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Main Idea: The Innocent One died for our sin.

Breaking the Ice

- Who first told you that Jesus died for your sins? How did you respond that first time?

Excavating the Truth

- Reread Luke 23:26–54
- The verb translated "hurling abuse" (NASB) in v. 39 literally means "blasphemed." How does this intensify your understanding of what was happening?

- "Breathed His last" (v. 46) is not the normal expression for saying someone died. What is Luke signifying with this unusual expression?

- The centurion in verse 47 literally says that Jesus "was righteous." What does he, an unbeliever, mean by this statement?

Applying the Truth Personally

- How have I allowed myself to condone society's mocking of Jesus? How can I more effectively counter a culture that mocks Christ?

- Jesus shows great compassion and mercy to those who wrong Him. What are *specific* ways that can I likewise show compassion and mercy to those who wrong me?

Applying the Truth Congregationally

- What are *specific* ways in which Jesus' willing sacrifice for us should transform our church?

- Most of the people passively watched Jesus' execution. How can our church ensure that we are not displaying similar passivity toward Jesus?

Digging Deeper

- Study Psalm 31. How does the use of Ps 31:5 in Luke 23:46 demonstrate Jesus' understanding of this psalm?

- Collect the responses of observers to Jesus' death from each of the Gospels. What do the different responses reveal about the emphasis each Gospel writer is making?

Looking Ahead

- Read Psalm 65, a psalm praising God's abundant blessing, daily in preparation for our annual Thanksgiving service.