



2011

# **Go And Make Disciples**

**The Cross and Beyond**

## **Lesson 14:** **Jesus: Tried and Condemned**

### Scripture

Matthew 26:59-68  
 Matthew 27:1-30  
 Mark 14:55-65  
 Mark 15:1-20  
 Luke 22:63-71  
 Luke 23:1-25  
 John 18:28-40  
 John 19:1-17  
 Acts 1:16-20  
 Isaiah 53:1-6

### Memory Verse

He suffered the things we should have suffered. He took on Himself the pain that should have been ours.  
 Isaiah 53:4 (NIV)

### Lesson Goals

Understand that God, not Pilate, was in control of the circumstances surrounding Jesus' death

Understand that Jesus suffered your punishment, not His own

The following is a summary of the Bible story to help supplement your preparation. In your personal study time, use this summary as a guide, and make notes to help you remember your plans for the lesson. Please do **NOT** read to the children.

In our last lesson we looked at the way that Jesus accepted suffering. Suffering was not something Jesus was asking for; in fact, Jesus asked God to take it away. More than His comfort, though, Jesus wanted to obey God and follow His plan. We see the results of that in this lesson.

“The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for something to use against Jesus. They wanted to put Him to death. But they did not find any proof. Many witnesses lied about Him. But their stories did not agree.” (Mark 14:55 NIV) It was now dawn, and others stood up and lied, as well, but Jesus said nothing. “‘Again the high priest asked Him, ‘Are you the Christ? Are you the Son of the Blessed One?’ ‘I am,’ said Jesus.” (Mark 14:61b-62a NIV) By saying this, Jesus was not only agreeing that He is the Son of God, but God Himself, and “the high priest tore his clothes” in disbelief and grief. (Mark 14:63 NIV) This statement was enough for all of them and they agreed that Jesus must die. The Jews didn’t have the authority to put anyone to death, though.

By now it was early morning and the Jews led Jesus from Caiaphas’ house to the Roman governor’s palace. Pontius Pilate was the Roman governor in Jerusalem. The Jews brought charges against Jesus that were all lies. They said, “We have found this Man misleading our people. He is against paying taxes to Caesar. And He claims to be Christ, a king.” (Luke 23:2 NIV)

Pilate asked Jesus many questions. Some Jesus answered, others He did not. Pilate found no reason to charge Jesus with a crime, but when he found out that Jesus was from Galilee, he quickly sent Him to Herod. Galilee was under Herod’s authority. Besides that, Herod “had been wanting to see Jesus for a long time. . . He hoped to see Jesus do a miracle.” (Luke 23:8 NIV) Herod also asked Jesus many questions, but Jesus didn’t answer any of them. “Herod and his soldiers laughed at [Jesus] and made fun of Him.” (Luke 23:11a NIV) Then, they returned Jesus to Pilate.

Pilate called together all of the religious leaders. “He said to them, ‘You brought me this Man. You said He was turning the people against the authorities. I have questioned Him in front of you. I have found no basis for your charges against Him. Herod hasn’t either. So he sent Jesus back to us. As you can see, Jesus has done nothing worthy of death.’” (Luke 23:14-15 NIV) Pilate had decided to have Jesus whipped. Then, he would let Him go. Pilate knew that the religious leaders were jealous; that was why they had handed Jesus over to him.

“But the chief priests and the elders talked the crowd into asking for Barabbas and having Jesus put to death.” (Matthew 27:20 NIV) You see, it was a Passover custom to release one prisoner and let him go free. The people

### Application

Are you aware of your sin? Maybe you are asking, "What is sin?" Sin is disobeying God. It is doing what you shouldn't and not doing what you should. The Bible tells us that everyone has sinned and that we deserve a death sentence for that sin. (Rom 3:23, 6:23)

But the Bible also tells us that Jesus, "suffered the things we should have suffered. He took on Himself the pain that should have been ours." (Isaiah 53:4 NIV)

He did it because of His great love for you and me. Are you living in that love or is it something you are running from?

If you want to know more about how to experience that love, let's talk.

chose who they wanted. Barabbas was in prison because he had fought against the country. He had even murdered. "Pilate wanted to let Jesus go." (Luke 23:20 NIV)

"But the chief priests and the elders talked the crowd into asking for Barabbas and having Jesus put to death." (Matthew 27:20 NIV) Pilate gave the crowd a choice, "Who do you want me to free, Jesus or Barabbas?" The chief priests had the crowd so worked up that they asked for Barabbas to go free rather than Jesus. "'Then what should I do with the One you call the King of the Jews?' Pilate asked." (Mark 15:12 NIV) The crowd shouted, "Crucify Him, crucify Him!"

