

What is the significance of the tearing of the curtain in the Temple?

Read Romans 3:21 - 27:

Why did the events of Good Friday have to happen?

What was achieved?

When we read Jesus Christ, we are not reading a first name and a surname. The word 'Christ' is a title, that is Messiah or King. Who dies for us on Good Friday? Why is this so remarkable?

Pray acknowledging your sin and giving thanks for the forgiveness offered by Christ and the righteousness he has bestowed on us.

Palm Sunday to Pentecost

Study 2: The King dies for his people.

Readings: Luke 23:1 – 49
Romans 3:21 - 27

The story Good Friday is one we are very familiar with. As a result, it can be hard to see afresh the significance of those events.

Last week we studied the events of Palm Sunday, the arrival of Jesus in Jerusalem, acknowledge in symbolism as king yet soon rejected.

As Jesus dies on the cross Pilate in an act to annoy the Jewish authorities puts up a sign that highlights an important truth, it is our king who dies for his people on the cross.

Read Luke 23:1 - 25:

What is the charge the chief priests present to Pilate? Why did they present it this way?

What do you think Pilate thought was going on, so that he says there is no basis for a charge? Then why does he want to palm Jesus off to Herod?

We are told in v8 that Herod had long desired to see Jesus, why do you think this was?

When Herod asked many questions why do you think Jesus gave no answer?

In v11 what did Herod and the soldiers wanted to do by dressing Jesus in an elegant robe? What truth were they inadvertently acknowledging?

Why do you think the crowd turns against Jesus? Why wouldn't they accept Jesus' claim to be the Messiah?

Read Luke 23:26 - 49:

In v27 and following who is being judged on that day?

Having spoken a prophecy of judgment why does Jesus ask for them to be forgiven?

How do the various characters at the crucifixion show the various ways people respond to Jesus? What are the types of responses?

In v38 what was the sign Pilate put up on the cross. What truth does it contain?

What is remarkable about the words of the thief recorded for us in v42?