

Lesson 4

Jesus Is Punished for All

Bible Lesson: Luke 23:1-49; John 18:28 – 19:37

Memory Verse: He died for all. *II Corinthians 5:15*

TEACHER PREPARATION

Prepare to Teach

- ◆ that all people are sinners and deserve to be punished
- ◆ that Jesus took the punishment for us when He died on the cross
- ◆ that Jesus died on the cross for our sins because He loves us

Prepare Materials

- ◆ brown construction paper for crown of thorns (pattern in Teacher Manual), 1 per child
- ◆ tag board circles (pattern in Teacher Manual), 1 per child
- ◆ construction paper, 2 sheets per child
- ◆ “Crucifixion and Resurrection of Jesus” flannelgraph on The Trial and The Crucifixion
- ◆ My Favorite Bible Stories p.89 and p.91

BIBLE BACKGROUND

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I. Introduction

We might ask several questions as we begin our preparation for this lesson. Have you ever been falsely accused, blamed for something you have not done? Have you ever been punished for a wrong when you were innocent? It is true that parents are imperfect human beings and prone to error. Sometimes the wrong child gets punished for a wrong committed. Have you ever willingly offered yourself to take all the blame, all the scoffing, and all the punishment as a substitute for someone you love? Today in our lesson we look at One who did that for us.

II. Let us examine the setting in which we find Jesus in our lesson today.

- A. Jesus was betrayed by Judas, arrested, bound, and taken to the high priest’s house (Luke 22:47ff).
- B. Jesus was denied three times by Peter (Luke 22:54-62), which He had predicted (Luke 22:31-34). Then Jesus was mocked and beaten.
- C. Now Jesus faces the Sanhedrin made up of elders, both chief priests and scribes. Here in the cross-examination, these men find grounds to falsely accuse Jesus of blasphemy because He claimed to be “*the Son of God*” (Luke 22:70; see also Luke 1:35). Blasphemy was punishable by death (Leviticus 24:16).

1. The Sanhedrin was the highest Jewish tribunal (or council) during the Greek and Roman periods.
 2. Blasphemy was a mortal sin; it was to speak lightly or carelessly of God. Jesus' claim to be the Son of God would certainly have been blasphemy if it were not true. Naboth, by the instigation of Queen Jezebel, was falsely accused of blasphemy (I Kings 21:7-14). Stephen was also falsely accused of blasphemy (Acts 6:11-14; 7:57-58).
- D. After this Jesus was led to Pilate, the procurator or governing representative of imperial Rome in Palestine. Pilate sent Him to Herod, King of Judah (Luke 23:7). Herod and his troops treated Jesus with contempt and sent Him back to Pilate (Luke 23:11). Pilate and Herod, who had been enemies, became friends that very day (Luke 23:12).
- III. Jesus testified before Pontius Pilate (I Timothy 6:13). The confession that Pilate was looking for from Jesus was a confession of guilt.
- A. Pilate asked, "*Are You the King of the Jews?*" (Luke 23:3; John 18:33). This would make Jesus guilty of usurping power that was assigned to King Herod at that time.
1. Jesus' confession was that He was the Messiah, the King, but that His kingdom was not of this world (John 18:36-37; Luke 23:3).
 2. Scriptures declare that Jesus was King and is King (see Matthew 2:2; I Timothy 1:17; Revelation 19:16).
- B. Pilate asked the people, "*What accusation do you (Jews) bring against this Man?*" (John 18:29). Their false accusation was that of blasphemy (Jesus claimed to be the Son of God), and of perverting their nation and forbidding to pay taxes to Caesar (even though Jesus taught His disciples to "*render unto Caesar that which is Caesar's*" (Matthew 22:21).
- C. Pilate repeated the question, "*So You are a king?*" (John 18:37).
1. Jesus confessed and said, "*You say correctly that I am a king*" Then He declared why He was born into this world (John 18:37).
 2. Jesus who is "*the way, the truth, and the life*" (John 14:6) came to "*bear witness to the truth*" (John 18:37) and to fulfill all the prophecies concerning Himself.
 3. Pilate could find no fault in Jesus, so he washed his hands of his responsibility (John 19:4-6; Matthew 27:22-24).
 4. Pilate performed a cowardly act. Even though he found no fault in Jesus, to appease the multitude he released a criminal named Barabbas. Even though Jesus was completely innocent (II Corinthians 5:21), Pilate gave Jesus over to the mob to be crucified.
- IV. Jesus suffered many cruel things at the hands of sinful men.
- A. They scourged Him, so His back was torn and bleeding. They spit in his face, struck Him with their hands, mocked Him, and crushed a crown of thorns down on His head. They placed a heavy, rough wooden cross on His torn back and made Him carry it. He was nailed (not tied) to the cross, which was the most excruciating death the Romans had devised. They pierced His side with a spear. He hung in the hot sun and died as a common criminal along with two other condemned criminals.
- B. Why did Jesus bear all this cruelty, pain and death? Men had no power to do this to Him (John 19:11).

