

Last week, Dr. Baucom spoke about Jesus' trial in his sermon, ***Truth and Consequence***. We continue our series on events that occurred in the last 24 hours of Jesus' life on earth, as we lead up to Easter and then the 24 hours following His resurrection. This week, we will continue that series with ***Mission Accomplished (or "It is Finished")***.

1. Read and reflect on **Luke 23:26-49, Mark 15:21-31** and **Matthew 27:32-54**. Think about the happenings of Jesus' last day on earth.

- Who's there? What are they doing?
- Where are they? Where in the city do they go?
- When is this?
- What else would be happening in Jerusalem?

2. Reread **verse 26** in **Luke 23**. Who is Simon? What do you think his day would have been like? What about after he was made to carry the cross – what do you think he did, who did he tell, what did he say?

3. In **verses 27-31**, Jesus talks to the women in the crowd following Him.

- What do you think they experienced?
- What do you think they did afterward?

4. In **Luke 23:35-39** and **Matthew 27:38-44**, more people are mentioned.

- Who are they, and what are they doing?
- Last week, we looked at Jesus' trial and the mocking stirred by the chief priests, with the crowd joining in. Here, Jesus continues to be mocked. Why would they keep on mocking?

- Who do you mock – maybe a politician, entertainer, weird neighbor, or prima donna co-worker? Is it easy or hard to stop once you realize you're doing it? How do you stop?

5. According to Luke, at about noon, it got dark for about 3 hours. What would that be like? What would you have thought if you were there?

6. While the sun stopped shining, the temple curtain was torn in two from top to bottom. Without looking up study notes or in reference books, think about the significance of the curtain between the Holy of Holies and the main part of the temple being torn like this. What would that mean? Why would it matter that it was torn top to bottom?

7. All three Synoptic Gospels (**Matthew 27:47, Mark 15:39** and **Luke 23:47**) mention a Roman centurion who sees Jesus die on the cross.

- After all the mocking by the chief priests, soldiers, the crowd, and the thief next to Jesus, why do you think the centurion "got it?"
- Why do you think the others didn't get who Jesus was?
- Do you think you need to change some thinking to understand better who Jesus is to you?

8. Think back over the events of this day in Jesus' life. Can you imagine being there? Who would you be? Who do you want to be?

As you share with your IG, think about the sacrifice and the significance of Jesus' death. It can be overwhelming to think about all the details of what happened that day, and what Jesus has done for all of us. But we can reflect on the fact that we are all free to join the women and the centurion at the foot of the cross.