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Understanding The Day
That Changed Everything



PART 2: THE HUMAN STORY

Introduction – A Sign Of The Times

Why Did Jesus Die?

- *His Intended Mission...*

Luke 9:51; Luke 13:33; Mark 10:45; Luke 19:28-40

KEY TRUTH #1: *If you seek, you will _____.*

- *Religious Paranoia...*

Luke 19:45-20:8

KEY TRUTH #2: *The cross is the enemy of _____.*

- *Political Protectionism...*

Luke 23:1-25, 27

KEY TRUTH #3: *Always stand for what is _____.*

Conclusion – One Man's Story

Mark 15:39

HOME CHURCH QUESTIONS

WARMING UP...

1. After reviewing this week's teaching, share one new thing you learned or one thing that most perplexed, challenged, or encouraged you.

LOOK TO THE BOOK...

2. Read **Jeremiah 19**, about God's prophecy of judgment over Jerusalem. a) Obviously God likes to speak to us through action and symbol. How is this similar to our baptism? b) In what ways is this warning of judgment from God similar to Jesus turning the tables in the Temple in Jerusalem? c) What tool or methodology does God promise here to use for Jerusalem's judgment? How does that compare to what happened to Jerusalem in 70 C.E.? d) To what extent do you think the destruction of the Temple by the Romans that Jesus prophesied may have really been *God's* doing, rather than just another historical event? Why would that make sense? (Use Scripture to inform your opinions.)
3. Dive into **Isaiah 52:13-53:12**. a) What is your favourite verse from this passage? Why? b) Some people suggest that the suffering servant of this passage is really just a metaphor for Israel herself and the suffering she must endure as a nation. What verses in this passage suggest different? c) The concept of one person dying for another is understandable, but what makes it possible for this one Servant spoken about in this passage to die for the sins of everyone else?
4. Read **Zechariah 9:9 & Daniel 7:13-14**. a) How did Jesus intentionally bring images of the **Zechariah** passage to mind in people when they would be thinking of him? b) Who (what title) is the person being described in this **Zechariah** passage? What does that say about who Jesus thought he was? c) What character traits are revealed about a King who rides a donkey instead of a horse? How does that describe Jesus and his kingdom? d) Brainstorm the parallels between Jesus and the "Son of Man" figure of **Daniel 7**. From a Jewish perspective, what was Jesus saying about himself when he would call himself "the Son of Man"?

SO WHAT?...

5. On a scale of 1-10, how convincing do you think the evidence is for the historical Jesus of Nazareth being the Messiah of the Jews and therefore the Saviour of the world? If someone were to study your day-to-day life, how well would they find it reflects your conviction? Pray for each other's growth.

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