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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 4.18.11

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Mark 15.21-47

o Tuesday 4.19.11

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Matthew 27.32-66

o Wednesday 4.20.11

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Luke 23.26-56

o Thursday 4.21.11

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John 19.16b-42

o Friday 4.22.11

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Psalms 22

o Saturday 4.23.11

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Isaiah 53

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

.In his sermon excerpt, Adam Hamilton says that the cross is a reminder that (1) we need saving, (2) God experiences suffering because of our brokenness, (3) God have chosen to be merciful and forgiving toward us, and (4) God loves us. How do you respond to those reminders?

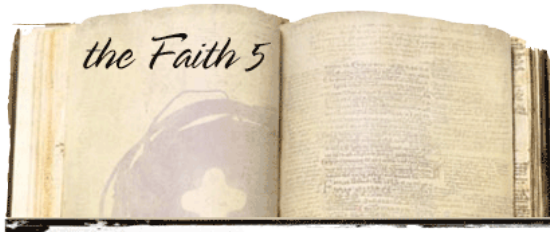
.Read aloud the last seven phrases Jesus spoke. What meaning do they have to you?

.Of all the people who saw Jesus crucified, who really SAW him?

.Only one of the soldiers truly realized something cosmic and epic was happening. Do we really "get it"?

.Where do you see yourself in the story this week?

.What does the cross mean to you?



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 _____ Luke 23.33-34

Thursday _____ Matthew 27.54

Monday _____ Luke 23.35

Friday _____ Isaiah 53.5

Tuesday _____ Luke 23.36-38

Saturday _____ Hebrews 13.12

Wednesday _____ Luke 23.44-46

Blessing: May you live for the one who died in love for you.

