

## CHAPTER 23.5 LOVE WALKS TOWARD THE CROSS

"THREE TRIALS"  
Luke 22:66 - 23:25  
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**The pure Son of God endured injustice in the courts of men so that wicked men could be made righteous in the court of heaven.**

I. Identity (Trial 1) (22:66-71)

Christology is both supreme and succinct here.

A. Christ – Messiah

B. Son of Man

C. Son of God

II. Innocent (Trials 2&3)

A. Pilate (23:1-5)

B. Herod (23:6-12)

C. Verdict (23:13-17)

III. The Exchange (23:18-25)

**How does this apply to me?**

## NEXT WEEK

"DEAD AND BURIED"  
Luke 23:26-56

### **Passage Overview:**

All of human history turns around the crucifixion of Jesus. The Old Testament saints were looking forward to God's provision of salvation. A new covenant had been promised. A perfect sacrifice was needed. Their faith was a manifestation of their trust and dependence upon God to provide redemption. And every believer since the crucifixion of Jesus places their hope and trust in His perfect sacrifice for their sins alone. Whether looking forward or looking backward, it is Jesus' death upon the cross and His subsequent resurrection from the dead that is the focus of every person's destiny.

This "old" story is ever new. Every individual must respond. What will you do with Jesus? Will you trust Him? Do you believe He died for you? And if you do, are you telling others that He died for them?

As you read Luke's account of the crucifixion this week, pay special attention to how the individuals around Jesus responded. Some scoffed. Others mocked. Others were in grief or even praise. But at least one individual at the cross recognized that Jesus was not only innocent, but that He was inaugurating His kingdom.

How do you respond to Jesus on the cross? Is it a worn out story? Is it too familiar? Has His sacrifice for you radically changed not only your past and future, but also your present?

Without Jesus' death and resurrection, there can be no salvation.

**Reading for Next Week:** Luke 22:66 – 23:25; John 18:12 – 19:16

*By this time it was about noon, and darkness fell across the whole land until three o'clock. The light from the sun was gone. And suddenly, the curtain in the sanctuary of the Temple was torn down the middle. Then Jesus shouted, "Father, I entrust my spirit into your hands!" And with those words he breathed his last.*

Luke 22:44-46