

# **Studies in the Life of Christ**

## **NT Survey Lesson 49--Luke 22:39-23:56**

**Introduction:** These verses tell the story of Jesus' arrest, trials, and crucifixion. The gospel writers tell the story with an amazing lack of passion. They simply recount the facts as they existed and leave us to react as we see fit. The story of Jesus' death is stirring to the believer, for in it he realizes that it was because of our sins that Jesus had to die.

### **Jesus prays in the garden--Luke 22:39-46**

1. What charge did Jesus give His disciples in the garden? Why? How did they respond? What effect did this decision have on the disciples?
2. What did Jesus do? How does Luke describe the intensity of His anguish? What support did the Father send? For what did Jesus pray?

### **Jesus' arrest and Jewish trials--Luke 22:47-71**

1. How did Judas intend to identify Jesus? What was the Lord's reaction?
2. The disciples asked a question for which they waited for no answer. What was it? Who was injured in the fray? What did Jesus do about this?
3. What did Jesus say to His captors? Why do you think He said this?
4. There seems to have been a brief questioning by Annas (cf. Jn. 18:13-24). To whose house is Jesus then taken?
5. How does Peter react to those who seek to associate him with Jesus? How did Jesus respond to his third denial? What did Peter do?
6. How was Jesus treated by His captors? Were any of these transactions legal?
7. Perhaps the Council convened in full session early in the morning to ratify the decision made earlier in the night. What specific question did they want Jesus to answer? How did Jesus answer it? How did the enemies of Jesus regard His answer?

### **Jesus' Roman trials--Luke 23:1-25**

1. Why was it necessary that Jesus appear before Pilate? Did the Jews change the nature of the charges against Jesus? What were the charges?
2. What were Pilate's conclusions? Why? Read Jn. 18:33-38 for a fuller view.
3. Before whom is Jesus now brought? What were the results of this trial?
4. What did Pilate propose to do to Jesus in view of His innocence of the charges made against Him? Describe Pilate's efforts to release Jesus. Why were they not successful?

### **Jesus is crucified--Luke 23:26-49**

1. Who was forced to carry Jesus' cross?
2. Of what did Jesus warn the weeping women who followed Him?
3. What was Jesus' attitude toward His murderers?
4. Describe the mockery of Jesus at the cross.
5. Was one thief on the cross forgiven? Why or why not?
6. What supernatural events occurred during the crucifixion? Is there any significance to any of these?
7. With what words did Jesus die? What was the centurion's reaction?

### **Jesus is buried--Luke 23:50-56**

1. Who took responsibility for Jesus' burial? Describe Joseph.
2. Were there sufficient witnesses of the fact that Jesus died and where he was buried?