

CHARITY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2024

Calvary

Luke Chapter 23:23-46

1. Where in the Bible is the word "Calvary" located?

ANSWER: Luke 23:33

2. What's your definition of Calvary?

ANSWER: Calvary is the Latin name for Golgotha, the hill where Jesus was crucified outside Jerusalem. It refers to the hill outside ancient Jerusalem where Jesus Christ was crucified. Calvary holds significant religious and symbolic importance in Christianity as the site of Jesus' crucifixion, death, and subsequent resurrection, which are central events in Christian theology. "Calvary" is often used metaphorically to refer to suffering, sacrifice, or redemption.

3. What is the biblical message of Calvary?

ANSWER: Calvary is where Jesus Christ was crucified. It is a spiritual symbol of redemption, sacrifice, and salvation and holds profound significance in Christian theology. A place of suffering and sacrifice: Jesus bore the weight of humanity's sin and endured excruciating pain. A place of redemption: Jesus reconciled humanity to God through his death on Calvary, offering forgiveness and salvation. A demonstration of God's love: "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16).

4. In Luke 23:33, What happened to Jesus at Calvary?

ANSWER: Jesus was crucified alongside two criminals, one on his right and one on his left. This event marks the culmination of Jesus' earthly ministry and is central to Christian belief, representing his sacrificial death to redeem humanity's sins.

5. In Luke 23:44 & 45, What important event happened at Calvary?

ANSWER: The earth was in darkness until the ninth hour. The sun was darkened, and the temple veil was rent.

6. Where is the name of the place Jesus was crucified?

ANSWER: The place where Jesus was crucified is traditionally believed to be Golgotha, also known as Calvary, which is located just outside the walls of Jerusalem in Israel. Golgotha translates to "Place of the Skull" in Aramaic, likely referring to the hill's skull-like appearance.

7. In your own words, why did Jesus go to Calvary?

ANSWER: To fulfill his role as the sacrificial lamb to bear the burden of humanity's sins and provide a way for people to be reconciled with God. Jesus is the Lamb of God. He took upon himself the punishment that humanity deserved, providing a way for reconciliation with God. Jesus' words on the cross, such as "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing (Luke 23:34), highlight his mercy and compassion even while suffering. He represents the tearing of the temple curtain (Matthew 27:51), a symbol of access to God's presence made available through Jesus' sacrifice. Jesus' crucifixion is seen as the

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culmination of God's plan for salvation, as foretold in the Old Testament Scriptures. Through his death and subsequent resurrection, Jesus conquered sin and death, offering eternal life to those who believe in him.

8. Why did Jesus pray before He went to Calvary?

ANSWER: Through prayer throughout his ministry, Jesus maintained a close relationship with God the Father. Before his crucifixion, Jesus sought communion with the Father one last time, demonstrating his intimate connection and dependence on God. In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus famously prayed, "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done" (Luke 22:42). This prayer illustrates Jesus' submission to the Father's will, even in the face of suffering and death. Knowing the agony and challenges awaiting him, Jesus sought strength and resolve through prayer. This prayer in the garden helped prepare him for the physical, emotional, and spiritual ordeal of the crucifixion. Jesus' prayer in the garden serves as an example for his followers. He showed the importance of prayer in times of trial and distress, encouraging believers to seek God's guidance, strength, and will in all circumstances. Jesus prayed before going to Calvary to commune with the Father, submit to God's will, find strength for the upcoming trial, and set an example for his followers.

9. In Luke 23:39-46, What does Calvary represent?

ANSWER: The events described in Luke 23:39-49 include the crucifixion of Jesus alongside two criminals, the mocking by bystanders, Jesus's forgiveness of those who crucified him, and his eventual death. In this context, Calvary represents the ultimate act of love and sacrifice and the fulfillment of prophetic scriptures regarding the Messiah's suffering and death for the salvation of mankind. It is a central symbol of Christianity, embodying themes of redemption, forgiveness, and the triumph of good over evil.

Calvary represents salvation. Jesus embraced the cross. Luke 9:23 says, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves, take up their cross daily, and follow me. Calvary reminds us of the depth of God's love and the incredible price paid for our salvation. Take time to express thankfulness and adoration through prayer and praise. Thank God for the gift of salvation through Jesus' sacrifice on Calvary and ask for the grace to live as faithful disciples who embrace the way of the cross.

10. What does the word "salvation" mean?

ANSWER: Salvation" generally refers to saving or being saved from harm, danger, or adverse consequence, often with a religious or spiritual connotation. In religious contexts, especially within Christianity, salvation typically refers to the deliverance of a person's soul from sin and its consequences, ultimately leading to eternal life or a state of union with God. Different religious traditions may have varying interpretations of salvation, but it commonly involves concepts such as redemption, forgiveness, and spiritual transformation.

Bonus Question

What does the song titled "Because He Lives" represent to you?

ANSWER: The song is a Christian hymn with deep spiritual significance for many believers. It expresses faith in Jesus Christ and the hope and assurance that his resurrection brings. The song celebrates the victory over death and sin that Christians believe Jesus achieved through his crucifixion and resurrection. The song is the foundation of Christian faith—the belief in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ and its profound impact on believers' lives. It's a reminder of the eternal hope and joy found in the resurrection and the promise of new life in Christ.