1. It was His Father's will that Jesus should suffer and die (John 3:16). *"But the Lord was pleased to crush Him, putting Him to grief"* (Isaiah 53:10). Jesus was sent by the Father to redeem us (John 20:21; I John 4:10).
 2. Jesus' suffering and death was voluntary (Isaiah 50:6; John 10:17-18).
 3. Jesus' suffering and death was substitutionary. *"I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep"* (John 10:11,15,17-18).
 4. Jesus' suffering and death was to save us from our sins, from bondage to Satan, from guilt, and from hell itself (Matthew 26:28; I Corinthians 5:7; 15:3; Galatians 4:4; Colossians 1:14,20-22; I Peter 2:21,24).
- V. Jesus lived and died in complete obedience to the Father's will. Review #1 above and IV and V in Lesson 3. Number V has to do with our attitude toward the will of God in our lives, even in the case of suffering.
- VI. Of all our blessings from God, we ought to be most grateful to Him for Jesus Himself and for so great a salvation. This is the greatest gift that God could give us and one that no one should neglect (Hebrews 2:3).
- A. We should thank Jesus because there is salvation in no other person or method (Acts 4:12; I Peter 1:18).
 - B. We should thank God because salvation is a gift (Romans 6:23). Salvation is all by grace, that is, by the unmerited favor of God toward us in and through Christ Jesus (Ephesians 2:8).
 - C. We should thank Him for such love to us though we are so undeserving. We must say with Jacob of old, *"I am unworthy of all the lovingkindness and of all the faithfulness which Thou hast shown to Thy servant"* (Genesis 32:10). Jesus came not to save the righteous, but sinners (Matthew 9:13; Romans 5:8).

VII. Conclusion

God was not willing that any should perish. Therefore, He sent His only beloved Son to save us. Jesus, in obedience to His Father and His will, willingly and voluntarily gave His cheek to the smiters, suffered many things, and laid down His life for us, His sheep. Let us always thank Him for this blood-bought redemption. *"Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving"* (Psalms 50:14). *"Come before His presence with thanksgiving"* (Psalms 95:2). *"Enter His gates with thanksgiving"* (Psalms 100:4). Thank You, Lord, for taking my place!

BEGINNING YOUR CLASS HOUR

Welcome with Love

Greet children by name and ask each to tell the name of a special friend.

ASK: Do you love that friend so much that you would be willing to:

- * give him your jacket on a cold day?
- * give him your favorite toy?
- * give him your dessert?

- * stick up for him when others are making fun of him?
- * protect him from danger?

SAY: Jesus is the best friend anyone could ever have. Jesus loves you very much. He did something greater than any of these things, for you. Jesus loves you so much that He was willing to die for you!

Use a Learning Center

ART CENTER – JESUS SUFFERED FOR ME

Have children **CUT** circle from tag board. **DRAW** a sad face on it to show the pain that Jesus suffered because of my sin. Emphasize that Jesus did this willingly because He loves me.

CUT OUT the crown of thorns with the memory verse written on it (pattern in Teacher Manual). Place this on the forehead of the face. Drops of blood could be added to the forehead to show how Jesus suffered for us from the crown of thorns.

SAY the Bible verse together:

He died for all. II Corinthians 5:15

GAME CENTER – JESUS DIED FOR ME

Paraphrase today's memory verse by saying:

Jesus died for all,
Jesus died for all,
Jesus died for all of us,
Jesus died for all.

Form a circle and have children walk around circle as they say the verse.

Select one child to go to the center and say again, using that child's name instead of "all" at the end of lines one and two. That child then selects another child as they all say the verse together using that name.

Repeat until every child is in the circle. End by saying the original verse together.

TEACHING TODAY'S BIBLE LESSON

Sing the Message

Teach "*Jesus Loves Me, Jesus Loves Me*" printed in student books and Teacher Manual.

