

Portraits of Christ from Luke

From cheers to the Cross

Luke 19:28-23:49

The Week that changed the World forever

Sunday - Triumphant Entry of the eternal King

Monday - Cleansing of the Temple

Tuesday - Day of Questioning

Wednesday - Day of Rest

Thursday - Passover and arrest

Friday - Trials and Crucifixion

This week is described in all 4 Gospels

Matthew: the *kingship* of Jesus, how the ruling powers (Pilate & Caiphas) conspired to get rid of someone they saw as a political threat

Mark: the *suffering* of Jesus, how he was tragically rejected, unfairly condemned, viciously beaten, horribly insulted, and cruelly mistreated by multiple groups

Luke: the *innocence* of Jesus, how Pilate said he did not deserve death, and others (Herod Antipas, centurion, repentant thief) also recognized his innocence

John: the *exaltation* of Jesus, how he remains in charge, driving the all action, the completing the will of the Father, and being glorified as he is lifted up

The unique portrait of Christ in the book of Luke

I. Tears among the Shouts

Luke 19:28-44

He celebrated the hope - a King at peace

28-38

- coming on a donkey **Zechariah 9:9**

He confronted his antagonist

39-40

Pharisees wanted him to silence His followers

-the stones will cry out **Habakkuk 2:11**

He cried over the lost

41-44

He cried because they did not recognize Him

He cried because He saw their future doom

He cried because they missed the opportunity

II. Compassion in His suffering

Luke 23:27-32

His condition -sleepless night, Beatings and mocking, 39 lashes

6 trials- Annas, Caiaphas, Sanhedrin. Pilate, Herod, Pilate

Too weak to carry His own cross bar

Why not to weep for Him

He choose to come out of love

He was dying for us not His own sin

Why to weep for themselves

They (Jerusalem, Israel) had rejected the savior

The destruction of Jerusalem was coming

III. Forgiveness upon the Cross

Luke 23:33-46

(3 of the seven saying of Christ on the cross are in Luke)

Father forgive them they do not know what they are doing 26-34

They did not know He was the Son of God

They did not know He was dying for their sins

They did not know that their cruelty was accomplishing the will of God

Truly I say to you today you shall be with me in Paradise 35-43

The repentant criminal recognized Christ's innocence

He cried out for mercy and Jesus responded in love

Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit 44-49

His choice not last breath - loud voice

His task was finished - He had taken the sin of the world

He died praying to His Father

He died trusting all into the Hands of God

He died submitting to the will of God

The portrait of Christ in Luke

The King who cried over those who missed their opportunity

The Suffering Savior who had compassion on the crowd

The Triumphant Victor who trusted His all from the cross

What should we learn from His final days on earth?

1. *Don't miss the opportunities we have today to serve Him*

He is calling us today to serve Him

2. *Have compassion on those who face death without Christ*

See the lost and have compassion

3. *Commit our lives into God's hand while there is still time*

Only dying to self will bring real life

He died on the cross as a victor

He commanded us to take up our cross and follow him

Then, calling the crowd to join his disciples, he said,

"If any of you wants to be my follower,

you must give up your own way,

take up your cross,

and follow me. Mark 8:34