

THE Story

Lesson 18 Chapter 26 The Hour of Darkness (Pt 3) p.377-380

1. What was your first experience with the reality of death? What impact did it have on you?
2. On the bottom of page 377, we are introduced to a man named Simon who was forced to carry Jesus' cross. More information about him is provided in Mark 15:21 and possibly Romans 16:13. Like Malchus, what might be implied about the fact that he was known by name?
3. Read Psalm 22. What aspects of Jesus' crucifixion can you find in David's Psalm?

How does this Psalm help you better understand Jesus' crucifixion?

4. On page 378, we read about the verbal abuse that Jesus experienced. Check out I Peter 2:21-23 and reflect out Peter's insights on how our Lord was able to endure such abuse. What lessons should we learn from His example?

5. Five of the seven "last words of Jesus" are recorded for us on pages 378-380. How does His FIRST word...."Father, forgive them"....teach us HOW TO FORGIVE? (p.378)

How does His SECOND word...."Today, you will be with me in paradise"...teach us HOW TO COMFORT? (p. 379)

How does His THIRD word...."Woman, here is your son"....teach us HOW TO SYMPATHIZE? (p.379)

How does His FOURTH word...."My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?"....teach us HOW TO ENDURE? (p. 379)

How does His FIFTH word...."I thirst"....teach us HOW TO SUFFER? (implied at the bottom of p. 379...John 19:28)

How does His SIXTH word...."It is finished"....teach us HOW TO ACCOMPLISH? (p.380) What exactly was "finished" or "accomplished"?

How does His SEVENTH word...."Into your hands I commit my spirit"....teach us HOW TO DIE? (Implied at the top of page 380...Luke 24:46)

6. What is the significance of each of the supernatural events accompanying Jesus' death?

According to the centurion, how dramatic were those events?

7. Why do you think that only the women who followed Him from Galilee were with Him to the end? What does this say about their courage and about the strength of their belief in Jesus?

8. As you review this portion of God's inspired Word, what truths do you learn about our humanity....sins to avoid & examples to follow

about our God... His promises to claim & His character to embrace