

# Easter Bible Study

Day 1

## Our Biggest Problem

### **Read Romans 3:23; Read 1 John 1:8-10**

After reading these verses, can you guess what our biggest problem is? If you guessed sin, you are right. We sin when we disobey God. God is perfectly holy and just. He cannot allow any sin into His presence, and He cannot allow sin to go unpunished. That's bad news for you and for me, because we are all sinners.

We are sinners and we cannot save ourselves. No matter how much good we do, we are still sinners and God cannot allow any sin to go unpunished.

But, here's the really good news: God, because of His great love, sent a Savior to us.

Read the passages below, then answer the questions.

### **Read Luke 1:26-33**

1. What will Jesus be called? (vs. 32) \_\_\_\_\_

### **Read Matthew 1:19-24**

2. What will Jesus do for His people? (vs 21)

3. What does *Immanuel* mean? (vs. 23) \_\_\_\_\_

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Day 2

## How Can We Get to Heaven?

Have you ever wondered if you are really "saved" and going to heaven? In the Bible we read about a man named Nicodemus who had that same question. Nicodemus went to Jesus and asked Him how he could get to heaven. You can read Jesus' answer in our passage today. (Just so you know, when Jesus talks about the Son of Man, He is really talking about Himself.)

### **Read John 3:1-21**

1. Read John 3:16 again. Because God loved the world, He gave what? \_\_\_\_\_

2. What will happen to the people who believe in God's Son, Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

3. In verses 14 & 15, Jesus says that He must be "lifted" up so that whoever believes in Him will have eternal life. When was Jesus lifted up? (If you aren't sure, take a look at John 12:32-33) \_\_\_\_\_

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## The Good Shepherd

**Read John 10:11-30**

1. What does Jesus call Himself in verse 11?

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2. What is Jesus willing to do for His sheep?

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When Jesus talks about laying down, giving, or sacrificing His life, He is talking about dying! Jesus is willing to die for His sheep.

3. Who do you think that Jesus' sheep are?

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4. Did people force Jesus to die, or did Jesus choose to die for His people? (vs. 18)

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## Jesus Washes the Disciples Feet

**Read John 13:1-20**

1. What did Jesus do in this passage that was surprising? \_\_\_\_\_

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Jesus is the Son of God, and He is equal to God. Yet, He humbled Himself and washed the disciples' stinky, dirty feet. Jesus is doing more than just washing feet, here. He is giving His disciples a picture. Their hearts needed to be washed clean from their sin. They could not do this for themselves. Only Jesus could wash them. He was going to wash away the disciples' sins (and ours, if we believe in Him!) through His death on the cross.

**Read Psalm 51:1-4**

2. What does David, the Psalmist, want God to do in verse 2? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Read 1 John 1:5-10**

3. According to verse 7, what is able to wash away sin? \_\_\_\_\_

4. According to verse 9, what must we do to be washed of our sin? \_\_\_\_\_

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Day 5

## The Betrayal

Yesterday, we read about how Jesus washed the disciples' feet on the night of His betrayal. In today's reading, Jesus is still in the upper room with His disciples, right after He washed their feet.

### Read John 13:21-30

1. Who did Jesus say was going to betray Him? \_\_\_\_\_

Let's talk about the word betray. In this case, the word betray means to give a person over to their enemy. Judas knew that the religious leaders in Israel were very angry with Jesus. They were angry because Jesus had called them sinners and hypocrites. They were also jealous that so many people were following Jesus. They wanted to kill Jesus, and they were offering money to anyone who would tell them where Jesus was at a time when there were no crowds around Jesus. Judas decided to tell the religious leaders where Jesus was that night so that they could take Jesus away and kill Him.

2. Do you think that Jesus could have stopped Judas from betraying Him? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Why didn't Jesus stop Judas? (John 12:27, Matthew 16:21-23) \_\_\_\_\_

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## Jesus Comforts His Disciples

In today's reading, Jesus is still in the upper room with His disciples. Judas has left to tell the religious leaders where Jesus is. Jesus knows that He is going to die the next day.

### Read John 13:31-14:6

1. Jesus told His disciples that He was leaving. Where was He going? \_\_\_\_\_

2. What was the New Commandment that Jesus gave His disciples? \_\_\_\_\_

3. What three things does Jesus say that He is in verse 6? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Is there any way to come to God the Father without believing in Jesus? (vs. 6) \_\_\_\_\_

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## Jesus Is Arrested

After Jesus had finished eating the Last Supper with His Disciples, He went to a garden to pray. Judas knew that Jesus was going to this garden, so he led the soldiers there to arrest Jesus.

**Read John 18:1-27**

1. Why didn't Jesus allow His disciples to fight the Roman soldiers in order to protect Him?

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Jesus didn't need His disciples to fight to protect Him. Jesus could have called thousands of angels to come and rescue Him. Instead, Jesus went to the cross willingly in obedience to God the Father to save us from our sins.

2. What did Peter do to Malchus in the garden?

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(If you are wondering what happened to Malchus's ear, you can read more about it in Luke 22:47-51)

3. What did Peter later do when people asked him if he was a follower of Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

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Why do you think that Peter said this? \_\_\_\_\_

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## Jesus Is Tried

After the Jews had arrested Jesus, they took him to the High Priest who decided that Jesus should die. However, the Jews were under the control of the Romans. The Jews were not allowed to kill a person without the Romans approving it. So, the Jews took Jesus to the Roman governor Pilate to ask him to sentence Jesus to death.

