

Reflecting on the Death of Jesus

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Today's lessons will focus on the death of Jesus and reflections on that death as we eat the Lord's Supper. The following are passages we hope to consider in this lesson. Please feel free to add your own notes as we go through these in the two lessons.

1. Begin with the passages dealing with Gethsemane and Calvary. **Matt. 26, 27; Mark 14, 15; Luke 22, 23; John 18, 19**
2. **Psa. 22 and Isa. 53** are wonderful prophetic passages.
 - a. Psa. 22 focuses on the suffering from the point of view of the cross. It also ends in victory.
 - b. Isa. 53 beautifully emphasizes that the death was for us. **Isa. 53:4-6**
3. **Matt. 26:28** For the remission of sins. Cf. **Rom. 3:23; 6:23**.
 - a. Also reminds us of the better covenant based upon a better sacrifice, better priesthood, better hope, etc.
4. **John 1:29** The Lamb of God.
5. **John 3:14-16** He is our cure and what greater demonstration of love could there be?
6. **Acts 2:26-36** Never forget that His flesh did not see corruption. He was raised!
 - a. And raised to be Lord. The Lord's Supper is a great reminder of the need to bow to the King.
7. **Acts 20:28** As His body, we were bought with that blood.
 - a. Do we need to be reminded to look around and see others for whom Christ died? It needs to be personal, but not self-centered.
8. **Rom. 3:23-26** Grace. Justification (not guilty). Propitiation (cf. **Rom. 1:18**).
9. **Rom. 5:6-11** We were undeserving. Consider our position now.
10. **Rom. 6:1-7** Our baptism was into His death and freed us from sin so we must no longer live in sin. **6:12-13**
11. **Rom. 8:31-39** We can overcome anything because of His death.
12. **Rom. 14:15** Think about others and the impact we're having on them.
13. **1 Cor. 6:19-20** With the price that was paid, how can we not live the life of holiness He demands?
14. **1 Cor. 15:1-4** The center of the saving gospel and a reminder we must hold fast.
15. **2 Cor. 5:14-15** He died so that we might live—will we live for him?
16. **Eph. 1:3-8** Spiritual blessings; adoption, redemption, forgiveness.
17. **Eph. 2:1-10** Never forget how undeserving we are. And that He loved us as undeserving sinners, should inspire us to do the good works He has prepared for us. Cf. **Eph. 5:1-2**.
18. **Col. 1:21-23** Despite our past, we can be holy, blameless, and above reproach; but we must continue, be grounded, and steadfast.
19. **Col. 2:11-12; 3:1-4** Refocus; live with hope.
20. **1 Tim. 1:15-16** Be thankful He came to save sinners, for if He had come for the good we would be without hope.
21. **1 Tim. 2:3-7** The Lord died for all—are we helping them come to know that truth?

22. **Heb. 2:9-10** He became lower than the angels to taste death for us and to bring us to glory.
23. **Heb. 9:23-28** Because He came the first time for our sins, we can look forward to His return for our salvation.
24. **Heb. 10:19-25** He opened the way for us to approach God.
25. **Heb. 13:10-14** Do we appreciate the need to go outside the camp?
26. **1 Pet. 1:17-21** What a reminder of the value God has placed on us.
27. **1 Pet. 2:18-25** The spiritual value of the death is brought out, but also the wonderful example He set.
28. **1 John 1:5—2:2** No license to sin, but how encouraging to know that He will pick us up.
29. **1 Jn. 4:7-11** It is not always easy to love one another, but the love of God shows us the way.
30. **Rev. 1:10-18** Though the arrest, trial, and crucifixion of Jesus is an incredibly sad, moving story and can bring tears to our eyes, let's not stop there. See the glorified Christ who enables us to overcome death.