

Bible Study Discussion 2014-2015



**Lesson 24: Crucifixion and Death of Jesus
Luke 23:26-56**

Opening Music

I'm Forgiven by Newsboys (4:30)

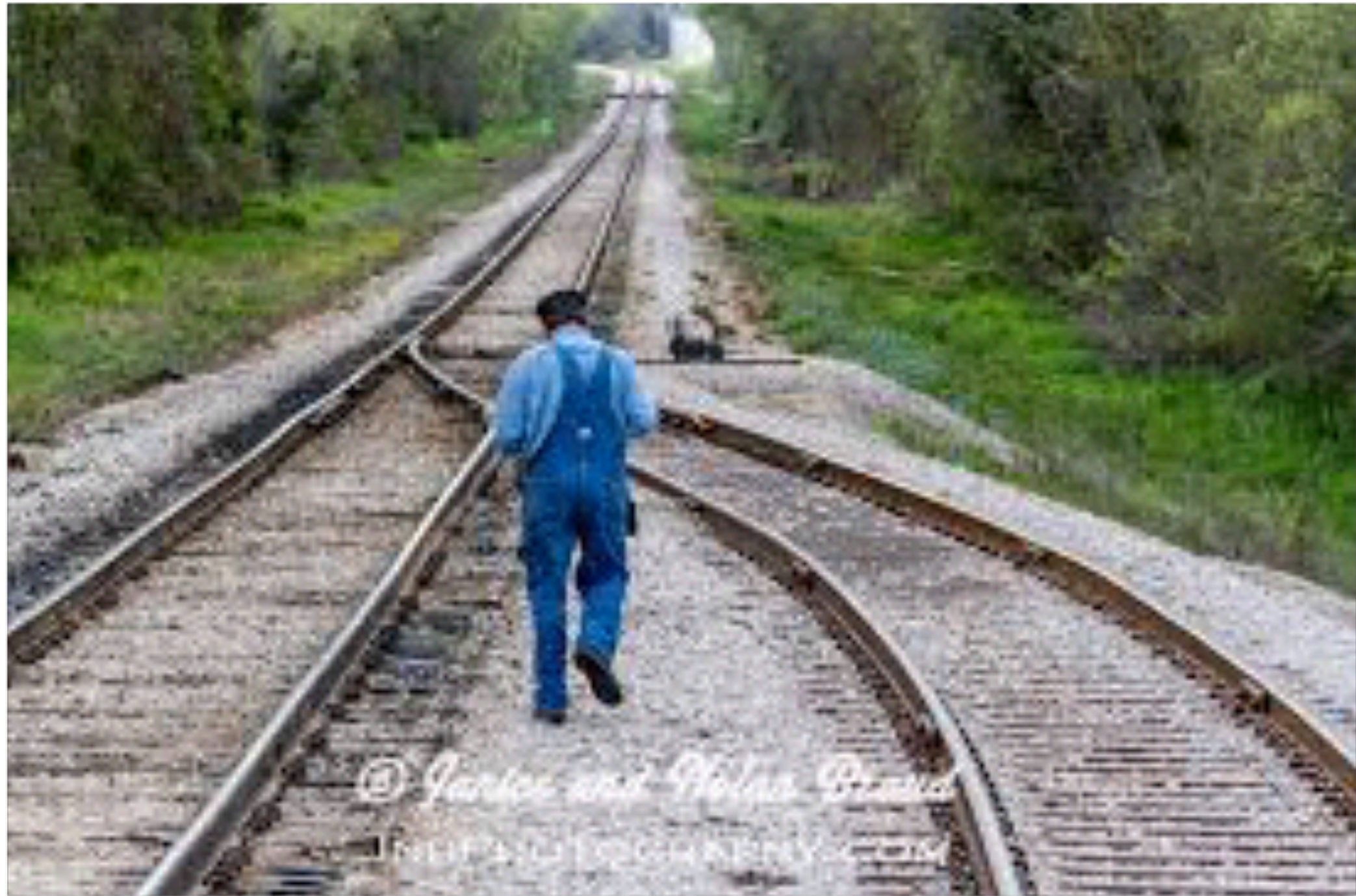
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Memory Verse



The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified, and on the third day be raised again.

