



**Riverstone**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

## Sermon Based Questions

Date- Friday 2nd April 2021

Series- Good Friday

### **The King who refused to Save himself.**

*36 The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar 37 and said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself." 38 There was a written notice above him, which read: this is the king of the Jews. 39 One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" – Luke 23:36-39*

**1. The way of Jesus is the Way of the Cross. Luke 23:26-34**

**2. He refused to save himself so he might save others. Luke 23:35-46**

### **A. Examining the texts.**

1. Read Luke 23:26-32. Why do you think Luke shares the detail of Simon carrying the cross? What does Jesus tell the women that they should be weeping about?
2. Read Luke 23:26-34. What do you think Jesus is talking about in verse 31? Why do you think that Jesus quotes Hosea 10 here and what about that chapter reflects how Israel was treating Christ here in Luke 23?
3. Read Luke 23: 35-49. How many times does Luke highlight that Jesus was not acting to save himself? Why is this significant? What does it say about Christ and why does Luke repeat it?
4. Read Luke 23:35-49. What does Jesus interactions with the two criminals beside him reveal about him and about the man that he said would enter into Gods kingdom? How does this point to the central meaning of the cross?
5. Read Luke 23:44-49. What does this narrative section reveal about the meaning of Christs death and what do you think led the centurion to the conclusion that he drew?

### **B. Meditation & application**

6. How is Simon a symbol of all those that would choose to follow Christ? What words of Christ speak of that symbol?
7. If Lukes' purpose is Gospel proclamation- what does this section as a whole contribute to our understanding of what Christ accomplished on the cross and what it means for us?
8. Imagine an unbelieving friend asked you- what is good Friday all about how could you use this section of the gospel of Luke to answer their query? What moments would you really want to include and why?
9. What about this passage reveals the righteousness of Jesus?

A Prayer: Heavenly Father- We thank you that Jesus did not save himself but chose the way of the cross so that he might save us. I pray that like Simon you might move us to pick up our cross and follow in the way of Jesus- so that you might use us to be and bring the good news about the righteousness of Jesus to those around us. Amen.