done through His Son, the Christ. Why seek ye the living among the dead? This natural death was no longer natural. God in His wisdom recognized the sacrifice of His Son for sinful man and had caused Him to be resurrected, the living Son at the right hand of the living God, His Father. They might just as well have been said to men today as they seek eternal life in the dead acts that seem right to man. Man seeking to do his best, man comparing himself with his fellow man, man creating with his own hands objects of worship: these are all dead acts. Just as the words of our text indicate that among the dead is the wrong place to find the living Savior, so it is impossible to find eternal life among dead acts. To be reconciled with God, man must recognize his lack and cry out to the living God and claim the sacrifice of the body of Christ.

Man continues to seek after the things that are not eternal to spend of his means and of his very self for that which is dead. Is it any wonder that Jesus said, “Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall He find faith on the earth?”

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF March 26 – April 1

- M. *The Disciples Bury Jesus' Body. Luke 23:50-56
- T. *The Angelic Announcement. Luke 24:1-12
- W. Matthew's Story of the Resurrection. Matthew 28:1-10
- T. The Women Appear at the Tomb. Mark 16:1-8
- F. Christ Explains His Resurrection. Luke 24:36-53
- S. Christ Calls to Loving Service. John 21:1-17
- S. Proofs of the Resurrection. 1 Corinthians 15:1-20

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