LESSON 3 – THE PASSION MINI-STUDY



Trials and Crucifixion

DAY 1 - LUKE 22:47-65

- 1. What does this account in verses 49-51 teach you about Jesus?
- **2. a.** Peter followed at a distance because he was afraid of being associated with Jesus. Why are people afraid of being associated with Jesus today?
 - **b.** Share a time when you have overcome this fear. (Personal)
- **3. a.** How was Peter's betrayal different from Judas'?
 - **b**. What differences do you see in the way Peter and Judas handled their sin? (See Mt 27:3-10)

DAYS 2 & 3 – LUKE 22:66 - 23:25

- **4. a.** What were the accusations against Jesus from the Sanhedrin? (See CCC 574)
 - **b.** How did the accusations against Jesus change when He was brought before Pilate?
- **5.** Pilate tries to avoid the situation by sending Jesus to Herod. Why do you think Jesus was silent with Herod, but not with Pilate?
- **6. a.** How did Herod and his soldiers treat Jesus?
 - b. In your own words, what does Peter say in 1 Peter 2:19-24 about unjust suffering?
- 7. a. What convinced Pilate to release Barabbas instead of Jesus?
 - **b.** How do people act like Pilate today?

DAYS 4 & 5 – LUKE 23:26-49

- **8.** Simon of Cyrene participated in our Lord's Passion by helping to carry the cross. How can we participate in Christ's suffering? (See CCC 618, 1521)
- **9.** Contrast the two criminals' understanding of and responses to Christ.
- **10.** List the prophecies in Psalm 22 and Psalm 69:22 that were fulfilled by Jesus.
- **11.** What is the significance of the following details during Christ's death?
 - "darkness over the whole land" (See Lk 22:53)
 - Veil of temple torn in two (See Ex 26:33; Heb 9:1-7, 10:19-22)
 - Jesus' words in verse 46 (See Ps 31:5-6; Eph 5:2; CCC 609)
- **12.** Who is responsible for the suffering and death of Jesus? (See CCC 598)
- **13.** What pierces your heart from the prophecy concerning Jesus in Isaiah 53:1-12?