

Matt 27, Lu 23, Jn 19 - Daily Study Questions (cont)

4. According to Luke 23:39-43 how did the 2nd criminal (v40-41) say to the 1st (v39) and what do you think changed him? What did he ask Jesus (v42) and what was Jesus' response (v43)? What did this mean?

5. In John 19:25-27 who else was at the crucifixion (v25, 26)? What did Jesus tell each of them (v26, 27) and what does this show? What was the response?

6. Read Matt 27:45-46. What physical event occurred (v45) and what did this symbolize? What did Jesus cry out loudly (v46)? What did He mean and how did the darkness relate to this?

7. Using Matt 27:47-49 how was Jesus misunderstood (v47) and to what did this lead (v49)? What was offered to Him (v48) and why (see John 19:28-29)? Why did He accept it now when He had earlier refused it in Matt 27:34?

8. Based on John 19:30 what was Jesus' next statement and what do you think He fully meant? What were His last words (Luke 23:46) and their importance (Jn 10:17-18)?

9. From Matt 27:51-56 what four events occurred upon Jesus' death (v51, 52-53) and what did each signify? Who experienced this (v54, 55-56) and what was the result (v54)?

10. In John 19:31-37 what unexpected thing happened (v31-34) and what effect did this have (v35)? Why was this important (v36, 37)?

10. List the seven sayings of Jesus on the cross and explain how each of these applies to us. How did these turn a "day of infamy" into the greatest day in history?

Scripture to Remember

“Now when the centurion saw what had happened, he began praising God, saying, ‘Certainly this man was innocent.’”

Luke 23:47 (NASV)

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Life Group Questions—Peas and Carrots (Acts 6:1-7)

(Using questions from Sunday's message, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship that enable us to grow in Christ.)

1. Describe the earliest fight in your life that you remember—who was involved and what it was about. What do you typically get your feathers ruffled about?
2. Read Acts 6:1-7. Summarize the problem that arose and why this was an important issue. What would be a comparable situation today?
3. Discuss the two mistakes that were made—complaining to the wrong people and assuming motives. When does complaining and evaluation become wrong?
4. Talk about some practical ways to focus on the problem at hand and solve it without harming your relationship with someone.
5. What was the response of the apostles and how should we specifically apply that today?
6. How did the problem actually get solved and what was good about each aspect of the solution—the characteristics of who did it and how they “owned” it? What were the results and why? Share what you believe your role to be at Celebration today.
7. Share about anything else meaningful from the message if you have time.



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The Day of Infamy Matthew 27, Luke 23, John 19

On Dec 7, 1941 the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, drawing the US into WWII. As the President began his speech to declare war on Japan he called this a “date that will live in infamy”. While that is true, the real date that has lived in infamy for two thousand years is the day Christ was crucified, the true day of infamy. The story began with several contrasts at the cross. First, Jesus, the life-giver, was crucified on Golgotha, the place of the skull, or death. This one accused as the “King of the Jews” also hung between two criminals. Additionally, while everyone at the cross was either hurling abuse at Jesus or simply ignoring Him He asked His Father to forgive them for their ignorance. Next, the story shows Jesus’ concerns at the cross. As He hung between

the two criminals, the first verbally abused Him, but the second came to His defense, realizing that He had been unjustly accused. He then asked Jesus to remember Him in His kingdom, and Jesus promised Paradise to him. Jesus also showed concern for His mother and beloved disciple, John, who were there at the cross. He told her to view him as her son and told John to care for His mother, which he did immediately. Next, darkness supernaturally blanketed the sky for three hours, symbolizing the broken fellowship between the Father and the Son because of His identification with the sin of His people. Finally, the culmination of the cross occurred. Jesus loudly asked why God had forsaken Him, and some thought He was calling for Elijah to help Him, thinking



Jesus’ one solitary life changed the course of mankind for eternity.

He was dying of thirst. When He received sour wine that was offered, signaling the end, He declared “It is finished”; the plan of redemption was complete. He then verbally committed His Spirit into His Father’s hands, voluntarily dying as He had promised. This caused the graves to open and the earth to quake. His quick death surprised the soldiers so that they didn’t have to break His legs, thus fulfilling Scripture. His final epitaph by the centurion was, “Surely this was the Son of God”. This “day of infamy” had become the greatest day in history.

Study Questions for Matt 27, Lu 23, Jn 19

(For answers go to [http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf/html/study questions](http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf/html/study%20questions))

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| 1. Read John 19:17-22. Contrast where was Jesus crucified (v17) and who was with Him (v18) with the charge posted against Him (v19). What did the Jews demand and how did Pilate respond (v20-22)? | |
| 2. Using Luke 23:33-34 what did Jesus say first on the cross (v34)? What did He really mean (see Acts 13:27-28; 1 Cor 2:8) and what does this prayer reveal about Him? | |
| 3. Based on Matt 27:35-44 what were the four initial reactions to Jesus on the cross (v35-36, 38 & 44, 39-40, 41-43) and what do they indicate? Why was the soldiers’ reaction significant (see Jn 19:23-24)? | |

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