

Steve Greenberg's Handout

Week 47 Sunday August 9, 2026: Luke 23:32-56 Jesus is Crucified

Luke 23:32-43 Jesus on the Cross on each side a Criminal (Matt. 27:45-56; Mark 15:33-41; John 19:25-30)

Luk 23:32 There were also two others, criminals, led (away) with Him(Jesus) to be put to death (executed).

Parallel passage in Matthew tells us the criminals are called robbers

Mat 27:38 Then two robbers were crucified with Him, one on the right and another on the left.

Prophetic Messianic references

Isa 53:3 He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.

Isa 53:5 But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.

Isa 53:8 He was taken from prison and from judgment, And who will declare His generation? For He was cut off from the land of the living; For the transgressions of My people He was stricken.

Isa 53:9 And they made His grave with the wicked--But with the rich at His death, Because He had done no violence, Nor was any deceit in His mouth.

Isa 53:12 Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, And He shall divide the spoil with the strong, Because He poured out His soul unto death, And He was numbered with the transgressors, And He bore the sin of many, And made intercession for the transgressors.

Jesus endured the cross, despising the shame

Heb 12:2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Luk 23:33 And when they had come to the place called Calvary (**Gk. Kranion meaning "skull"**) (**In Latin Vulgate Bible Calvarius or Calvaria; or Calvary; Hebrew/Aramaic name is Golgotha**), there they crucified Him(**Jesus**), and the criminals (**nailed them to the cross to die**), one on the right hand and the other on the left.

Parallel passage in Gospel of John with added details

Jhn 19:17 And He, bearing His cross, went out to a place called the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha,

Jhn 19:18 where they crucified Him, and two others with Him, one on either side, and Jesus in the center.

Jhn 19:19 Now Pilate wrote a title and put it on the cross. And the writing was: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS.

Jhn 19:20 Then many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin.

Jhn 19:21 Therefore the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'He said, 'I am the King of the Jews.' ' "

Jhn 19:22 Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written."

Jhn 19:23 Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His garments and made four parts, to each soldier a part, and also the tunic. Now the tunic was without seam, woven from the top in one piece.

Jhn 19:24 They said therefore among themselves, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be," that the Scripture might be fulfilled which says: "They divided My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots." Therefore the soldiers did these things.

Luk 23:34 Then Jesus said (**and kept praying**), "**Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do**" (**are doing**). And they (**soldiers**) divided His(**Jesus**) garments (**clothes**) and cast lots (**by throwing dice**).

Jesus models unconditional grace by interceding for His executioners while experiencing excruciating physical pain. The grammatical structure, Greek imperfect tense implies that Jesus "kept praying" or "was repeatedly praying" these words "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do". As the soldiers mocked Him, divided His clothes, and drove the nails, Jesus continuously responded during His agony, with an ongoing plea for their forgiveness.

2Cor 8:9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich (**in and through His grace**).

Mat 5:44 "But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you,

Prophetic Messianic reference

Psa 22:16 For dogs have surrounded Me; The congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me. They pierced My hands and My feet;

Psa 22:17 I can count all My bones. They look and stare at Me.

Psa 22:18 They divide My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots.

Peter preaching at Solomon's Porch

Act 3:12 So when Peter saw it, he responded to the people: "Men of Israel, why do you marvel at this? Or why look so intently at us, as though by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk?

Act 3:13 "The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified His Servant Jesus, whom you delivered up and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let Him go.

Act 3:14 "But you denied the Holy One and the Just, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you,

Act 3:15 "and killed the Prince of life, whom God raised from the dead, of which we are witnesses.

Act 3:16 "And His name, through faith in His name, has made this man strong, whom you see and know. Yes, the faith which comes through Him has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

Act 3:17 "Yet now, brethren, I know that you did it in ignorance, as did also your rulers.

Act 3:18 "But those things which God foretold by the mouth of all His prophets, that the Christ would suffer, He has thus fulfilled.

