

*the Homepage | April 3rd-9th*



"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 4.4.11**

|

**Mark 15.1-15**

**o Tuesday 4.5.11**

|

**Matthew 27.11-26**

**o Wednesday 4.6.11**

|

**Luke 23.1-25**

**o Thursday 4.7.11**

|

**John 18.28-19.16**

**o Friday 4.8.11**

|

**Acts 4.1-31**

**o Saturday 4.9.11**

|

**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

.Why do you think the Synoptic Gospels (Matt., Mark, Luke) show Jesus choosing not to speak in defense of himself?

.If you had been at Jesus' trial, which character would you most likely identify with: Pontius Pilate? The crowd? Barabbas?

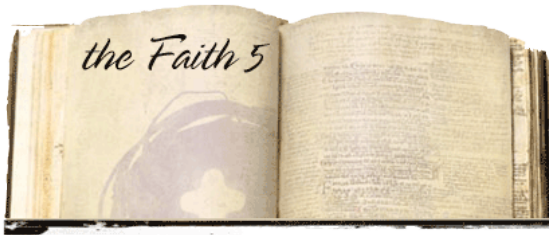
.What have you done that you have known to be wrong simply because "the crowd" was clamoring for you to do it?

.How do you explain the connection between Jesus' suffering and the world's salvation? What about atonement do you struggle to comprehend?

.Jesus of Nazareth was not the type of King the people were expecting. His way was to change the world through sacrificial love instead of one who would change the world through power over the Romans, reclaim their tax money, wealth and restore the strength of the Jewish kingdom. Had you been standing there that day, whom would you have chosen?

.Considering our world today, what kind of messiah would people choose? Whom would you choose? Why?

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



*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 \_\_\_\_\_ Matthew 27.11

Monday \_\_\_\_\_ Matthew 27.16-18

Tuesday \_\_\_\_\_ Matthew 27.19

Wednesday \_\_\_\_\_ John 19.12

Thursday \_\_\_\_\_ Matthew 27.20-22

Friday \_\_\_\_\_ Matthew 27.24

Saturday \_\_\_\_\_ Matthew 27.26

**Blessing:** May you have courage to follow Jesus and not the crowd.

