

## Christ is Risen//Part 1: the Cross

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### [recap]

As we enter into Holy Week we took a look at some of the events of the last week of Jesus' life. One of the things that we saw in the last week of Jesus' life was that there were a lot of people who had an idea of what they wanted Jesus to do and be and because of that they missed what it was that he was actually doing. We spent time considering these questions...

How are you demanding God to prove his love?

Are there qualifications that you put on God?

If he loves me... he'll provide this

If he loves me... this will change

If he loves me... \_\_\_\_\_

How are you demanding God to prove his love?

How are you demanding God meet your needs?

What is it that you think you "need"?

Job, spouse, family, stuff... what is it?

Do you hold that out to God... demanding him to provide it for you?

How do you respond when he doesn't?

How are you telling Christ to get off the cross?

Are you like the guy next to Jesus who misses all that Jesus is actually doing? Thinking you have a better idea... that he should abort his Mission for yours?

How are you telling Christ to take you off the cross?

There is so much that God takes us through... to make us more like him...

Killing off the flesh... Crucifying the old...

When it happens we all want out...

Get us off this cross...

Take away this pain, frustration, confusion... make things better...

& DO IT MY WAY!

## [holy week]

The best thing that you can do this week is immerse yourself in the scripture surrounding the last week of Jesus' life. There are multiple ways to do this

1. Pick one gospel account and read that account everyday this week.
2. Read through one gospel account a day everyday this week.
3. Pick two accounts and rotate them throughout the week.

[scripture]

Here are the gospel accounts of the last week of Jesus' life.

Matthew 21 – 27

Mark 11 – 15

Luke 19.28 – 23

John 12.9 - 20

As you read these accounts walk through these steps.

[pray]

Ask God to give you fresh eyes to see the story in a new way

As God to help you see yourself in the story, where do you fit in, how are you interacting with these events in your daily life

[read]

Read these accounts slowly and meticulously. Don't skip through or read too quickly.

Pay attention to the events and ask questions

Why does Jesus say and do what he does?

Why do the people respond to Jesus' the way they do?

What significance do these events have on the big picture?

What significance do they have on my life?

Where am I in the middle of the story?

[write]

Write down any questions you have. Spend time talking them through with friends and researching them (commentaries, biblegateway.com, netbible.com).

Journal the things that you find. Talk about anything that you see that convicts you or that catches your attention