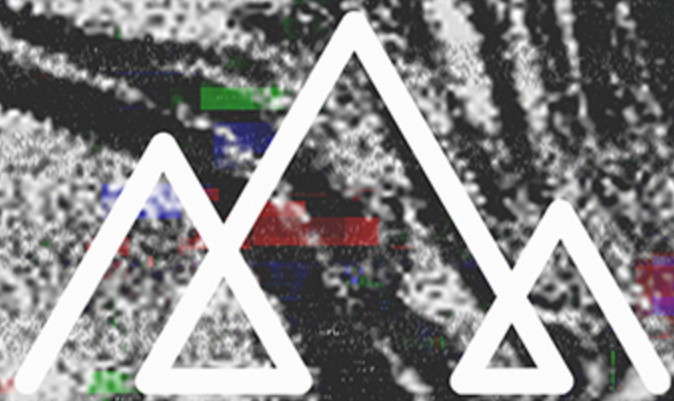




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WEEK

THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT WEEK OF THE
MOST IMPORTANT PERSON WHOEVER LIVED.

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FRIDAY

⁵³ They took Jesus to the high priest's home where the leading priests, the elders, and the teachers of religious law had gathered. ⁵⁴ Meanwhile, Peter followed him at a distance and went right into the high priest's courtyard. There he sat with the guards, warming himself by the fire.

MARK 14:53-61NLT

⁵⁵ Inside, the leading priests and the entire high council were trying to find evidence against Jesus, so they could put him to death. But they couldn't find any. ⁵⁶ Many false witnesses spoke against him, but they contradicted each other. ⁵⁷ Finally,

MARK 14:53-61NLT

some men stood up and gave this false testimony: ⁵⁸ “We heard him say, ‘I will destroy this Temple made with human hands, and in three days I will build another, made without human hands.’” ⁵⁹ But even then they didn’t get their stories straight!

MARK 14:53-61NLT

⁶⁰ Then the high priest stood up before the others and asked Jesus, “Well, aren’t you going to answer these charges? What do you have to say for yourself?” ⁶¹ But Jesus was silent and made no reply. Then the high priest asked him, “Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?”

MARK 14:53-61NLT

ONE QUESTION THAT WE ALL HAVE TO
ASK OURSELVES IS WHO IS JESUS?

⁶² Jesus said, "I am. And you will see the Son of Man seated in the place of power at God's right hand and coming on the clouds of heaven."

MARK 14:62 NLT

⁶³ Then the high priest tore his clothing to show his horror and said, "Why do we need other witnesses? ⁶⁴ You have all heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?"

"Guilty!" they all cried. "He deserves to die!"

MARK 14:63-65 NLT

⁶⁵ Then some of them began to spit at him, and they blindfolded him and beat him with their fists. "Prophecy to us," they jeered. And the guards slapped him as they took him away.

MARK 14:63-65 NLT

¹ Then the entire council took Jesus to Pilate, the Roman governor. ² They began to state their case: "This man has been leading our people astray by telling them not to pay their taxes to the Roman government and by claiming he is the Messiah, a king."

LUKE 23:1-7 NLT

³ So Pilate asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?”

Jesus replied, “You have said it.”

⁴ Pilate turned to the leading priests and to the crowd and said, “I find nothing wrong with this man!”

LUKE 23:1-7 NLT

⁵ Then they became insistent. “But he is causing riots by his teaching wherever he goes—all over Judea, from Galilee to Jerusalem!”

⁶ “Oh, is he a Galilean?” Pilate asked. ⁷ When they said that he was, Pilate sent him to Herod Antipas, because Galilee was under Herod’s jurisdiction, and Herod happened to be in Jerusalem at the time.

LUKE 23:1-7 NLT

¹³ Then Pilate called together the leading priests and other religious leaders, along with the people, ¹⁴ and he announced his verdict. “You brought this man to me, accusing him of leading a revolt. I have examined him thoroughly on this point in your presence and find him

LUKE 23:13-18, 23-25 NLT

innocent. ¹⁵ Herod came to the same conclusion and sent him back to us. Nothing this man has done calls for the death penalty. ¹⁶ So I will have him flogged, and then I will release him.”

