

- Realized Jesus was Who He said

- Soldiers broke the legs of the robbers so they would die quickly; They didn't have to break Jesus' legs - He was already dead

- They pierced His side with a spear so knew for certain

#### FLASHCARD 4-7

- Pilate gave man named Joseph permission to take Jesus' body from the cross; Another man, Nicodemus helped

- They wrapped His body in white linen, added sweet-smelling spices, and placed Jesus in a tomb

- Jewish leaders remembered that Jesus said He would come back to life 3 days later so went to Pilate

- "His disciples might steal His body and say He's alive; We want guards to watch the tomb for 3 days."

#### FLASHCARD 4-8

- Pilate gave permission; The tomb was sealed; Guards were there day and night; Was that the end? No!

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- Jesus showed He is Who He said – God the Son!

- He came so that sinners like you and I could be saved from our sins and have a wonderful relationship with Him

- Will you believe on Jesus to save you?

#### INVITATION

**John 6:47 – "...He that believeth on Me hath everlasting life."**

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#### BOW HEADS RESPONSE

#### CHALLENGE

**G – Go over MT**

**MT, PAS – GOD WANTS YOU  
TO LOVE YOUR ENEMIES**

**R – Review PAS verse**

**Matt. 5:44 – "But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them...."**

**O – Overview PAS examples**

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**W – Will you do it?**

#### Life of Christ #22

Matt. 27:31-66; Mark 15:20-47;  
Luke 23:26-56; John 19:16-42

- Have you ever wanted to be like someone else?

- Maybe there is someone who is really popular, and you wish you could be like them

- Or maybe it's someone famous, and you wish you were a good singer or good at a sport like they are

- Lots of time we are tempted to look at others and wish we were like them...

- If you know Jesus as your Savior, there is only ONE you should want to be like – Jesus!

- In this true lesson from the Bible, we are going to learn a little more about how Jesus treated others and how you and I can be more like Him

- In our last lesson we learned how Pilate gave Jesus over to His enemies to put Him to death on a cross

#### FLASHCARD 4-1

- As they led Jesus away, made Him carry His own cross until couldn't carry it anymore

- Cross was heavy; Jesus had been awake all night; Had been beaten, spit on...

- Fell beneath the weight of the cross; Soldiers got man named Simon to carry the cross

- Took Jesus to place named Golgotha or Calvary

- There were two other prisoners carrying their crosses; Unlike Jesus, they were guilty – deserved to be punished because of their sins

- Same is true for you and me

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**Isaiah 53:6– "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way...."**

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- Those men deserved the punishment for their sins, but Jesus had never done anything wrong

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- As led Him to Calvary, were women in the crowd; Probably crying because Jesus was their friend

- One woman was Mary, Jesus' mother...

- How sad she must have been!
- Disciple John was there; Others stood by and watched

#### FLASHCARD 4-2

- Soldiers carried a sign to be placed above Jesus' cross, sign was written by Pilate
- Said, "This is Jesus, the **King** of the Jews." Jewish leaders didn't like it; Didn't believe Jesus was the King like He said
- Tried to get Pilate to change it but he wouldn't; "What I have written, I have written."
- Maybe because he knew Jesus was really Who He said
- When they got to the place called Calvary, put nails through His hands and feet, and nailed Jesus to a cross made of wood
- It was 9 AM when Jesus was nailed to the cross; Two robbers, one on each side of Him
- Soldiers had seen people nailed to a cross before; Were probably used to screams and curses from those being put on the cross
- Jesus was different; He didn't curse or scream angry things; Instead, He did something amazing...

#### FLASHCARD 4-3

- \*As He hung there on that cross, called out, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they are doing."
- Even while in so much pain, Jesus was praying for His enemies
- He wasn't angry with them, He loved them; Wanted what was best for them
- Wow! That's amazing love!

#### MT – GOD WANTS YOU TO LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

- Jesus loved His enemies even though they had laughed at Him, beaten Him, and nailed Him to a cross

#### FLASHCARD 4-4

- As Jesus hung on the cross, people called out, "If You are the Son of God, come down from that cross!"
- Jesus did have the power to come down off that cross; He could have saved Himself
- But He didn't; This was why He came
- He stayed there on cross because of His great love for sinners like you and me

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- It was Jesus' love for sinners like you and me that kept Him from getting down off that cross
- The amazing thing is that He did this when we were still His enemies; yet He was willing to die in our place; what amazing love!

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#### FLASHCARD 4-5

- Then, one of the robbers being crucified on one side of Jesus made fun of Jesus saying, "If You are the Promised One from God, save Yourself and us!"
- Other robber said, "We are guilty and are getting what we deserve. But this Man did nothing wrong!"
- \* Then said, "Remember me when You come into Your Kingdom."
- ... Jesus answered him and said, "Today you will be with Me in Paradise."
- Jesus forgave him!

#### FLASHCARD 4-6

- It was now noontime; 3 hours had passed; Strange things started to happen
  - Darkness came over the land, made it as dark as night; Lasted 3 hours
  - Jesus cried loudly, "My God! My God! Why have You forsaken Me?"
  - As Jesus hung there on the cross, our sin was placed on Him
  - God poured out all of His anger for sin on Jesus; Jesus took that punishment for sinners like you and me
  - \*Then Jesus cried out, "It is finished!"
  - Jesus prayed, "Father, into Your hands I give My Spirit."
  - Then Jesus died; It was finished; Jesus did what He came to do
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- 1 Peter 2:24 – “Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree ....”**
- Jesus took the punishment for sinners like you and me when He died on the cross
  - Leader of the soldiers looked at Jesus on cross & said, "Surely this Man was the Son of God."