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"Jesus is believed to have died at the age of 33 after a life of approximately 12,000 days. The Gospel writers devoted most of their work to just 1,100 or so of those days, the last 3 years of his life; and their primary interest was in one particular day - the day he was crucified. They believed this 24-hour period changed the world, and each of the Gospels drives toward it.

Beginning Thursday evening after sunset and lasting on through Friday, Jesus would eat the Last Supper with his disciples; pray in the garden of Gethsemane; be betrayed and deserted by his friends; be convicted of blasphemy by the religious authorities; be tried and sentenced for insurrection by Pontius Pilate; be tortured by Roman soldiers; and undergo crucifixion, death, and burial...The suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ represent the pinnacle of the gospel and the completion of God's saving work through Jesus Christ." ~Rev. Adam Hamilton

o Monday 4.11.11

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Mark 15.15b-23

o Tuesday 4.12.11

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Matthew 27.26-34

o Wednesday 4.13.11

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Luke 23.11-12, 26-31

o Thursday 4.14.11

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John 19.1-6, 16b-17

o Friday 4.15.11

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Isaiah 50.4-7

o Saturday 4.16.11

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Romans 5.6-11

As you read each day's passage, think about/discuss/journal:

.What does this passage teach me about God? What does it say about myself?

.How can I live differently, how does my view of the world need to change, according to what I've learned from this passage?

.One specific next step I'm going to take this week is:

Discussion Questions

.How do you imagine the scene in which Jesus was mocked? In your mind, how did Jesus respond to this kind of cruelty?

.During the final 24 hours of Jesus' life, we see Judas' betrayal, Peter's denial, the disciples' abandonment, the Sanhedrin's jealousy, the crowd's rage, Pilate's acquiescence, and the soldier's cruelty. What do these sights teach us about what we need saving from?

>>**READ & COMPARE**>> **Luke 23:26, Matt. 27:32 and Mark 15:21**

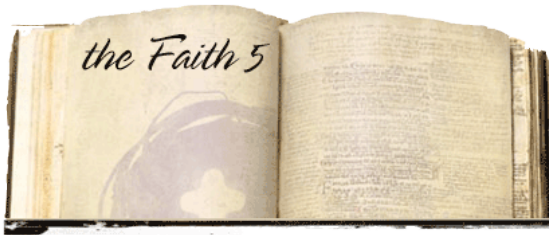
.Only Luke mentions that Simon of Cyrene carried Jesus' cross "behind Jesus." What insights into the Passion narrative does that detail provide?

.What does the example of Simon of Cyrene teach us about discipleship?

.What examples of sacrificial love inspire you to greater service in the name of Christ?

>>**READ**>> **Romans 5:6-11**

Why does Paul think it so crucial that Jesus' death proves God's love for us?



Share your highs & lows of the day

Read the Scripture in the Bible

Talk about how the verse relates to your highs & lows

Pray about your highs & lows, family, world

Bless one another

Making disciples every night in every home!

Sunday _____ Mark 15.16-17

Monday _____ Mark 15.18-19

Tuesday _____ Mark 15.20

Wednesday _____ Mark 15.22-23

Thursday _____ Isaiah 53.7

Friday _____ Hebrews 12.2

Saturday _____ 1 Peter 2.23

Blessing: May you choose to answer kindly even in the face of cruelty.

