

Created After the Image of God

Lesson 8 – The Death and Burial of Jesus Christ

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“... and to put on the new self, **created to be like God** in true righteousness and holiness” (Ephesians 4:24)

“... and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge **in the image of its Creator**” (Colossians 3:10)

1. Nobody took His life but He gave Himself as a sacrifice for our sins
 - a. “The reason my Father loves me is that **I lay down my life**—only to take it up again. **No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord.**” (John 10:17-18)
 - i. Many times people tried to kill Him: “the people were trying to kill him” (Luke 19:47), “For this reason they tried all the more to kill him” (John 5:18), “the Jewish leaders there were looking for a way to kill him” (John 7:1), “Why are you trying to kill me? ... At this they tried to seize him, but no one laid a hand on him, because his hour had not yet come” (John 7:19, 30), “Yet you are looking for a way to kill me” (John 8:37), “they picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus hid himself” (John 8:59), “Again his Jewish opponents picked up stones to stone him ... they tried to seize him, but he escaped their grasp” (John 10:31, 29)
 - ii. If they had taken His life against His will, it wouldn’t have been a sacrifice
 - iii. They couldn’t take His life until He allowed them to take it
 - b. “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.**” (Isaiah 53:7)
 - c. “For Christ, our Passover lamb, **has been sacrificed.**” (1 Corinthians 5:7)
 - d. “Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and **sacrifice to God.**” (Ephesians 5:2)
 - e. “And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by **becoming obedient to death**—even death on a cross!” (Philippians 2:8)
 - f. “**So Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many**; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.” (Hebrews 9:28)
 - g. “**He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins**, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.” (1 John 2:2)
2. His arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane
 - a. “Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, ‘**My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.**’” (Matthew 26:39)
 - b. “Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: ‘The one I kiss is the man; arrest him.’ Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, ‘Greetings, Rabbi!’ and kissed him. Jesus replied, ‘**Do what you came for, friend.**’ Then the men stepped forward, seized Jesus and arrested him.” (Matthew 26:48-50)
 - c. “So Judas came to the garden, guiding **a detachment of soldiers** and some officials from the chief priests and the Pharisees. They were carrying torches, lanterns and weapons. ... When Jesus said, ‘I am he,’ **they drew back and fell to the ground.**” (John 18:3, 6)
3. Jesus set up the leaders by giving them the very statement they would later use against Him
 - a. “Jesus answered them, ‘**Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.**’ They replied, ‘It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?’ **But the temple he had spoken of was his body.**” (John 2:19-21)
 - b. “The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin **were looking for false evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death.** But they did not find any, though many false witnesses came

- forward. Finally two came forward and declared, **‘This fellow said, “I am able to destroy the temple of God and rebuild it in three days.”’** (Matthew 26:59-61)
- c. “Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying, **‘You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!’**” (Matthew 27:39-40)
4. His trial was a miscarriage of justice
 - a. “So Pilate came out to them and asked, ‘What charges are you bringing against this man?’ **‘If he were not a criminal,’** they replied, **‘we would not have handed him over to you.’**” (John 18:29-30)
 - b. “The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin **were looking for false evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death. But they did not find any,** though many false witnesses came forward. Finally two came forward.” (Matthew 26:59-60)
 - c. “Now it was the governor’s custom at the festival to release a prisoner chosen by the crowd. ... **‘Which of the two do you want me to release to you?’** asked the governor. **‘Barabbas,’** they answered.” (Matthew 27:15, 21)
 - d. “You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though **he had decided to let him go.** You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and **asked that a murderer be released to you.**” (Acts 3:3-14)
 5. Before being crucified He was beaten, slapped, spat upon, mocked, and flogged
 - a. “I offered my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard; I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting.” (Isaiah 50:6)
 - b. “Then they spit in his face and struck him with their fists. Others slapped him” (Matthew 26:67)
 - c. “Again and again they struck him on the head with a staff and spit on him. Falling on their knees, they paid homage to him.” (Mark 15:19)
 - d. “Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. The soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head. They clothed him in a purple robe” (John 19:1-2)
 6. He was crucified as a criminal between two thieves
 - a. “Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, **and was numbered with the transgressors.** For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.” (Isaiah 53:12)
 - b. “When they came to the place called the Skull, **they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left.**” (Luke 23:33)
 7. His death on the cross paid the price for our sins
 - a. “Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. But **he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities;** the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.” (Isaiah 53:4-5)
 - b. “For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that **Christ died for our sins** according to the Scriptures.” (1 Corinthians 15:3)
 - c. “**‘He himself bore our sins’** in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; ‘by his wounds you have been healed.’” (1 Peter 2:24)
 8. He was buried in the tomb of a rich man
 - a. “He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and **with the rich in his death,** though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth.” (Isaiah 53:9)
 - b. “**Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent member of the Council,** who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for Jesus’ body.” (Mark 15:43)

