



Jesus' suffering identifies Him as the Messiah.

Lesson Summary

Long ago, the LORD delivered Israel out of Egypt through the blood of the Passover Lamb. As we are learning, the LORD was guiding them to their land where He could make them into a great nation and set up their Kingdom by sending them their special King, the true Image-Bearer, who would bless all the nations of the earth. However, Israel continued to be unfaithful to the LORD, even after going into the land, so the LORD did not give them victory over all of their enemies, but per the Law, He let their enemies rule over them yet again, as Egypt did formerly. Yet, there was still hope in the ultimate Passover Lamb who would come and deliver them from their enemies once and for all, the promised King Himself. Then, after a long wait, a man named Jesus about whom John the Baptist said, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world," showed up on the scene. He rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, just as the prophet Zechariah said the coming King would do. Jesus was the King and the Passover Lamb. But remember, it is the blood of the Lamb that delivers Israel... So, before Jesus can rule, He must suffer and die. Jesus knew this as he rode into Jerusalem - that He was riding to His death, knowing ultimately that God would raise Him. Today, we see Him suffer and die on the cross, fulfilling what the Old Testament said about the Messiah's suffering. Yet, it is a good day because since He suffered in this way, we can be sure that He will RULE -- the scriptures said so!

Story of the Bible Chart

Today, we continue looking at **The Appearance of Messiah**. Last week the Messiah rode into Jerusalem and made Himself known. This week we will see His ministry as the ultimate Passover Lamb as He suffers innocently for a guilty people.

Story of the Bible Chart picture of the day:



or



THIS WEEK

LAST WEEK

NEXT WEEK



The Entrance of the King
Easter 1

Crucifixion
Easter 2

Resurrection
Easter 3

APPEARANCE OF MESSIAH



LESSON INTRO

As we saw last week, **Jesus** is the **promised King** who is going to rule among His people and bless people from all nations with eternal life. However, **before He will rule in the promised land, He must suffer and die as the Passover Lamb**, through whom Israel will be delivered from their enemies and all believers will be delivered from their sin.

Jesus knew as He was riding into Jerusalem on a donkey that He was riding towards His suffering and death... Yet, He also knew that He would one day rule as the true Image-Bearer. However, there would be a **time between His suffering and His ruling** when He would sit at the right hand of the Father. **We are still in that time today, awaiting His return**

So, knowing that there would be significant time between His suffering and His ruling, Jesus spent His final days preparing His disciples to tell of Him and represent Him while He is absent. **Jesus passed His words and works on to them** so that they could tell the whole world that the Messiah had come in the flesh. They saw Him and heard Him and touched Him, and so they were to deliver to us the eyewitness account of the true Image-Bearer – Jesus. So, Jesus spent some time preparing them for that special task and **praying for them and all who would believe in Him on account of their words.**

After Jesus prepared His disciples, His disciple John recorded what happened next in chapters 18 and 19 of his eyewitness account in order to continue to demonstrate that Jesus is the Messiah, the true Image-Bearer the Old Testament was looking for.

Lesson Outline

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LESSON OUTLINE

Easter 2 | John 18-19



1. He was betrayed.

- a. **The prophecy (READ Zech 11:12-13):** Zechariah, the same prophet who prophesied the Messiah, the King of Israel, would ride into Jerusalem on a donkey also prophesied that the Messiah would be betrayed for just 30 pieces of silver at the hand of a worthless shepherd.
- b. **Fulfillment:** Judas, Jesus' own disciple, sold the location of Jesus to the Jewish and Roman officials so they could come and arrest Him.
- c. *Fun fact: When they came to arrest Jesus, they asked Jesus if He was the one they were looking for. When Jesus responded, "I AM!", 600 soldiers fell back to the ground. This sign emphasized the fact that Jesus is the Messiah who has authority over His enemies, able to crush them with nothing more than a word.*

2. He was tortured and mocked.

- a. **The prophecy (READ Psalm 22:11-16 ; Isaiah 50:6-7):** Isaiah and the Psalmist looked forward to the day of suffering of the Messiah (that we talked about in Psalm 118 last week). They both told of a day when Messiah would be surrounded by evildoers who seek to kill Him. Though they would strike Him, He would not resist, but offer Himself willingly to their beatings and mocking.
- b. **Fulfillment:** After the Jews delivered Jesus to the Romans, the soldiers scourged Him, put on Him a crown of thorns, slapped Him in the face, and mocked Him saying, "Hail, the King of the Jews!"
- c. *Fun fact: Jesus actually was the King of the Jews which meant He was the Son of God who has authority over the nations. So, the only reason they were allowed to get away with such disrespect of the King is because He let them (remember, He can wipe out a whole army with just a word).*

3. He was crucified.

- a. **The prophecy (READ Psalm 22:16-17; Isaiah 53):** The psalmist predicts that the Messiah's hands and feet would be pierced and also that His garments would be divided up. Isaiah prophesied that Messiah would take the sins of His people upon Himself and would mercifully and graciously die in their place like the Passover Lamb. Though He would be innocent, He would take the punishment that Israel deserved.
- b. **The Fulfillment:** Though Jesus was inspected and found innocent (even by the Gentiles) Jesus was hung on a cross by nails through His hands and feet. Jesus was the blemish-free Passover Lamb who suffered and died innocently on the cross for His guilty people. Afterwards, His garments were divided up among the soldiers crucifying Him.
- c. *Fun fact: Right before Jesus died on the cross, He uttered the words, "It is finished!", which are the last words of Psalm 22. This means that not only is Jesus fulfilling the first half of the psalm talking about His suffering, but also the second half which talks about His rule of His coming Kingdom!*



Lesson Questions

Use these questions to teach or to review this week's lesson.

Ages 3-5

- 1. Who sold the information of where to find Jesus to the men who wanted to kill Jesus?**
Jesus's good friend, Judas.
- 2. How did the Roman soldiers treat Jesus?**
They beat up Jesus and then killed Him.
- 3. How was Jesus killed?**
Jesus was nailed to a cross.

Grades 1-6

- 1. In the Bible, what is a prophecy?**
A truth told by God through a prophet before it happens.
- 2. What did Judas, one of Jesus's best friends do to Jesus?**
Judas sold Jesus's location to those who wanted to kill Jesus.
- 3. What did the Roman soldiers do to Jesus?**
They arrested Jesus, whipped Jesus, spit on Jesus, and made fun of Jesus before killing Him.
- 4. How was Jesus killed?**
He was hung up on a cross.
- 5. When was Jesus's betrayal by Judas, Jesus's mistreatment by the Roman soldiers, and Jesus's death on the cross foretold by God through the prophets?**
All these things were told in the story thousands of years before they took place.