There are a lot of great men in history but none can forgive sins

Act 13:36 "For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell asleep, was buried with his fathers, and saw corruption;

Act 13:37 "but He(Jesus) whom God raised up saw no corruption.

Act 13:38 "Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that through this Man is preached to you the forgiveness of sins;

Act 13:39 "and by Him(Jesus) everyone who believes is justified from all things from which you could not be justified by the law of Moses.

Act 3:19 Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord,

Mat 26:28 "For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

Luk 23:35 And the people stood looking on (the crowd watched). But even the rulers with them, sneered (and ridiculed Him), saying, "He saved others (from death); let Him save Himself? if He is the Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One), the chosen of God."

Prophetic Messianic reference

Psa 22:7 All those who see Me ridicule Me; They shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying,

Psa 22:8 "He trusted in the LORD, let Him rescue Him; Let Him deliver Him, since He delights in Him!"

Zec 12:10 "And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.

Jesus said now the ruler of this world will be cast out, so I can be lifted up

Jhn 12:30 Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come because of Me, but for your sake.

Jhn 12:31 "Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out.

Jhn 12:32 "And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself."

Jhn 12:33 This He said, signifying by what death He would die.

Luk 23:36 The soldiers also mocked Him(**Jesus**), coming and (**cruelly**) offering Him sour wine (**was ordinary wine soldiers drank, it would dull the pain**),

Luk 23:37 and saying (**or calling out to him**), "If You are (**really, sarcastically**) the King of the Jews, save Yourself (**from dieing**)."

Luk 23:38 And an inscription also was written (**and fastened**) over Him(**Jesus**) (**as a sign**) in letters of Greek, Latin, and Hebrew: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

It was normal for the charge against an executed person to be displayed so everyone could see. Jesus was crucified on political grounds for claiming to be a King, King of the Jews.

Pilate was asked to take down the inscription, he answered them, no, what I have written, I have written (John 19:22).

Luk 23:39 Then one of the criminals who were hanged (**on a cross beside Him**) blasphemed (**hurling abuse statements at**) Him, saying, "If You are the Christ (**Messiah, Anointed One, prove it!**), save Yourself and us (**from death**)."

Mar 15:32 "Let the Christ, the King of Israel, descend now from the cross, that we may see and believe." Even those who were crucified with Him reviled Him (Jesus).

Luk 23:40 But the other (**criminal on the other side of Jesus**), answering, rebuked him, saying, "Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation (**sentence of death**)?"

Luk 23:41 "And we indeed justly (**deserve to die, for our crimes**), for we receive the due reward (**getting what we deserve**) of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong (**He is innocent**)."

Judas his betrayer said, I have sinned by betraying innocent blood."

Mat 27:3 Then Judas, His betrayer, seeing that He had been condemned, was remorseful and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders,

Mat 27:4 saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." And they said, "What is that to us? You see to it!"

Pilate said I have examined this man(Jesus) and I find no fault in Him. Another witness to the innocence of Jesus. Pilate's wife sent a message to him in which she said, Have nothing to do with this just man. I've suffered many things last night in a dream because of Him.

Peter spoke about Jesus death and they were witnesses

Act 5:29 But Peter and the other apostles answered and said: "We ought to obey God rather than men.

Act 5:30 "The God of our fathers raised up Jesus whom you murdered by hanging on a tree.

Act 5:31 "Him God has exalted to His right hand to be Prince and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.

Act 5:32 "And we are His witnesses to these things, and so also is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him."

1Pet 2:21 For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps:

1Pet 2:22 "Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth";

1Pet 2:23 who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously;

1Pet 2:24 who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness--by whose stripes you were healed.

1Pet 2:25 For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Correlation passage in Hebrews

Heb 7:26 For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens;

Heb 7:27 who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself.