"'Why? What wrong has He done?' asked Pilate." (Matthew 27:23 NIV) But the crowd was in such a frenzy by now that all they could do was shout, "Crucify Him!" "'Pilate saw that he wasn't getting anywhere. Instead, the crowd was starting to get angry. So he took water and washed his hands in front of them. 'I am not guilty of this Man's death,' he said. 'You are accountable for that!' All the people answered, 'We and our children will accept the guilt for His death!'" (Matthew 27:24-25 NIV)

Pilate freed Barabbas, but he took Jesus and had Him whipped. After Jesus had been beaten badly, "the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the palace, which was called the Praetorium. All the rest of the soldiers gathered around Him. They took off His clothes and put a purple robe on Him. Then they twisted thorns together to make a crown." (Matthew 27:27-29a NIV) The soldiers mocked and taunted Jesus. They spit on Him and hit Him on the head with a stick. They even fell on their knees, pretending to honor Him. And Jesus, who had the power to call more than 70,000 angels to stop all of this, let it all happen. "He suffered the things we should have suffered. He took on Himself the pain that should have been ours." (Isaiah 53:4 NIV)

After Jesus' beating, Pilate came out once more and spoke to the Jews. He reminded them that he found no reason for a charge against Jesus. "Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Then Pilate said to them, 'Here is the man!'" (John 19:5 NIV) They all shouted, "Crucify Him!" Pilate suggested they take Jesus and crucify Him themselves, but their laws wouldn't allow it, but they replied, "We have a law. The law says He must die. He claimed to be the Son of God." (John 19:7 NIV)

This scared Pilate. By now, it was noon and Pilate went back inside the palace and questioned Jesus, but Jesus wouldn't respond. "'Do you refuse to speak to me?' Pilate said. 'Don't you understand? I have the power to set You free or to nail You to a cross.'" (John 19:10 NIV) Jesus knew that wasn't the case, though. The only power Pilate had was what God allowed him to have. Pilate tried to free Jesus, but the Jews insisted that He die. They even vowed, "We have no king but Caesar!" "Finally, Pilate handed Jesus over to them to be nailed to a cross." (John 19:16 NIV)

### Preparing for the Next Lesson

Jesus is Crucified



# Preschool Lesson

## Teachers:

Bring a crown of thorns and a purple robe if you have them, If not, bring a picture of Jesus dressed this way.

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In our last lesson we talked about Jesus being arrested. He was taken to the house of the most important religious leader. When Jesus told them who He was and that He had been sent from God, the leaders wanted Him dead. There was a problem, though. Their laws said that they couldn't have anyone killed, so they decided to find someone who would do it for them!

They found him at the palace in Jerusalem. His name was Pilate. He was the Roman governor. Pilate talked to Jesus and asked Him questions. The more Pilate talked with Jesus, the more he believed that Jesus had done nothing wrong.

The Jews didn't want to hear this. They made the crowd shout for Jesus to be crucified. To be crucified meant that you were nailed to a cross.

Pilate still believed Jesus was innocent. Pilate sent Jesus to be beaten. When Jesus returned, He was wearing a purple robe and a crown of thorns. The soldiers had done this to make fun of Jesus. Pilate talked to the Jews again. The Jews still didn't want to listen. They shouted again and again, "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!"

When Pilate saw that they wouldn't listen, he finally decided to sentence Jesus to death. Pilate ordered Jesus to be nailed to a cross.

That is very sad news. Jesus had done nothing wrong. He didn't deserve to die. The Bible tells us that Jesus suffered the punishment that I deserve. He suffered the punishment that you deserve, too. Why would Jesus take punishment that wasn't His? Jesus took our punishment because He loves us very much. Jesus knows that as hard as we may try, we will never be good enough to be His friend. When Jesus died on the cross, He did it to offer to be your friend, even though you have been bad. Will you accept His friendship today?

Jesus, thank you for being my friend!



## Activities

- Memory Verse Activity - Bring a thorn for each student. Encourage them to glue the thorn to a piece of construction paper and print the memory verse. Talk about what Jesus suffered for each of us. This wasn't something anyone made Him do; He took it on Himself. Jesus was in complete control over the events of His death.
- Encourage your students to fill out the journal/note page found on page 8. This can be used during the story to help focus your students or after the story as a review.
- Bring chocolate striped cookies for the snack. Talk about the "stripes" Jesus received for you and me.
- Make purple robes from paper grocery bags. Reenact the lesson.
- Sing "No Excuse," or another song related to the lesson.
- Find Jerusalem on a map. Find Pilate's palace, the Praetorium, on a detailed map of Jerusalem.
- Dig Deeper: Read Matthew 27:24-25 and contrast this passage with Isaiah 53:1-6.

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Isaiah 53:4

Trace the letters.

JESUS

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# Focus on the Story

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**Story Title:**

**Scripture References:**

**Main Characters:**

**Story Summary:**

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# Word Search

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Find the underlined words from the memory verse in the puzzle above.

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Isaiah 53:4



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JESUS

PILATE

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BEATEN

CRUCIFY HIM

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