

Series "Knowing The Exact Truth"
"Stop Weeping For Me"
Luke 23:26-33
Study-99

Luke 23:28 stop weeping for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children.

Why did Jesus tell these women to stop weeping for Him, but for themselves? Galatians 3:13

Luke 23 The Death of Jesus Christ:
Verses 1-25 The Civil Trials
Verses 26-43 His Crucifixion

Our passage is recorded in **Matthew 27:31-38; Mark 15:20-28;**
Luke 23:26-33; John 19:16-18

The Thought Of Our Passage: "The Cross Reveals The Glory Of Christ In His Obedience To God And God's Desire To Save All People"

- 1. Verse 26 Appointment With Simon**
- 2. Verses 27-31 Appointment With The Women**
- 3. Verses 32-33 Appointment With The Criminals**

1. Verse 26 Appointment With Simon:

Luke 23:26 When Context - Luke left off with Pilate declaring Jesus' innocence and Pilate attempting to acquit and release Jesus; a total of **four times. Luke 23:24-25**

When they (Roman Soldiers) **led Him away,** the road to Calvary is called "**Via Dolorosa**" Latin, "*Sorrowful Way*", often translated "*Way of Suffering*" (The condemned was taken on the longest route possible, about a mile)

There would be four Soldiers. The condemned man would carry his own cross, railroad-tie-sized horizontal beam about 100 lbs. One soldier would walk ahead with the placard, (condemned would have a placard around his neck) **John 19:19-22**

seized a man can be called **pressed into service** - "*press into public service,*" "*compel to go*" Spiritual sense we are all called to carry the cross, **Luke 9:23**

Why did they press this man into service? I was taught that Jesus stumbled **three** times, so they grabbed a man to help Him. (The Bible does not say that)

Simon of Cyrene - this man was from North Africa, a city of Cyrene in what is called today **Libya** (*Possibly African Decent*). 800 miles away, maybe his life's savings.

coming in from the country, Simon no doubt had saved money and scrimped so that he could come to Jerusalem to observe the Passover.

Mark 15:21 (the father of Alexander and Rufus), to bear His cross.
(Mark's Gospel was written to the Romans)

Acts 13:1 believed that through bearing the cross **Simeon** or **Simon** was converted.

Rufus His son **Romans 16:13** One of his sons and **Simon's** wife were also converted.

and placed on him the cross to carry behind Jesus. Simon is being forced to bear a 100lb. cross. The scene here with Simon is a scene of discipleship. **Luke 14:27**

Life has it's crosses that we must bear unexpectedly. Inconvenience and something to avoid but those that bear them with Jesus find them to be a great blessing.

Appointment With Simon – Let us not despise the cross, and bearing it, it can mean salvation to our households; Becoming like Jesus.

2. Verses 27-31 Appointment With The Women:

Luke 23:27 And following Him was a large crowd of the people, Jesus was loved by the people.

and of women Luke's gospel has been called "**The Gospel to Women**"

who were mourning and lamenting Him. (*Wailing, mourning, weeping*) This is so classic of women for several reasons:

Luke 23:28 "Daughters of Jerusalem, these were Jewish women of Jerusalem that were weeping over Jesus.

stop weeping for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. These women are perfectly right in shedding tears, but they are weeping for the wrong reason/cause. Judgment coming for the rejection of Jesus!

Jesus Is Bearing The Cross Out of Choice: John 10:18

Jesus declares that the pitiful ones were the women themselves.

"save your feelings for yourself, need to weep in repentance, tears for Jesus won't save you"

Jesus Forbids Their Tears Because He is Living Victoriously: A few hours prior, Jesus made this statement, **John 16:33 I have overcome the world.**"

John 12:32 "And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Myself."

Jesus Wanted To Do This Sacrifice of His Life For Us: Hebrews 12:2

Verses 29-30 Final Prophecy: "For behold, the days are coming This was going to happen in less than 40 years. In 70 AD **Matthew 27:25** over a million Jews would die, **Luke 21:21-24** warned before!

when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, Jewish women would weep over bareness. Husbands would divorce over a wife being barren. **Barrenness will be counted as a blessing!**

Luke 23:30 This is quoted in **Hosea 10:8;** Regarding future judgment. Ultimate Judgment/Wrath would happen during the tribulation **Revelation 6:15-17**

A Person's Acceptance or Rejection of Jesus Christ Means Everything.

Some are aggressive and cruel in their rejection of Jesus Christ. Some are passive and decent in their rejection of Jesus Christ.

It doesn't matter if we are aggressive or passive in our rejection of Jesus Christ, it's the fact that Jesus has been rejected. Hebrews 2:2-3

Verse 31 - The Proverb: Luke 23:31 literally "*If this is what they do with damp wood, what will happen to the dry?*"

Meaning "If God allows innocent Jesus (damp wood) to suffer such a fate as Jerusalem prepares for Him, what will be the fate of Jerusalem (dry wood)?"

Appointment With The Women – The greatest need is to see that our sin placed Jesus on the cross, our sin will bring judgment.

3. Verses 32-33 Appointment With The Criminals:

Luke 23:32 Two others also, who were criminals, (Only Luke Records) Who were these two men? It is generally believed that they were part of Barabbas' group.

Luke 23:33 When they came to the place called **The Skull, Pictures of Calvary: When they came to the place called The Skull,** Hebrew - "*Place of the skull*" (Aramaic - **Golgotha**), Latin - "*Calvaria*" we get "*Calvary*"

there they crucified Him and the criminals, that's all Luke says

The person was naked on the cross.

Picture of Nail In Bone. The cross was laid on the ground and the person were laid on top.

Crucifixion caused the blood to gather in the abdomen causing great pain.

The person would become dehydrated.

Mark 15:23 And they tried to give Him wine

with myrrh; This was an antiseptic, a pain killer, made by the women of the area.

Proverbs 31:6

Jesus wanted to drink the cup that the Father had given to Him; with its full strength, without help from the world, He would do it by the Spirit.

Jesus was going to be ministering in His death.

Mark 15:24

one on the right and the other on the left. Luke 19:10

Mark 15:28 And the Scripture was fulfilled (Isaiah 53:12)

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