Luk 23:42 Then he said to Jesus, "Lord, "remember me" when You come into "Your kingdom." (**Remember me, speaks of future Messianic Kingdom**)

Luk 23:43 And Jesus said to him (**the criminal on one of His sides**), "**Assuredly, I say to you (or I tell you the truth), today you will be with Me in Paradise.**"

One thief was saved, that none need to despair; there is hope in Jesus for everyone who repents and believes. Even a deathbed conversion, or last-minute salvation.

Paradise represent a blessed destination, fellowship with God, life, and freedom from the consequences of sin and death.

(I.e. possibly the third heaven, the special place or “garden like space” (Gen 2:8-10) between death and resurrection)."

The vision of Paradise most likely Paul, describing himself in third person not wanting to boast

2Cor 12:1 It is doubtless not profitable for me (**Paul**) to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord:

2Cor 12:2 I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago--whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows--such a one was caught up to the third heaven.

2Cor 12:3 And I know such a man--whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows--

2Cor 12:4 how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.

Rev 2:7 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God." '

Luke 23:44-49 Jesus Dies on the Cross (Matt. 27:45-56; Mark 15:33-41; John 19:25-30)

Luk 23:44 Now it was about the sixth hour(**noon**), and there was “darkness over all the earth” (**not just Israel**) until the ninth hour (**3pm**).

This was a supernatural. It could not have been an eclipse because the passover always takes place at full moon. It's impossible to have an eclipse at full moon.

Prophetic reference

Darkness represents lament (Amos 8:9-10) and divine judgment (Ex. 10:21-23).

Amo 8:9 "And it shall come to pass in that day," says the Lord GOD, "That I will make the sun go down at noon, And I will darken the earth in broad daylight;

Amo 8:10 I will turn your feasts into mourning, And all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on every waist, And baldness on every head; I will make it like mourning, for an only son, And its end like a bitter day.

Luk 23:45 Then the sun was darkened (**sun's light failed and stopped shining**), and the veil of the temple (**the inner part of the temple, Holy of Holies**) was torn in two (**in the middle, from the top to down Mat 27:51**).

The tearing of the veil established the institution of a new covenant, a new and living way of communication between God and mankind. The sacrificial death of Christ nullified the need for priestly intervention between God and man, and abolished the need for animal sacrifices.

Luk 23:46 And when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice, He said, "**Father, 'into Your hands I commit My spirit!'**" Having said this, He breathed His last.

Jhn 19:30 So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

What was finished? Jesus' death accomplished what His earthly mission required: Jesus yielded His living spirit to God the Father and He yielded His body to death on the cross and breathed His last.

He gave His life for sinners — Mark 10:45.

He became the sacrifice for sin — Hebrews 9:26–28.

He bore our sins — 1 Peter 2:24.

He fulfilled Scripture — John 19:28–30.

He opened the way to God — Hebrews 10:19–20.

Notice Jesus says “It is finished” before He dies. Then Luke tells us that He entrusted His spirit to the Father and died.

So the sequence is profound:

“It is finished.” → “Father, into Your hands I commend My spirit.” → He dies.

Jesus' death was not the failure of His mission. His death was the completion of His sacrificial mission.

Parallel passage in Matthew with added details

Mat 27:50 And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit.

Mat 27:51 Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split,

Mat 27:52 and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised;

Mat 27:53 and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many.

Mat 27:54 So when the centurion and those with him (**Roman officer in charge of a hundred men**), who were guarding Jesus, saw the earthquake and the things that had happened, they feared greatly, saying, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

Prophetic Messianic reference

Psa 31:5 Into Your hand I commit my spirit; You have redeemed me, O LORD God of truth.

Jesus wasn't saying that He was being defeated against His will. He was consciously entrusting His life and Spirit to His Father.

Jesus tells of His future death

Mat 17:22 Now while they were staying in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men,

Mat 17:23 "and they will kill Him, and the third day He will be raised up." And they were exceedingly sorrowful.

Jhn 10:17 "Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again.

Jhn 10:18 "No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father."

