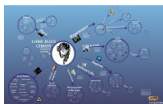




1.3 CRUCIFIXION

Key Objectives

- Understanding who Jesus represents
- Understanding the suffering of Christ
- Making the Crucifixion a personal and powerful experience



Prezi link for the Crucifixion:

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Before we begin, it is important to emphasize that gaining scriptural knowledge in itself, though important, is not enough to change our character. Putting biblical knowledge into practice is the key, that teaches truth and the power of God, which changes hearts and lives. (John 8:31-32).

Who is Jesus?



Heb 1:3 *The Son is the radiance of God's glory and*

Who does the Son represent?

How do you see God?

Is God good or bad?



What is he doing for you?

Jesus' Blood



Mat 26:26-28 *While they were eating, Jesus*

What is a covenant?

What is the "new covenant"?

What was the purpose of the blood?

Where does the blood come from?



Is there anything else that can forgive your sins?



Predictions

<http://www.100prophecies.org/page4.htm>

About 2056 BC	Gen 22:1-12
Between 1440-1400 BC	Isa 50:5 Isa 53:1-12
About 1000 BC	Psa 41:9

Which Old Testament prophecies became true?

How is it possible for prophecies that are 1000 years before the Crucifixion to be so accurate?

Cross – Suffering



Before you continue with the study, please read Mat 26:19-27:66.
Jesus suffering is divided into three components: spiritual & emotional and physical.

Emotional



Mat 26:25-46 Then Judas, the one who would betray.....

Mat 26:69-75 Now Peter was sitting out in the courtyard.....

Who was with Jesus at that time?

What type of relationship did Jesus have with them?

Why was Jesus overwhelmed?

Who betrayed Jesus?

What support did Jesus receive from his disciples?

How do you think Jesus felt about everything emotionally at this time?



If you were there, what kind of support would you have given Jesus?

Physical

Physical abuse	Mat 26:67	<i>Then they spat in his face and struck him with their fists. Others slapped him.....</i>
No sleep	Mat 27:2	<i>They bound him, led him away and handed him over to Pilate, the governor.</i>
Serious physical abuse	Mat 27:26	<i>Then he released Barabbas to them. But he had Jesus flogged and handed him over to be crucified.</i>
Fully human	Mat 27:34	<i>There they offered Jesus wine to drink, mixed with gall; but after tasting it, he refused to drink it. 35 When they had crucified him, they divided up his clothes by casting lots.</i>
Tortured to death	Mat 27:46	<i>Worst physical abuse and finally death</i>

See the medical account on YouTube:

<http://www.douglasjacoby.com/a-more-accurate-medical-account-of-the-crucifixion/>

Spiritual



Mat 3:16-17 *As soon as Jesus was baptized, he.....*

How could you describe the relationship between God and Jesus?



Hint: Most perfect relationship in the universe!



Mat 27:45-54 *From noon until three in the afternoon.....*



Mat 27:46 *About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" (which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?").*

Why was there darkness over the land?

Why did Jesus cry out "my God, my God, why have you forsaken me"?





What do you think happened at this moment to Jesus?



2Co 5:21 *God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so*



Have you ever considered the hurt you caused God and his Son?



Five Characters

Five Characters Who are You?

- Followers** (48): *Mat 26:56* "But this has all taken place that the writings of the prophets might be fulfilled." Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

Reflection: "Have you ever deserted when someone innocently suffered? Have you ever passed the crowd in struggling?"
- The Religious** (49): *Mat 23:28* "But you shut up the kingdom of heaven against you. You build up the tombs of the prophets and fill up the foundations of the fathers."

Reflection: "Do you enjoy religious titles and to be seen by men? Do you treasure to your leadership position? Do you live your life for the flock or are you just a religious professional? Are you sometimes jealous of other's religious involvement? Do the people you lead know your secret?"
- Bystander** (50): *Mat 27:19* "Then they set a witness to testify him, but they gave false witness and said that he had sworn to say that he was a Samaritan, and that he blasphemed the name of the Lord God."

Reflection: "Are you like Simon of Cyrene? What are you going to do about it?"
- True disciple** (52): *Mat 26:32* "I tell you, I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you."

Reflection: "Do you live a life like Jesus? Do you have a life goal?"
- Soldiers** (51): *Mat 26:52* "Then Peter got up to face him and struck him with his fist. Christ answered him."

Reflection: "Why did the soldiers do this to you?"

Characters One – Followers

Deserted and fled	Mat 26:56 <i>But this has all taken place that the writings of the prophets might be fulfilled." Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.</i>
Sleeping	Mat 26:40 <i>Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Could you men not keep watch with me for one hour?" he asked Peter.</i>
Denied	Mat 26:70 <i>But he denied it before them all. "I don't know what you're talking about," he said.</i>



Are you sometimes ashamed to confess openly that you are a Christian?

