



The Trials of Jesus  
Luke 22:66-23:25

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## What will we learn?

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- ❖ The wisdom of Jesus is not from the left or the right, but from above.
- ❖ The power of the gospel does not come from control, but from sacrifice.
- ❖ At the cross, we exchange our unrighteousness for the righteousness of Jesus.

# Implications of the Last Supper:

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- ❖ The death of Jesus is the center of history.
- ❖ The death and resurrection of Jesus is the foundation of a new kind of community.
- ❖ The death of Jesus explains the mystery of the Jewish sacrificial system.
- ❖ You must respond to Jesus individually.



## Rejection of Jesus:

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- ❖ Judas betrayed him.
- ❖ Peter denied him.
- ❖ Disciples fled.
- ❖ Guards mocked him.
- ❖ God the Father abandoned him.

# Garden of Gethsemane

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- ❖ The sins of Judas and Peter are not uncommon.
- ❖ The big difference between Judas and Peter is Peter's repentance.
- ❖ Jesus was abandoned by all so we can be accepted by God.

## Luke 22:66-67

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At daybreak the council of the elders of the people, both the chief priests and the teachers of the law, met together, and Jesus was led before them. “If you are the Messiah,” they said, “tell us.”

## Luke 22:67-69

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Jesus answered, "If I tell you, you will not believe me, and if I asked you, you would not answer. But from now on, the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the mighty God."

## Luke 22:70-71

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They all asked, "Are you then the Son of God?"  
He replied, "You say that I am." Then they  
said, "Why do we need any more testimony?  
We have heard it from his own lips."



## Luke 22:70

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- ❖ NASB – “Yes, I am”
- ❖ NKJV – “You *rightly* say that I am”
- ❖ NET – “you say that I am”
- ❖ NJB, REB – “it is you who say I am”
- ❖ NIV – “you are *right* in saying I am”



James Moffatt:

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“That is your word, not mine, I would not put it like that, but since you have, I cannot deny it.”

## Luke 23:1-2

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Then the whole assembly rose and led him off to Pilate. And they began to accuse him, saying, "We have found this man subverting our nation. He opposes payment of taxes to Caesar and claims to be Messiah, a king."



## Luke 23:3

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So Pilate asked Jesus, "Are you the king of the Jews?" "You have said so," Jesus replied.

## Luke 23:4-5

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Then Pilate announced to the chief priests and the crowd, "I find no basis for a charge against this man." But they insisted, "He stirs up the people all over Judea by his teaching. He started in Galilee and has come all the way here."

## Luke 23:6-7

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On hearing this, Pilate asked if the man was a Galilean. When he learned that Jesus was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem at that time.



## Luke 23:8

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When Herod saw Jesus, he was greatly pleased, because for a long time he had been wanting to see him. From what he had heard about him, he hoped to see him perform a sign of some sort.



## Luke 23:9-10

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He plied him with many questions, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the teachers of the law were standing there, vehemently accusing him.





## Isaiah 53:7

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He was oppressed and afflicted,  
yet he did not open his mouth;  
he was led like a lamb to the slaughter,  
and as a sheep before its shearers is silent,  
so he did not open his mouth.

## Luke 23:11-12

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Then Herod and his soldiers ridiculed and mocked him. Dressing him in an elegant robe, they sent him back to Pilate. That day Herod and Pilate became friends — before this they had been enemies.

## Luke 23:13-14

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Pilate called together the chief priests, the rulers and the people, and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was inciting the people to rebellion. I have examined him in your presence and have found no basis for your charges against him."



## Luke 23:15-16

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“Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us; as you can see, he has done nothing to deserve death. Therefore, I will punish him and then release him.”



## Luke 23:18-19

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But the whole crowd shouted, “Away with this man! Release Barabbas to us!” (Barabbas had been thrown into prison for an insurrection in the city, and for murder.)



## Luke 23:20-21

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Wanting to release Jesus, Pilate appealed to them again. But they kept shouting, “Crucify him! Crucify him!”

## Luke 23:22

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For the third time he spoke to them: “Why? What crime has this man committed? I have found in him no grounds for the death penalty. Therefore I will have him punished and then release him.”

## Luke 23:23-25

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But with loud shouts they insistently demanded that he be crucified, and their shouts prevailed. So Pilate decided to grant their demand. He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, the one they asked for, and surrendered Jesus to their will.



# Israel's political "parties"

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- ❖ Pharisees
- ❖ Sadducees
- ❖ Zealots
- ❖ Essenes

## Luke 24:20-21

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[Cleopas, speaking to an unrecognized Jesus on the road to Emmaus]: “The Chief Priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel.”

## Tom Skinner:

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“The thing you must recognize is that Jesus Christ is no more a capitalist than he is a socialist or a communist. He is no more a Democrat than he is a Republican. He is no more the president of the New York Stock Exchange than he is the head of the Socialist Party.



## Tom Skinner:

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“He is neither of that. He is the Lord of heaven and earth. And if you are going to respond to Jesus Christ, you must respond to him as Lord.”

## Philippians 2:5-6

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In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:  
Who, being in very nature God,  
did not consider equality with God  
something to be used to his own advantage;

## Philippians 2:7-8

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rather, he made himself nothing  
by taking the very nature of a servant,  
being made in human likeness.  
And being found in appearance as a man,  
he humbled himself  
by becoming obedient to death —  
even death on a cross!



## John 12:32

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[Jesus]: “And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.”



## Colossians 2:15

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And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.



## Matthew 27:42

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[The chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders]: “He saved others,” they said, “but he can’t save himself! He’s the king of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him.”



# Napoleon Bonaparte

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“I built a kingdom on force, and it has melted away. Jesus built a kingdom on love, it stands still, and it will stand.”



## Three political leaders:

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- ❖ Pilate
- ❖ Herod
- ❖ Jesus Barabbas = Son of the Father

## Double imputation:

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- ❖ The sin of humanity was placed upon Jesus.
- ❖ The righteousness of Jesus is given to believers.



## 2 Corinthians 5:21

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God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.



## Tom Skinner:

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“On that cross Christ was bearing in his own body my sin, and he was proclaiming my liberation on that cross. And on that cross he shed his blood to cleanse me of all my sin, to set me free.

## Tom Skinner:

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“They took and buried him, rolled a stone over his grave, wiped their hands and said, ‘That is one radical who will never disturb us again. We have gotten rid of him. We will never hear any more of his words of revolution.’”

## What have we learned?

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# Are you being called?

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- ❖ To receive Christ
- ❖ To become a member of Melbourne Community Church
- ❖ To pray / to receive prayer
- ❖ To affirm or reaffirm a commitment
- ❖ To receive the LORD's Supper