

Luke's Gospel – An Inclusive Savior
Lesson Twenty-One

Introduction: Luke 22:66-71

[Luke 23:1-25].....The Charges and The Irony

The Charges against Jesus:

1. Jesus was a Revolutionary
2. Jesus forbade taxes to Caesar
3. Jesus claimed to be Christ, a King

The Charges against Barabbas:

1. Insurrection (attempting to overthrow authority)
2. Murder

vs.18-19

The Irony is that the People wanted a convicted criminal (who had been charged for the same things and worse as Jesus had been) instead of Jesus

They received worse than they wanted!

Who Killed Jesus?

Luke does not give specifics as to who the blame belongs:

- 1.) Luke does not focus on the high priest
- 2.) Luke uses Pilate (represents Rome) to proclaim Jesus' innocence
But still shows Pilate turning Jesus over to be crucified
- 3.) The disciples do not come to Jesus' aid (not even John)

NOTE: The Answer is in Acts 3:11 and Acts 3:13-15

Luke's gospel is written to bring PEOPLE to repentance!

[Luke 23:26-43].....The Cross, Death, and Burial

NOTE: There is no *Golgotha*, only "the place of the Skull." *Golgotha* is an Aramaic word understood by Jews, not Gentiles.

vs.27 & 55-56

These women were witnesses of Jesus' death which made their testimony of Jesus' resurrection so powerful

vs.47

This centurion represents Rome, as Pilate did, proclaiming the innocence of Jesus

[Luke 24:1-53].....Resurrection and The End

vs.1-12

What is here vs What isn't here:

No Mary Magdalene trying to touch Jesus

Not Mary telling the disciples, but all the ladies

Only Peter goes to the tomb and inside, not Peter and *John*

NOTE: No one tells the women to go and tell the disciples as in Matthew and Mark. They are not commanded to tell the disciples, because they ARE disciples (an Inclusive Savior). Luke includes women in many of the instances where only disciples are recognized.

vs.13-35

The Emmaus Road story is only in Luke's Gospel

1. Christ is known by revelation - vs.15-16

2. Summary of Gospel recited(Cleopas) - vs.19-25

3. Old Testament Witnesses of Jesus - vs.25-27

4. Christ is revealed while Breaking the Bread - vs.30

5. Disciples understand by remembrance - vs.31-32

6. Disciples witness to what they have seen and heard - vs.33-35

-Parting Ways vs.36-53-