¹⁸ Then a mighty roar rose from the crowd, and with one voice they shouted, “Kill him, and release Barabbas to us!”

LUKE 23:13-18, 23-25 NLT

²³ But the mob shouted louder and louder, demanding that Jesus be crucified, and their voices prevailed. ²⁴ So Pilate sentenced Jesus to die as they demanded. ²⁵ As they had requested, he released Barabbas, the man in prison for insurrection and murder. But he turned Jesus over to them to do as they wished.

LUKE 23:13-18, 23-25 NLT

THE INNOCENT MAN WAS
CONDEMNED TO DIE BUT THE
MAN GUILTY OF INSURRECTION
AND MURDER WAS SET FREE.

²⁷ Some of the governor's soldiers took Jesus into their headquarters and called out the entire regiment. ²⁸ They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him. ²⁹ They wove thorn branches into a crown and put it on his head, and they placed a reed stick in his right hand as a scepter. Then they knelt

MATTHEW 27:27-31NLT

before him in mockery and taunted, "Hail! King of the Jews!" ³⁰ And they spit on him and grabbed the stick and struck him on the head with it. ³¹ When they were finally tired of mocking him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him again. Then they led him away to be crucified.

MATTHEW 27:27-31NLT

²¹ A passerby named Simon, who was from Cyrene, was coming in from the countryside just then, and the soldiers forced him to carry Jesus' cross. (Simon was the father of Alexander and Rufus.) ²² And they brought Jesus to a place called Golgotha (which means "Place of the Skull").

MARK 15:21-22 NLT

¹³ Greet Rufus, whom the Lord picked out to be his very own;

ROMANS 16:13A NLT

²⁴ Then the soldiers nailed him to the cross. They divided his clothes and threw dice to decide who would get each piece. ²⁵ It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him.

MARK 15:24-25 NLT

²⁶ A sign announced the charge against him. It read, "The King of the Jews." ²⁷ Two revolutionaries were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left.

MARK 15:26-32 NLT

²⁹ The people passing by shouted abuse, shaking their heads in mockery. "Ha! Look at you now!" they yelled at him. "You said you were going to destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days. ³⁰ Well then, save yourself and come down from the cross!"

MARK 15:26-32 NLT

³¹ The leading priests and teachers of religious law also mocked Jesus. “He saved others,” they scoffed, “but he can’t save himself! ³² Let this Messiah, this King of Israel, come down from the cross so we can see it and believe him!” Even the men who were crucified with Jesus ridiculed him.

MARK 15:26-32 NLT

JESUS COULD HAVE
SAVED HIMSELF BUT IF HE
HAD SAVED HIMSELF, HE
WOULD NOT HAVE SAVED YOU.

³³ At noon, darkness fell across the whole land until three o'clock. ³⁴ Then at three o'clock Jesus called out with a loud voice,... "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?"

MARK 15:33-34 NLT

²¹ God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:21 NIV

³⁵ When some of those standing near heard this, they said, "Listen, he's calling Elijah."

³⁶ Someone ran, filled a sponge with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. "Now leave him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to take him down," he said.

MARK 15:35-36 NLT

³⁰ When Jesus had tasted it, he said, "It is finished!" Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

JOHN 19:30 NLT

⁵¹ At that moment the curtain in the sanctuary of the Temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.

MATTHEW 27:51NLT

³⁹ When the Roman officer who stood facing him saw how he had died, he exclaimed, "This man truly was the Son of God!"

MARK 15:39 NLT

THIS ROMAN OFFICER ANSWERED THE QUESTION CORRECTLY. JESUS WAS MORE THAN A GOOD PERSON, A HISTORICAL FIGURE, A GREAT MORAL TEACHER, AND A MIRACLEWORKER. HE WAS THE SON OF GOD!

⁸ But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

ROMANS 5:8 NLT