**Read John 18:28-40**

1. What did the Jewish religious leaders want Pilate to do to Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. What did the Jewish religious leaders say when Pilate asked them why he should sentence Jesus to death? (vs. 29-30) \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Pilate asked Jesus if Jesus was really a king. Is Jesus a King? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, what is Jesus a King of? \_\_\_\_\_

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Is Jesus your King? \_\_\_\_\_

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## Jesus, The Son of God

**Read John 19:1-15**

1. Pilate said that Jesus was not guilty of doing anything wrong. Why did the Jewish leaders say that Jesus deserved to die? (vs. 6-7)

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2. Why was it not a sin for Jesus to say that He was the very Son of God? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Who was Pilate more afraid of? Jesus or Caesar and the Jewish leaders? \_\_\_\_\_

**Read Romans 5:15-21**

4. Who is the one man who, through his disobedience, brought sin and death to all people? (If you are not sure, look in Romans 5:14) \_\_\_\_\_

Who is the one Man Who, through His obedience, brought the gift of righteousness and eternal life to all people who believe in Him? \_\_\_\_\_

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## Jesus Is Crucified

**Read John 19:16-30**

1. What did Jesus say right before He died? (vs. 30) \_\_\_\_\_

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It was finished! Jesus had done the work that He had come to do. He had obeyed His Father's will even to the point of dying on a cross. He had saved His people from their sins. Now, everyone who believed in Him could be reconciled to God.

Do you know what reconciled or reconciliation means? It means that we have been made right with God. In God's eyes, when we accept Jesus as our Savior, our sinful hearts are washed clean by Jesus' blood. Jesus took our punishment on Himself and we have been made free.

**Read Romans 5:6-11**

2. How did God show His love for us? (vs. 8)

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3. Did Jesus die for us because we are good people? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Which verse(s) that use the word reconciled? \_\_\_\_\_

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Day 11

## Jesus Is Buried

**Read John 19:31-42**

1. What did one of the soldiers do to Jesus to prove that He was dead? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Who asked Pilate for Jesus' body in order to bury it? \_\_\_\_\_

Was this man a follower of Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

Joseph of Arimathea was a religious leader and a wealthy man. Matthew 27:60 tells us that the tomb where Jesus was buried belonged to Joseph of Arimathea.

3. Who helped Joseph bury Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

Joseph of Arimathea was afraid to admit that he was a follower of Jesus while Jesus was alive because he was afraid of what the other religious leaders might have thought. Nicodemus was also a religious leader who wanted to talk to Jesus, but came at night so that nobody would know. He didn't want to admit that he was also a follower of Jesus. These two men came together after Jesus had died, when followers of Jesus risked being killed themselves, in order to stand up unashamedly as followers of Jesus.

Have you ever been afraid to tell people that you believe in Jesus? Ask God to help you to be like Nicodemus and Joseph - unafraid to stand up for Jesus when it matters most.

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Day 12

## Jesus Fulfills Prophecy

About 700 years before Jesus was born, God showed His prophet Isaiah that God's chosen One, the promised Savior, would suffer for the sins of His people. He would take the punishment of our sins upon Himself in order to reconcile (or make us right with) God.

You will see the words transgressions and iniquities in these verses. These are long words that both mean "sins".

As you read this passage, look for ways that Jesus fulfilled these prophecies.

**Read Isaiah 53**

1. Verse 5 says that He was pierced for our transgressions. Was Jesus pierced? (John 19:34) \_\_\_\_\_

2. Verse 7 says that God's Chosen One would go quietly to His death. Did Jesus do that? \_\_\_\_\_

3. How did God cause the sin (iniquity) of us all to fall on Jesus (vs. 6)? In other words, what did Jesus do to take away our sins? \_\_\_\_\_

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Day 13

## Jesus' Perfect Obedience

### Read Philippians 2:1-11

Jesus is God. He was present when the world was created. Yet, in obedience to God the Father, at the right time, Jesus became a man, humbled Himself, and died for us, in our place!

1. Because Jesus obeyed God the Father, what has God the Father done for Jesus? (vs. 9-11) \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. At the end of time, whose knees will bow at the name of Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Whose tongues will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Have you chosen Jesus to be your Savior? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Do you obey Him? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you listening to His words in the Bible? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Day 14

## Jesus Is Risen!

### Read John 20:1-18

1. Who came early to the temple and saw the stone rolled away? \_\_\_\_\_

What did she do? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. What did Peter and John do when they heard Mary Magdalene's news? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. What did Peter and John see when they got to the tomb? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. Who did Mary think that Jesus was at first?  
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What did she do when she realized that Jesus was alive? (vs. 17) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Let's read one more passage to find out even more information about Jesus' resurrection.

### Read Matthew 28:1-10

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Day 15

## Jesus Appears to His Disciples

**Read John 20:19-31**

1. What did Jesus say when He came into the room with His disciples? (vs. 19) \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Why did Jesus show His disciples His hands and His side? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Which disciple did not see Jesus that first evening? \_\_\_\_\_  
Did he believe the other disciples when they told him that Jesus was alive? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Jesus said, "Blessed are they who did not see, and yet believed." Are you one of those who has not actually seen Jesus with your eyes, and yet still believe that He died for your sins and rose again from the dead? \_\_\_\_\_

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## How Can I Be Saved From My Sins?

1. You must acknowledge that you are a sinner.

Romans 3:23: For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

1 John 1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us.

2. You must realize that your sins deserve the punishment of death and hell.

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

3. You must believe that Jesus Christ died in your place to save you from your sin. You must accept Him as your Lord and Savior.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life.

Romans 10:9-10 ...if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.