Luk 23:47 So when the centurion (**Roman officer overseeing the execution**) saw what had happened, he glorified God (**praised and honored God**), saying, "Certainly this was a (**innocent**) righteous Man!"

Luk 23:48 And the whole crowd (**all the crowds**) who came together to that sight (**to see the crucifixion**), seeing what had been done, beat their breasts (**or chests as a sign of mourning or repentance**) and returned (**began to return to their homes**).

Luke intentionally paints a picture of women expressing public, heartfelt grief through a well-known mourning gesture or idiom.

Luk 23:49 But all His acquaintances (**Jesus' friends**), and the women who followed Him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

Many Women Minister to Jesus

Luk 8:1 Now it came to pass, afterward, that He went through every city and village, preaching and bringing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God. And the twelve were with Him,

Luk 8:2 and certain women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities--Mary called Magdalene, out of whom had come seven demons,

Luk 8:3 and Joanna the wife of Chuza, Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others who provided for Him(Jesus) from their substance.

Luke 23:50-56 Jesus Buried in Joseph's Tomb (Matt. 27:57-61; Mark 15:42-47; John 19:38-42)

Luk 23:50 Now behold, there was a man named Joseph, a council member (**of the Sanhedrin, Jewish High Court**), a good and just (**honorable**) man.

Parallel passage in Gospel of Matthew with added details

Mat 27:57 Now when evening had come, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who himself had also become a disciple of Jesus (**believer**).

Mat 27:58 This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be given to him.

Mat 27:59 When Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth,

Mat 27:60 and laid it in his new tomb which he had hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a large stone against the door of the tomb, and departed.

Mat 27:61 And **Mary Magdalene** was there, and the other **Mary**, sitting opposite the tomb.

Luk 23:51 He(**Joseph**) had not consented to their decision and deed (**plan and action of the council, religious leaders**). He(**Joseph**) was from Arimathea, a city of the Jews, who himself was also waiting for (**and expecting**) the kingdom of God.

Those waiting and looking for the redemption of Israel

Luk 2:25 And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the Consolation of Israel, and **the Holy Spirit** was upon him.

Luk 2:38 And coming in that instant she (**Anna, a prophetess**) gave thanks to the Lord, and spoke of Him(**Jesus, Messiah**) to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem.

Luk 23:52 This man(**Joseph**) went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.

Luk 23:53 Then he(**Joseph after receiving permission**) took it (**Jesus body**) down, wrapped it (**His body**) in linen (**burial cloth**), and laid it in a tomb (**new tomb**) that was hewn (**carved, cut**) out of the rock, where no one had ever lain before (**buried**).

Joseph supervised the removal of Jesus' body from the cross to the tomb burial place. Joseph's personally owned the tomb (**Mat 27:60**). Confirmation Jesus is buried in a rich man's tomb (**fulfilling Isa 53:9**), where no one had . . . been laid (**John 19:41**).

Peter's Sermon

Act 2:22 "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know--

Act 2:23 "Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death;

Act 2:24 "whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it.

Act 2:27 For You will not leave my soul in Hades, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.

Act 2:30 Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh, He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne,

Act 2:31 "he, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that His soul was not left in Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption.

Act 2:32 "This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses.

Luk 23:54 That day, was the Preparation (**day before the Sabbath begins**), and the Sabbath drew near (**the sun was soon to set, and night will start the new Jewish day**).

Luk 23:55 And the women who had come with Him(**Jesus**) from Galilee followed after (**Joseph**), and they observed the tomb and how His body was laid (**they watched closely for their return to it later**).

Parallel passage in Gospel of Matthew with added detail

Mar 15:47 And Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses observed where He(**Jesus**) was laid.

Luk 23:56 Then they returned (**to where they were staying**) and prepared spices and fragrant oils. And they rested on the Sabbath, according to the commandment.

Seventh day is the Sabbath you shall do no work

Exo 20:9 Six days you shall labor and do all your work,

Exo 20:10 but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates.

Exo 20:11 For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.

End & Prayer

Extra Scriptures: