

Luke

UNHOLY WEEK

SECTION VIII

WEEKS 48-50

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HATED, MISTREATED, REJECTED AND SCORNE

PRIMARY SCRIPTURE:

Luke 22:1-6, 47-53, 63-71

GOSPEL PARALLEL ACCOUNTS:

Matthew 26:1-5, 14-16, 47-68; Mark 14:1-2, 10-11, 43-50, 53-65; John 18:1-14, 19-24

RELATED SCRIPTURES:

Psalms 22, Isaiah 53, Romans 5:1-11 and 8:1-8, 1 Peter 2:21-25

“God, though the Creator of all things, yet has some enemies in the world. Men in general will own that they are sinners... And most sinners will own that they have bad hearts... And yet few of them are sensible that they are God’s enemies. They do not see how they can be truly so called; for they are not sensible that they wish God any hurt, or endeavor to do him any. But... the Scripture speaks of them as enemies to God. How wonderful [then] was the love of Christ, in exercising dying love towards his enemies! He loved those that hated him, with hatred that sought to take away his life, so as voluntarily to lay down his life, that they might have life through him.”

Jonathan Edwards

PERSONAL STUDY:

During the Luke: Unholy Week miniseries, we will be looking at three specific ways Jesus is sinned against recorded in Luke 22 and 23. A helpful discipline for you and your LifeGroup would be to read Luke 22 and 23 over and over during these weeks leading up to our city-wide Good Friday gathering on March 25.

Reading a passage over and over can help you notice different details that stand out that you missed before.

- What are the different people and groups that mistreat Jesus?
- Does Luke give us any clues about their motivations?
- How are you tempted to let the same motivations drive your life?
- How do Jesus' motives contrast with their motives and ours?
- What has Jesus done to rescue us from our unholiness?
- What personal and communal steps of repentance do you need to take?

LIFEGROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Read Luke 22:1-6. In light of everything we've seen in Luke, why is it strange to find Judas and the Pharisees conspiring together?

- What are the chief priests' and scribes' motives? What does Luke mean when he says "they feared the people"?
- What are Judas' motives? (Read John 12:4-6 for more insight.) What warnings might we see in the Judas' heart and actions in Luke 22? If you examine your heart and actions, where are you most tempted to use Jesus to try to get something else?

Read Luke 22:39-48. Describe Jesus' mental and emotional state in this moment. Compare how you react to mistreatment when you are tired to how Jesus reacts.

Read Luke 22:63-65 and Romans 8:6-7. None of us have beaten Jesus or mocked Him to His face the way the lynch mob does in Luke 22:63-65. And yet Paul says in his letter to the Romans that outside of God bringing us to faith, we are hostile towards God.

- Where are you currently most reluctant to bow your knee to Jesus? (This could be a broader general rejection of His Lordship or one specific area of life.)

Read Romans 5:6-11. How does Jesus' love for us while we were His enemies lead us to repentance? If there's anyone in your group who is unwilling or struggling to see the gospel, believe Jesus' love, and repent; take some time to gospel them up (a.k.a. encourage them with the truth of the gospel).

Pray for a humble and grateful perspective that remembers God loved us when we were His enemies. Pray for us to love our neighbors and coworkers and family members in such a way that we would get to see God reconcile many of His enemies in our city back to Himself.