

Luke 23 - Jesus' Crucifixion

1. Read all of **Luke 23:1-56** and number these events in their correct order.
 - _____ The women in the crowd start crying.
 - _____ One criminal hanging beside Jesus insults him and asks him to save them.
 - _____ Pilate tells the people he will have Jesus whipped, and then freed.
 - _____ Joseph from Arimathea asks Pilate for Jesus' body.
 - _____ Jesus prays that his heavenly Father will forgive the people.
 - _____ Joseph buries Jesus in a tomb cut from rock.
 - _____ Simon from Cyrene is forced to carry Jesus' cross.
 - _____ Jesus tells the women not to cry over him; they should cry for themselves.
 - _____ The crowd shouts, "Crucify Jesus! Give us Barabbas!"
 - _____ Pilate sends Jesus to King Herod.
 - _____ The leaders insult Jesus: "Let him save himself if he really is the Messiah."
 - _____ The women from Galilee watch where Jesus is buried.
 - _____ A sign hung over Jesus' head says, "This is the King of the Jews."
 - _____ For the third time, Pilate insists Jesus has done nothing wrong.
 - _____ Around noon the sky turns dark, and about a 3 o'clock Jesus dies.
 - _____ Jesus is crucified on Skull Hill.
 - _____ Herod's soldiers make fun of Jesus and insult him.
 - _____ A Roman officer says Jesus really is a good man.
 - _____ The council leads Jesus to Pilate and accuses him of claiming to be a king.
 - _____ The soldiers make fun of Jesus and give him some wine.
 - _____ Finally Pilate gives in and lets the people have Jesus crucified.
 - _____ Jesus' followers from Galilee stand by and watch what has happened.
 - _____ Pilate says Jesus is not guilty of anything.
 - _____ One criminal hanging by Jesus repents and asks Jesus to remember him.

2. Luke's gospel emphasizes the idea that Jesus was innocent, not guilty of any wrongdoing. Match these items correctly.
 - _____ Luke 23:4 A. A criminal admits Jesus has done nothing wrong.
 - _____ Luke 23:11 & 15 B. A third time Pilate tries to release Jesus.
 - _____ Luke 23:14 C. Pilate finds no evidence for the charges against Jesus.
 - _____ Luke 23:22 D. The centurion says, "This man was innocent."
 - _____ Luke 23:41 E. King Herod sends Jesus back to Pilate with no charges.
 - _____ Luke 23:47 F. Again, Pilate examines Jesus without finding him guilty.

3. What is your reaction to the fact that the leaders of the people and the officials of the state executed (actually, murdered) an innocent man like Jesus?

4. According to Luke's gospel, Jesus spoke three times from the cross. First, read **Luke 23:32-38** and tell how Jesus offered forgiveness.

5. Second, read **Luke 23:39-43** and describe how he promised Paradise.

6. Third, read **Luke 23:44-49** and think about what he said as he died. What did he say? What does this mean?

7. So they buried Jesus. Finally, read **Luke 23:50-56** and imagine that you are either
 - Joseph of Arimathea or
 - one of the women.Describe how you would have felt.

8. If that is how you feel about Jesus, how do you think Jesus would feel about you?