- c. **“Joseph took the body**, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and **placed it in his own new tomb** that he had cut out of the rock. He rolled a big stone in front of the entrance to the tomb and went away.” (Matthew 27:59-60)
 - d. **“At the place where Jesus was crucified, there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had ever been laid.”** (John 19:41)
9. Now is the time to receive God’s mercy—He will show no mercy on the day of judgment
- a. He loves us so much that He willingly allowed Himself to be beaten, His beard pulled out, spat upon, struck with fists, hit with rods, slapped, laughed at, mocked, ridiculed, humiliated, flogged with a whip, nails driven through His hands and feet, and finally hung on a cross (most likely naked) until He died in agonizing pain.
 - b. If you reject His sacrifice and love for you, one day you will stand before His dreadful anger
 - i. **“It is you alone who are to be feared. Who can stand before you when you are angry?”** (Psalm 76:7)
 - ii. **“If only we knew the power of your anger!** Your wrath is as great as the fear that is your due.” (Psalm 90:11)
 - iii. **“Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.”** (Matthew 10:28)
 - iv. **“Then they will go away to eternal punishment**, but the righteous to eternal life.” (Matthew 25:46)
 - v. **“It is a dreadful thing** to fall into the hands of the living God.” (Hebrews 10:31)
 - c. **“Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it.** The earth and the heavens fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. ... **Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.”** (Revelation 20:11, 15)

Matthew 27:1-66

1 Early in the morning, all the chief priests and the elders of the people made their plans how to have Jesus executed. 2 So they bound him, led him away and handed him over to Pilate the governor. 3 When Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he was seized with remorse and returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. 4 "I have sinned," he said, "for I have betrayed innocent blood." "What is that to us?" they replied. "That's your responsibility." 5 So Judas threw the money into the temple and left. Then he went away and hanged himself. 6 The chief priests picked up the coins and said, "It is against the law to put this into the treasury, since it is blood money." 7 So they decided to use the money to buy the potter's field as a burial place for foreigners. 8 That is why it has been called the Field of Blood to this day. 9 Then what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled: "They took the thirty pieces of silver, the price set on him by the people of Israel, 10 and they used them to buy the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me." 11 Meanwhile Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" "You have said so," Jesus replied. 12 When he was accused by the chief priests and the elders, he gave no answer. 13 Then Pilate asked him, "Don't you hear the testimony they are bringing against you?" 14 But Jesus made no reply, not even to a single charge—to the great amazement of the governor. 15 Now it was the governor's custom at the festival to release a prisoner chosen by the crowd. 16 At that time they had a well-known prisoner whose name was Jesus Barabbas. 17 So when the crowd had gathered, Pilate asked them, "Which one do you want me to release to you: Jesus Barabbas, or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" 18 For he knew it was out of self-interest that they had handed Jesus over to him. 19 While Pilate was sitting on the judge's seat, his wife sent him this message: "Don't have anything to do with that innocent man, for I have suffered a great deal today in a dream because of him." 20 But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus executed. 21 "Which of the two do you want me to release to you?" asked the governor. "Barabbas," they answered. 22 "What shall I do, then, with Jesus who is called the

Messiah?" Pilate asked. They all answered, "Crucify him!" 23 "Why? What crime has he committed?" asked Pilate. But they shouted all the louder, "Crucify him!" 24 When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that instead an uproar was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. "I am innocent of this man's blood," he said. "It is your responsibility!" 25 All the people answered, "His blood is on us and on our children!" 26 Then he released Barabbas to them. But he had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified. 27 Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him. 28 They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, 29 and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand. Then they knelt in front of him and mocked him. "Hail, king of the Jews!" they said. 30 They spit on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again. 31 After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him. 32 As they were going out, they met a man from Cyrene, named Simon, and they forced him to carry the cross. 33 They came to a place called Golgotha (which means "the place of the skull"). 34 There they offered Jesus wine to drink, mixed with gall; but after tasting it, he refused to drink it. 35 When they had crucified him, they divided up his clothes by casting lots. 36 And sitting down, they kept watch over him there. 37 Above his head they placed the written charge against him: this is Jesus, the king of the Jews. 38 Two rebels were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. 39 Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads 40 and saying, "You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!" 41 In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him. 42 "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. 43 He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, 'I am the Son of God.' " 44 In the same way the rebels who were crucified with him also heaped insults on him. 45 From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land. 46 About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lemasabachthani?" (which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"). 47 When some of those standing there heard this, they said, "He's calling Elijah." 48 Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. 49 The rest said, "Now leave him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to save him." 50 And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit. 51 At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split 52 and the tombs broke open. The bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. 53 They came out of the tombs after Jesus' resurrection and went into the holy city and appeared to many people. 54 When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, "Surely he was the Son of God!" 55 Many women were there, watching from a distance. They had followed Jesus from Galilee to care for his needs. 56 Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of Zebedee's sons. 57 As evening approached, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus. 58 Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus' body, and Pilate ordered that it be given to him. 59 Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, 60 and placed it in his own new tomb that he had cut out of the rock. He rolled a big stone in front of the entrance to the tomb and went away. 61 Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were sitting there opposite the tomb. 62 The next day, the one after Preparation Day, the chief priests and the Pharisees went to Pilate. 63 "Sir," they said, "we remember that while he was still alive that deceiver said, 'After three days I will rise again.' 64 So give the order for the tomb to be made secure until the third day. Otherwise, his disciples may come and steal the body and tell the people that he has been raised from the dead. This last deception will be worse than the first." 65 "Take a guard," Pilate answered. "Go, make the tomb as secure as you know how." 66 So they went and made the tomb secure by putting a seal on the stone and posting the guard.