Do you think you would have acted differently if you were there?

Characters Two – The Religious



Mat 27:20 *But the chief priests and the elders.....*

Joh 10:13 *The man runs away because he*



Do you enjoy religious titles and to be seen by men?



Are you insecure in your leadership position?

Do you lay down your life for the flock, or are you comfortable?

Are you ever jealous of other's religious achievements?

Do the people you lead know your secrets?

Characters Three – Bystander



Mat 27:31-32 After they had mocked him, they took

How can we describe the character of Simon of Cyrene?



Do you fearlessly proclaim Jesus as your Lord everywhere?

Do you sometimes feel uncomfortable or ashamed to be a follower of Jesus?

Are you reluctant to do God's work? Do you hide?

Have you been like Simon of Cyrene?

What are you going to do about it?

Characters Four – Soldier



Mat 26:67-68 Then they spat in his face and struck

Mat 27:27-31 Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the

Why did the soldiers do this to Jesus?





Have you ever enjoyed someone's innocent suffering?

Have you ever joined the crowd in wrongdoing?

Have you ever joined the crowd in wrongdoing?

Characters Six – True Disciple

Do you live a life like Jesus?





Who are you, and why? What can you do about it?

Imagine, if you were at the cross 2000 years ago, which character would you have been like? Indicate below which character you would have been.

Character Type: Follower:

Someone that followed Jesus but unable to stand firm on righteous matters when confronted or persecuted by the religious leaders and crowd. Easily swayed by the crowd and people of authority.

Why: _____

Character Type: Religious:

A religious person that acted as a hypocrite in their personal life, or that acted in self-interested, or participated in the unjust demise of someone.

Why: _____

Character Type: Bystander:

Someone that was unwilling to get involved when injustice was performed.

Why: _____

Character Type: Soldier:

Someone that was not a religious person and that struggled with obvious sins. A lover of violence, brute and obviously sinful person.

Why: _____

Character Type: True Disciple:

Someone that acted godly in all situation, never denied Christ, and as a result suffered the same consequence as Christ.

Why: _____



Do you see yourself as one of the people in the crowd that killed Jesus Christ?





The Resurrection



Mat 17:22-23 *When they came together in Galilee, he*

What did Jesus say would happen to him?



Mat 27:57-28:20 *As evening approached, there came a rich*

Who performed the Crucifixion?

On which day did Jesus rise from the dead?



Do you believe that Jesus was raised from the dead?

Jesus Christ in your place!



Rom 5:6-8 *You see, at just the right time, when we were*

Did you know that Jesus died for you before you turned away from your sin?



What can you do about it?



Hint: You/ We are powerless, we cannot fix our unholiness. :-)



Your Cross



Luk 9:23-26 Then he said to them all: *"Whoever wants to be*

Who is Jesus talking to?

Can we choose how we want to be a disciple?

What does it mean "take up your cross"?

When should we do this?



Joh 13:34-35 *"A new command I give you: Love one another....."*

How Did Jesus love us?

How do you know if someone is a disciple of Jesus?



What are you known for? Your love for others?

Are you willing to take up your cross?

What are you going to do about it?

Life Purpose



1Pe 2:21-25 *To this you were called, because Christ suffered.....*

What was the purpose of the Crucifixion of Christ?



What is the purpose of your life?





Do you know that you have been purposefully created?

What should you change to live the purpose you were called to?

Keys



Mat 16:13-19 *When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea*

What was the BIG question?

What is the answer to the BIG question?

What are the Keys then?



Did you use Peter's keys to enter into God's Kingdom?

Conclusion



Are you responsible for what happened at the cross?

Into Practice – Weekly Accountability

The knowledge acquired is worthless and only puffs us up if we don't put it into practice.

1Co 8:1 *We know that "We all possess knowledge." But knowledge puffs up while love builds up.*

- Have you experienced Jesus' friendship this week?
- Have you considered the freedom you received from your sin because of Christ

Key Outcome

- Deep connection with the power of the cross in your life
- Surrender of your heart, mind and ability to Christ Jesus this week





Memory verse



Don't try and learn all the memory verses at once but only select two or three verses each week. Go at a pace that doesn't add too much pressure on yourself and others. You will find new meaning to the scriptures you memorize.



<p>1Pe 2:21 To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. 22 "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." 23 When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. 24 "He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed." 25 For "you were like sheep going astray," but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.</p>	<p>Act 2:36 "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah." 37 When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" 38 Peter replied, "Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.</p>	<p>Rom 5:6 You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. 7 Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.</p>
<p>Heb 1:3 The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.</p>		