

***An Easter Journey***  
**“The Road to the Cross”**  
**Luke 23:32-49**

*The week that begins with a triumphant entry into Jerusalem and proceeds through the crisis of submission in Gethsemane now climaxes with execution on a Roman cross. But what is expected to be the end of the story actually becomes a display of divine satisfaction and a dramatic prelude to an empty tomb. God reserves the mountaintop for life’s ultimate issues.*

**1. Jesus Precedes Us to the Mountaintop (vv.32-34)**

- **Literally**
  
  
- **Spiritually**

**2. Jesus Secures Our Spiritual Resources (vv.35-38, 44-49)**

- **Cross**
  
  
- **Curtain**
  
  
- **Confirmation**

**3. Jesus Focuses on the Heart of the Matter (vv.39-43)**

- **Perceptive Mind**
  
  
- **Receptive Heart**