

# Good News for all people.

## The Gospel of Luke



### Week 27 Discussion Questions

Week of 4/9/23

**Text:** Luke 23:26-24:53

**Icebreaker:** What's the best news you've ever received?

**1.** Read verses 26-49 of chapter 23. What different reactions to Jesus do you see from the people who witnessed the crucifixion?

*Application:* Do you think people today are still reacting in similar ways to Jesus's crucifixion? If so, can you think of examples?

**2.** The Roman philosopher and politician Cicero wrote that crucifixion was a "most cruel and disgusting penalty, the extreme and ultimate penalty for a slave, and that the very name 'cross' should not only be far from the body of a Roman citizen, but also from his thoughts, his eyes, and his ears."<sup>1</sup> Do you think it matters that Jesus *was crucified* and not put to death through some other, more dignified means?

*Application:* Today, the cross shows up as jewelry, a tattoo, on a t-shirt, or as part of the architecture of a church. What do you think should come to our minds when we see the symbol of the cross?

**3.** Read from verse 50 of chapter 23 to verse 12 of chapter 24. Who are the people who seem most engaged in caring for Jesus's body? What's surprising about this?

*Application:* In what way could this add credibility to what Luke has recorded in these verses?

**4.** Verses 13-49 describe Jesus's post-resurrection appearances. What do you notice that's similar in what Jesus says both to the two on the road to Emmaus and to the disciples later on?

*Application:* What difference do you think it makes to us that Jesus's death and resurrection were "according to the Scriptures" as Paul puts it in 1 Corinthians 15:3-4?

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<sup>1</sup> Raymond E. Brown, *The Death of the Messiah: From Gethsemane to the Grave: A Commentary on the Passion Narratives in the Four Gospels*, vol. 2 (New York: Doubleday, 1993), 947.

**5.** 27 weeks! That's a wrap for this series! What are one or two highlights that demonstrate how Jesus's life and ministry are "good news for all people?"

*Application:* How has this series impacted your faith? Be as specific as possible as you answer.