

29. Jesus Killed on a Cross (Luke 23:32-49)

Connect

- What are you thankful for today?
- How have you seen God working in your life this past week?
- What difficulties are you experiencing in life? How may we help?
- How did you apply last session's discovery? What happened?
- With whom did you share last session's discovery? What was their response?

Instructions:

Please use the following steps to guide your discovery of God's truth in the passages below. Need to review the [Group Guidelines](#)?

Discover

Step 1-Participants take turns reading sections of the passage (clarify new words/terms)

Step 2-One person reads the entire passage out loud while the rest listen

Step 3-A participant retells the passage in his/her own words (others add their thoughts)

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32Two others, both criminals, were led out to be executed with him. **33**When they came to a place called The Skull, they nailed him to the cross. And the criminals were also crucified—one on his right and one on his left. **34**Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they don’t know what they are doing.” And the soldiers gambled for his clothes by throwing dice. **35**The crowd watched and the leaders scoffed. “He saved others,” they said, “let him save himself if he is really God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.” **36**The soldiers mocked him, too, by offering him a drink of sour wine. **37**They called out to him, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” **38**A sign was fastened above him with these words: “This is the King of the Jews.” **39**One of the criminals hanging beside him scoffed, “So you’re the Messiah, are you? Prove it by saving yourself—and us, too, while you’re at it!” **40**But the other criminal protested, “Don’t you fear God even when you have been sentenced to die? **41**We deserve to die for our crimes, but this man hasn’t done anything wrong.” **42**Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.” **43**And Jesus replied, “I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise.” **44**By this time it was about noon, and darkness fell across the whole land until three o’clock. **45**The light from the sun was gone. And suddenly, the curtain in the sanctuary of the Temple was torn down the middle. **46**Then Jesus shouted, “Father, I entrust my spirit into your hands!” And with those words he breathed his last. **47**When the Roman officer overseeing the execution saw what had happened, he worshiped God and said, “Surely this

man was innocent.” **48**And when all the crowd that came to see the crucifixion saw what had happened, they went home in deep sorrow. **49**But Jesus’ friends, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance watching.

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Ask/Answer:

- What does this passage mean?
- What do you like/not like about this passage?
- How does this passage change the way you see God/people?

Respond: If this is true...

- How should it change the way you live?
- With whom will you share today’s discovery?