SAY: Jesus died to save my soul. Jesus endured pain and suffering because He loves me. Jesus will never leave me. He will always hear me when I pray to Him. There is nothing to fear when I love and obey Jesus.

Review "*Jesus, High in Glory*" printed in student books and Teacher Manual. Add verse four, asking Jesus to take our sins away and help us to love Him more each day.

Pray the Message

Thank God for each child who has come today to learn more about Jesus.

Thank Jesus for being willing to suffer and die on the cross so that our sins could be forgiven.

Ask Jesus to help us love Him more each day and to make us more and more like Jesus.

Introduce the Message

- ◆ Why did God send Jesus to earth? (to be our Savior)
- ◆ What was Jesus willing to do? (suffer and die for our sins)

(Remember to use the flannelgraph or Bible story pictures recommended in the "Prepare Materials" section to help teach the Bible lesson.)

Read/Tell the Message

JESUS IS PUNISHED FOR ALL

Sin is an ugly word. God tells us in the Bible that all people sin and every person who sins must be punished. This makes us very sad. Wouldn't it be wonderful if someone could take the punishment for all our sins? There is good news! Someone did take the punishment for our sins and for the sins of every person in the world.

After the soldiers arrested Jesus in the garden, they took Him to a man named Pilate. Many people wanted Pilate to believe that Jesus sinned and should be punished.

Pilate asked Jesus many questions. Pilate went back to the people and said, "This man has not done anything wrong." But the people would not listen to Pilate. They were angry and shouted, "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!"

Because Pilate was afraid of the angry people, he sent Jesus away to be punished for things He did not do. The soldiers hit Jesus, made fun of Him, spit on Him, and put a crown of sharp thorns on His head. Then the soldiers nailed Jesus to the cross, and Jesus died.

Jesus, the Lamb of God, bled and died on the cross. He took away the sin of the world. Only Jesus could take the punishment for everyone's sins because He is perfect and holy. Jesus took the punishment for you and for me.

Reinforce the Message

- ◆ Where did the soldiers take Jesus? (to Pilate)
- ◆ Did Pilate believe Jesus was guilty? (no, he said that Jesus had not done anything wrong)
- ◆ Why did Pilate send Jesus away to be punished? (he was afraid of the people)
- ◆ What did the soldiers do to Jesus? (the soldiers hit Jesus, made fun of Him, spit on Him, put a crown of sharp thorns on His head, and nailed Jesus to a cross)
- ◆ Why was Jesus willing to let them do this? (because this was God's will that Jesus would suffer and die to take the punishment for our sin – Jesus loves us!)

APPLYING THE BIBLE LESSON

Memorize a Bible Verse

SING *"The Best Book of All Is the Bible"*

Review verse using the face with the crown of thorns. Ask children to take these home and tell family members about the sufferings of Jesus, and why He died for us. Say verse together:

*He died for all.
II Corinthians 5:15*

Do the Activities Together

ACTIVITY 1 – Jesus Is Punished for All

Put two sheets of construction paper together and **FOLD** in half. This will make a booklet with four pages.

Give each student the two activity pages from their student books. Have them **CUT OUT** the pictures and story frames.

As you **REVIEW** the story, discuss where to glue each picture frame. Leave space for the words of the story underneath.

GLUE the title JESUS DIED FOR ME on the front cover. Have the students write at the

bottom of the title page BY GOD. (You may need to write this on the chalkboard for them to copy.)

EXPLAIN to the students that God is the author of this book because God is the one who planned the way of salvation. The Bible tells us that God planned for Jesus to come to be our Savior so that we could have forgiveness of sin and live forever with Him in heaven.

On the inside of the first sheet, **GLUE** Jesus with the soldier and the first story frame: *"Jesus was praying in the garden. Soldiers came to the garden to arrest Jesus."*

On the second page, **GLUE** Jesus before Pilate and the second story frame: *"The soldiers brought Jesus to a man named Pilate. Pilate asked Jesus many questions."*

On the third page, **GLUE** Pilate before the crowd and the next story frame: *"Then Pilate said to the people, 'This man has not done anything wrong.' But the people shouted, 'Crucify Him! Crucify Him!'"*

On the last page, **GLUE** Jesus on the cross and the final story frame: *"The soldiers nailed Jesus to a cross, and Jesus died. This was God's plan, to pay for the sin of the whole world. Jesus was God's perfect sacrifice for*

