

WEEK 6

THE AGONY OF THE CROSS AND THE COST OF OUR SOULS

LUKE 22:39-46

SETTING UP THE STORY

Along the way to Jerusalem, Jesus had done many impressive things. He had healed the sick, fed the needy, and taught His followers much about the kingdom of God. But now, the long journey was over. Jesus was face to face with the most important and agonizing thing He would ever do, and the weight of the task at hand began to weigh upon Him greatly.

Jesus didn't just come to seek the lost. He also came to save them. More specifically, He came to rescue lost people from God's wrath on all of their sin, and the only way He could do that was if He died in their place and took God's punishment for their sins upon Himself instead.

It's hard for us to fully understand just how much our salvation cost Jesus, but when we see Him in the passage we're about to read, we begin to understand a little bit more.

Think about the worst pain you've ever felt. Maybe it was a broken arm or a sprained ankle. Or, perhaps it was more of an emotional pain – the loss of a loved one or a broken friendship. Think back to how you felt in those moments. Remember how much you would give to have that pain go away.

Whatever pain we've experienced, Jesus experienced it in this story on a deeper level. As He faced His death on a cross for the salvation of His people, He felt anguish like no other person has ever felt before.

But, God didn't include this passage in the Bible so that we would feel sorry for Jesus. Instead, God means for us to read this and be struck with awe over just how much Jesus went through to save us from our sins.

The agony Jesus experienced in the garden shows us the cost of our salvation. And, if we know what our salvation cost, we'll live our lives to honor Jesus.

READING THE WORD

Read Luke 22:39-46.

DISCUSSING THE WORD

Use the questions below to discuss the passage you just read together.

For families with kids (up to 5th grade)

1. Why was Jesus so sad and stressed out?
2. How does it make you feel knowing that Jesus died for our sins even though it

was extremely painful?

For adults and students (6th-12th grades)

1. When you're stressed or sad about something, is your first instinct to turn to God in prayer? Why or why not?
2. Why was Jesus' death so agonizing for Him to think about? What really happened when Jesus died on the cross?
3. What can we learn from this passage about how God responds to our prayers?

FAMILY WORSHIP SONG

[Man of Sorrows - Hillsong Worship](#)



LIVE SENT: FAST & INVITE TO CHURCH

As we continue to prepare for Easter, consider fasting this week—setting aside something good to pursue something greater: deeper intimacy with Christ. We're not telling you what to fast from or for how long, but you can visit lifept.org/fast for guidance on biblical fasting.

Also, Easter is next Sunday! This is one of the easiest and most meaningful opportunities to invite friends to church. Who's that one person you've been sharing the Gospel with? This week, invite them to join you for Easter! If they come, sit with them, introduce them to others, and pray that God would work in their hearts.

Regardless of their response, this is not the end of your relationship—keep praying, keep engaging, and keep living sent. View Easter gathering times at lifept.org/easter!

CLOSING BLESSING

Speak this blessing over your family/group to close:

May you always know the price of your salvation, so that you would spend all your life giving God glory for how much He loves you.