

CONGDON STREET BAPTIST CHURCH/YOUNG ADULT'S CLASS

Luke 23: 32-46
“Suffering to Save”

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Aim's --- Students Should Know That:

1. While suffering in pain on the Cross Jesus stayed true to His mission and forgave those who persecuted Him; and this included two thieves who were crucified with Him; one accepted Jesus and went to Heaven, but the other rejected Jesus and lost it all.
2. Like these two criminals, when death comes knocking at our door, the question is “where will I spend eternity”; and have I accepted the Salvation that Jesus offers?
3. “The way to the Kingdom is the way of the Cross”; and we must be prepared to suffer and die, as exemplified by Jesus.

Discussion Topics:

- What is the difference between “selfish” and “selfless”?
- Why did Jesus have to suffer and die?
- Why shouldn't we be surprised by the suffering Christians face in the world?

Biblical Journey:

I. The Worst Way to Die	Luke 23: 32-34
II. Save Yourself	Luke 23: 35-38
III. I'm with You, Jesus	Luke 23: 39-46

Q & A

1. *“Why did Jesus refuse to save Himself from being crucified?”*

2. *In the midst of His agony and suffering, what did Jesus do?.*

3. *Why was one of the thieves granted a place in Paradise with Jesus?*

4. *How will rejecting Jesus cost you everything?*

5. *How did our salvation cost Jesus everything?”*

6. *What did the Holy Spirit reveal to you through this lesson?*

I learned that:

Jesus showed us not to allow pain and suffering to make us bitter; and to forgive those who are unrepentant.