

FULL ATONEMENT MADE



LUKE 23:26-56

LAST WEEK RECAP ...

Last week:

I. Jesus Before a Perplexed Pilate (1-7)

The Leaders united front against Jesus (1-2)

Pilate's investigation of the leaders' claims (3)

Christ communicates the uniqueness of His kingship and kingdom

1) His Kingdom

"not of this world": the inhabited world which is influenced by and dominated by the Spirit of the age

"not of this realm": lit: "not from here"the physical world

2) His mission: " to testify to the truth"

3) His Followers: "Hear My (Christ') voice"

The word "hear" has 2 parts to its meaning:

1) Speaks of the ability to hear: spiritually

2) Infers response to what is heard: obedience

II. Ridicule at the hands of The Fox (8-12)

III. Jesus' condemnation and authority (13-25)

A declaration of innocence (13-15)

Pilate's compromise and proposal (16-17)

An Unrelenting Demand for Blood (18-23)

A Cowardly Concession (24-25)

THEME

- *In Christ, the full fullness of God's wrath was satisfied for all who believe*

I. The Agonizing Path To The Cross (26-32)

A Providential Passerby (26)

- Cyrene was a city in what is today Libya
- According to first century Jewish historian Josephus, there was a large Jewish population in Cyrene
- This man, Simon was one of those many who had traveled into Jerusalem for Passover
- At some point this man came to embrace Jesus Christ as the Messiah
- In Acts 11:20, we learn that the church in Cyrene was a strong, growing, and sending church...Simon was more than likely served in that church
- But it is also apparent that Simon's faith influenced on his family
- In Romans 16:13 we see his wife (Rufus' mother) was like a mother to Paul
- His Son Rufus was referred to by Paul as a "Choice Servant" indicating both his giftedness and faithfulness in ministry

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A Judgment Worth Tears (27-31)

“The Crowd”

The Mourning Women

Two Hardened Criminals on the same path

I. The Commentary at the Cross (33-49)

- **The Compassionate Crucified (33)**

1) He is praying for those who are crucifying Him

2) He is praying for those who would believe in Him

- **Insolent Insults (35-39)**

- **A Merciful Salvation (40-43)**

- **The Finished Work (44-46)**

1) Darkness

God arrived in the blackness at Calvary that day to unleash judgment, not in an eschatological sense against the ungodly, but in a soteriological sense against His Son... The darkness was not caused by the absence of God, but rather by His presence in full judgment, vengeance, and fury. Infinite wrath moved by infinite righteousness released infinite punishment on the Son. (MacArthur)

2) The veil in the Temple was torn

3) Earthquake

4) The dead were raised

5) Christ gave up His life

I. A Clear Understanding of Calvary (47-49)

Luke records 3 responses to the events at Calvary:

True Belief (47)

- Matthew tells us this was not only the centurion but also the soldiers under him
- These men, quickened to repentance by the Holy Spirit, become the first converts of Jesus just a few minutes after His passing

Conviction (48)

- The beating of the chest was a picture of grief, guilt, and fear

Sorrow (49)

- Jesus follower scared and confused

IV. Buried in a rich man's tomb (50-56)

- Joseph was a member of the Sanhedrin
- Who at some point had come to believe in Jesus as the Messiah
- And had stood against His own people and peers in not condemning Jesus
- Although a secret follower at first
- His confrontation against His peers' decision to condemn Jesus and his request to Pilate for Jesus' body were clear, public affirmations of his faith
- So in God's providence, Jesus' body is laid in this man's tomb
- Joseph, joined by the women, and Nicodemus prepared Jesus' body for burial
- And so in God's sovereignty, prophecy was fulfilled

“His grave was assigned with wicked men, yet He was with a rich man in His death” (Is 53:9).

Conclusion

Our Response to Christ ...

Love Christ

Serve and obey Christ

John 14:21 (NASB95) — 21 “He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will disclose Myself to him.”

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