

**LESSONS THIS QUARTER**

- 9) 04 Mar..... Luke 1:1-80.....A Special Baby – Rejoice
- 10) 11 Mar..... Luke 2:1-52.....A Unique Person – Praise God
- 11) 18 Mar..... Luke 3:1 – 4:30.....An Unexpected Messiah – Honor Him
- 12) 25 Mar..... Luke 4:31 – 6:11.....Christianity 101 – Accept Others
- 13) 01 Apr..... Luke 6:12 – 8:56.....Christianity 102 – Live to Benefit Others
- 14) 08 Apr..... Luke 24:13-35.....Be Confident of the Resurrection
- 15) 15 Apr..... Luke 9:1-50.....Christianity 103 – Meet Needs
- 16) 22 Apr..... Luke 9:51 – 13:21.....Christianity 104 – Be Good Neighbors
- 17) 29 Apr..... Luke 13:22 – 17:10.....Christianity 105 – Manage Money Well
- 18) 06 May..... Luke 17:11 – 19:27.....Christianity 106 – Learn to Pray
- 19) 13 May..... Luke 19:28 – 22:65.....He Voluntarily Suffered – Be Grateful
- 20) 20 May..... Luke 22:66 – 23:49.....He Offers Salvation – Believe**
- 21) 27 May..... Luke 23:50 – 24:12,36-53.....He Lives Eternally – Carry On

**INTRODUCTION**

- Jesus is arrested and appears before the Sanhedrin, before Pilate, and before Herod, all before His crucifixion
- Jesus had an illegal trial for the following reasons:
  - ♦ Trials were not supposed to be held on feast days (Passover)
  - ♦ Verdicts were to take 2 days for a capital offense (blasphemy)
  - ♦ ...and the accused was not able to provide a formal defense
- BUT, Jesus had to be tried within 1 day so He could be crucified on Passover, buried on Unleavened Bread, and raised on the Feast of First Fruits – the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday following Unleavened Bread
  - ➔ Coincidental? It was all planned before time began!

Passage	Comments
Luke 22:66-71	<p><b>Jesus Faces the Sanhedrin</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• v66. The only fair thing about the Lord's trial was that it happened during daylight</li> <li>• vv67-71. Was Jesus vague about being the Messiah?</li> </ul>
23:1-5	<p><b>Jesus Faces Pilate</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is more to Pilate than what Luke records here, but remember Luke's purpose for writing – to give Theophilus sufficient facts for His faith</li> <li>• v3. Jesus would respond to Pilate but not to Herod</li> <li>• Why didn't Jesus say more to Pilate to save Him?</li> </ul>
23:6-12	<p><b>Jesus Faces Herod Antipas</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• v8-9. Herod was very glad to see Jesus and was hoping to see a miracle – BUT Jesus didn't even give him the time of day</li> <li>• Again, we have an over-riding principle. Though we are to give to those who ask things of us, including to give an answer when asked for the hope that lies within us, BUT not when it is "casting pearls before swine"</li> </ul>
23:13-23	<p><b>Jesus vs Barabbas</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jesus was probably executed in Barabbas' place</li> <li>• Mobs are easily controlled and can get out of control</li> <li>• Nehemiah used a mob ('a large assembly') in a good way to fix a bad situation ..... Nehemiah 5:1-12</li> </ul>
Historical Note on Barabbas	<p>The gospels don't say what Barabbas did after he was released, but one tradition says on the day he was released he went to Golgotha and watched Jesus die on the cross. Another source says he was later killed while taking part in another revolt against the Romans</p>
23:26-31	<p><b>Jesus Carries His Cross with Some Help</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Simon of Cyrene is recruited to carry the cross                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ What a blessing we have to carry the crosses we are given in life – to share the burden of our Lord</li> </ul> </li> <li>• v31. "For if they do these things when the wood is green what will happen when it is dry?" – in other words, if things are bad now – they will only get worse (possibly alluding to destruction of Jerusalem in 70AD)</li> </ul>

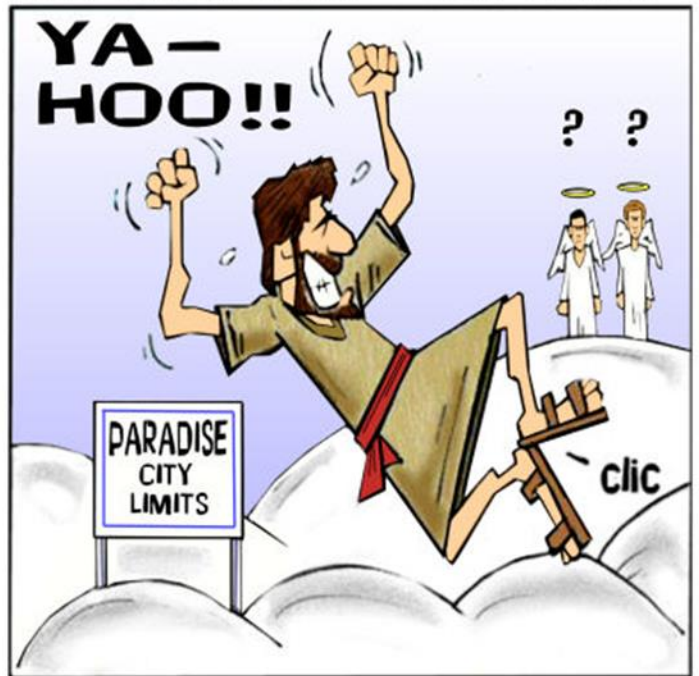
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23:32-43	<p><b>Jesus Between 2 Criminals – Deathbed Conversion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• v34. "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do?" – Did God answer Jesus' prayer? Did God's forgiveness save them from Hell or from something else?</li> <li>• v42. "Jesus, remember me..." The simplest prayer for salvation ever uttered                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ The man didn't get baptized – but he still got saved</li> <li>♦ The man didn't go to church – but he still got saved</li> <li>♦ The man didn't tithe – but he still got saved</li> <li>♦ The man didn't asked forgiveness from the people he wronged – but he still got saved</li> <li>♦ Lesson to be learned – don't wait to the last minute or you could end up like the 2<sup>nd</sup> man – barbecued!</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
23:44-49	<p><b>Jesus Dies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• v46. Even on the cross, Jesus was in control of when He died – "Father, into your hands I give My spirit"</li> <li>• v47. The centurion glorified God for what he witnessed:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ He witnessed Jesus never uttering a bad word</li> <li>♦ ...Jesus passing the care of His mother to John</li> <li>♦ ...Jesus asking forgiveness for his tormentors</li> <li>♦ ...Jesus granting forgiveness to a tormentor</li> <li>♦ ...Jesus refusing to ease His agony w/ vinegar/wine</li> <li>♦ ...seeing the sign "King of the Jews"</li> <li>♦ ...experiencing thunder, darkness, and earthquake</li> <li>♦ ...hearing of the temple curtain being torn in two</li> <li>♦ ...and hearing of resurrections of godly people</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

**CONCLUSION/APPLICATIONS**

- The criminal who dared to ask Jesus to remember him didn't have GREAT faith in the Savior, but he had faith in a GREAT Savior
- And we can take comfort that God has the final end game planned out meticulously as well. Nothing takes God by surprise.

NEXT WEEK: Luke 23-24. The end is just the beginning

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**THE THIEF ON THE CROSS NOW IN PARADISE**  
 Just minutes before his death, the thief on the cross repents and hears Jesus say "Today you will be with me in paradise." **Lk 23:39-43**