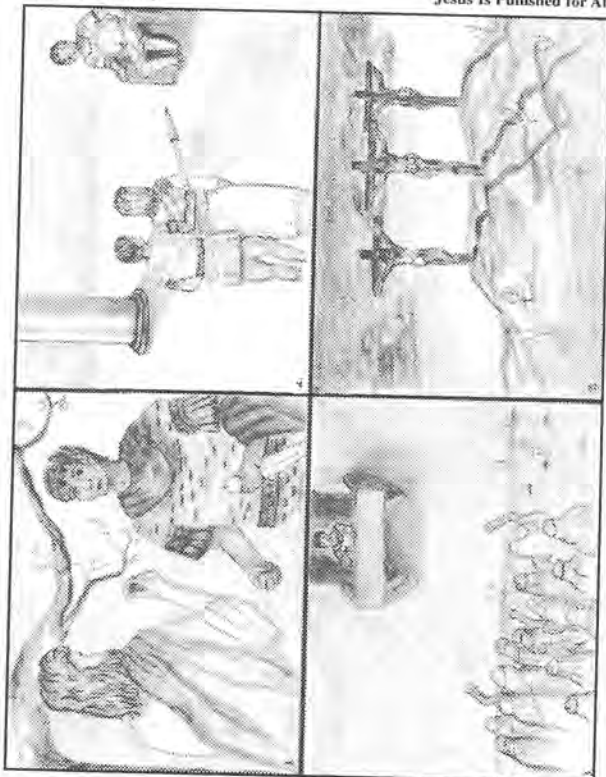
sin. Jesus took the punishment for you and for me."

STAPLE the pages together.

Ask students to **RETELL** the story to each other. Encourage them to share this story of salvation with their parents, brothers and sisters, and friends.

Lesson 4 - Activity 1

Jesus Is Punished for All



Lesson 4 - Cutout Page

Jesus Is Punished for All

Jesus Died for Me

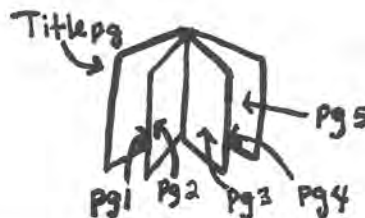
He died for all.
11 Corinthians 5:15

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The soldiers brought Jesus to a man named Pilate. Pilate asked Jesus many questions.

Then Pilate said to the people, "This man has not done anything wrong." But the people shouted, "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!"

The soldiers nailed Jesus to a cross, and Jesus died. This was God's plan, to pay for the sin of the whole world. Jesus was God's perfect sacrifice for sin. Jesus took the punishment for you and for me.



CLOSING YOUR CLASS HOUR

Teach and Sing

Sing all three verses of the theme hymn "Tell Me the Story of Jesus." Emphasize that it is because Jesus loves us that He was willing to endure so much suffering and pain and to finally die on the cross for our sin. Assure the children that Jesus will always love us and is willing to forgive us when we ask Him to.

Explain that a "ransom" is a payment that has to be made. Jesus paid the ransom for me by dying on the cross. Jesus took the punishment for my sin.

Because Jesus loves us and died for us, we can have forgiveness of sin and eternal life in heaven.

(Consider using one of the projects for the theme hymn included in the introductory pages of this manual.)

Review "Let Me Learn of Jesus" printed in books from Quarter Two. **SAY:** The Bible tells us that Jesus loves us and died for us. We believe what the Bible tells us because the Bible is God's Word. Everything in the Bible is true.

Pray Together

Remind the children that Jesus endured suffering and death because He loves us. Begin prayer time by asking each child to say a short thank you prayer to Jesus. Continue by thanking Jesus for His constant loving care and forgiveness. Thank Jesus for being our friend above all friends.

Sing "Father, We Thank You for Your Word."

PREPARE FOR NEXT WEEK

Gather and Prepare Materials

- ◆ picture of a rainbow
- ◆ umbrella
- ◆ tag board for rainbows (pattern in Teacher Manual), 1 per child
- ◆ cross (pattern in Teacher Manual), 1 per child
- ◆ brown construction paper
- ◆ black construction paper
- ◆ yarn or ribbon
- ◆ paper punch

Prepare Lesson 5

Begin study with prayer for yourself and students.

Read the Bible text (Matthew 27:57-66 and Luke 23:50-56) and student lesson.

Memorize the Bible verse:

"The third day He will rise again." Luke 18:33

Read the Teacher Manual.

Highlight, underline, and write in your own notes to help you teach Lesson 5.

He died for all
II Corinthians 5:15