Luke 24:7



Switch Tracks



**What Points did
Luke Want to Make?**

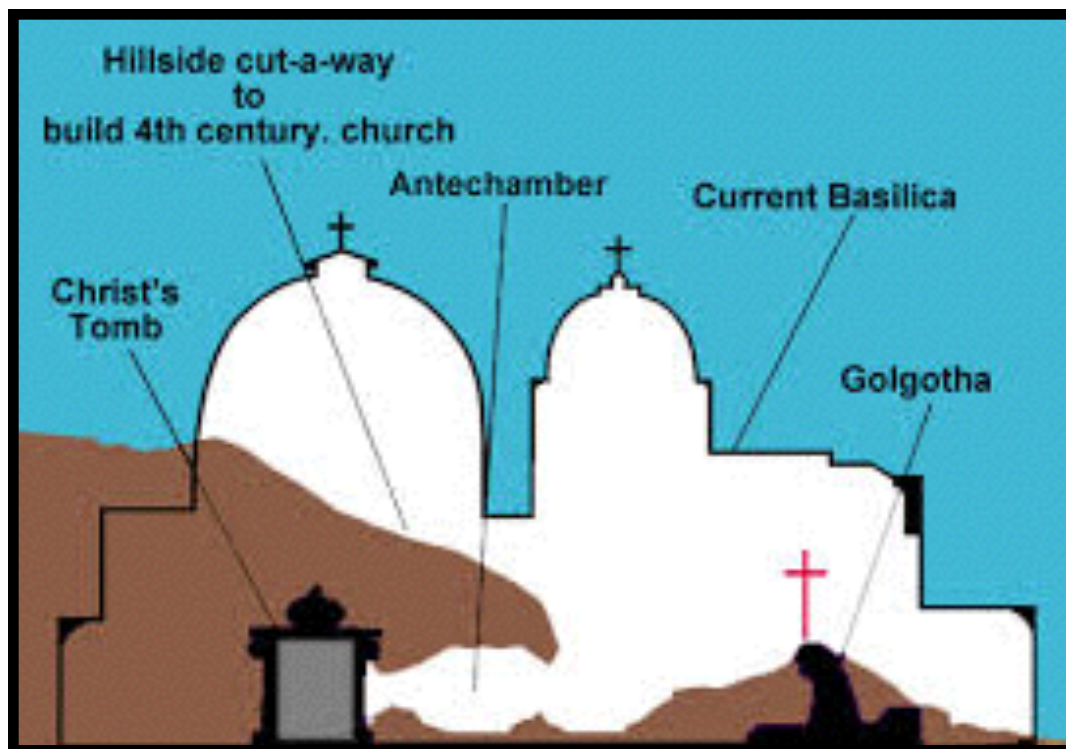
Who is Jesus?



What about 2015?

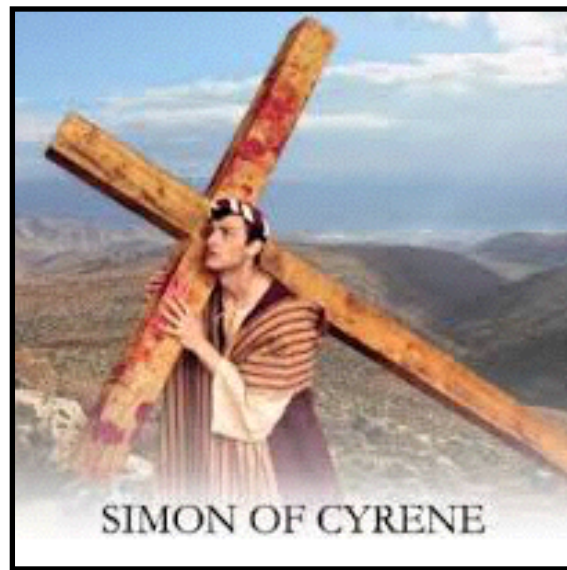


Church of the Holy Sepulchre Built on the Site of the Crucifixion and Tomb





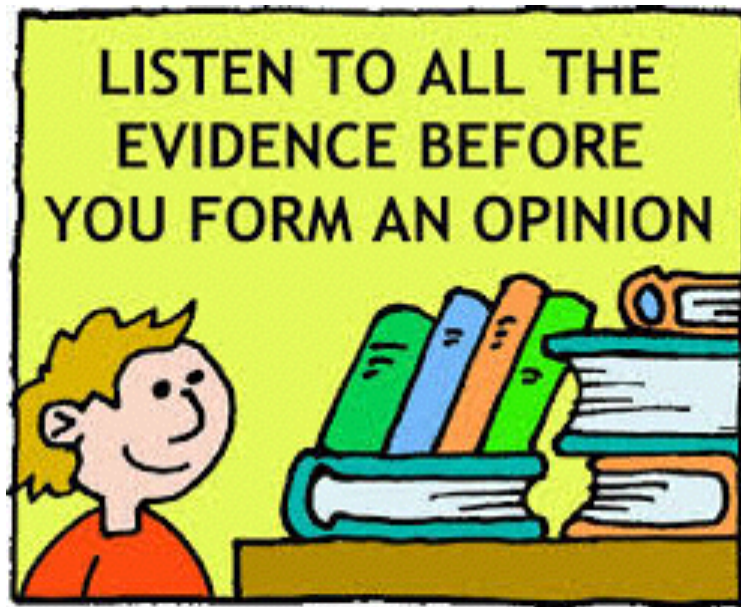
**Luke made 8
Points!**



Point #1

**Every word,
every action has a purpose!**

- **Luke is a master at details. Take Simon of Cyrene:**
- **Simon deliberately was on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem and surprisingly found himself on a pilgrimage of life.**
- **Jesus urged followers to take up their cross and follow him, and now Simon was actually doing this, but it was Jesus' cross he was carrying. (Luke 9:23)**
- **Simon demonstrated devotion, holiness, and service as he walked behind Jesus on the road to Jesus' death. We are called to do the same.**



Point #2

**Jesus really died for us.
There's evidence!**

- **Luke opens his gospel by telling Theophilus that there evidence and the facts are true. (Luke 1:1-4)**
- **Luke gives us the evidence and eyewitnesses to the crucifixion.**
- **Jesus didn't fall asleep nor did he slip into a coma nor did he enter a trance. He really died.**



Point #3

**The death of Jesus was
what is significant
not the torment and torture
he endured.**



Point #4

Jesus died

in the midst of transgressors!

- **He died between two criminals but also in the midst of others who were transgressors, sinners.**
- **He fulfilled prophecy found in Isaiah 53:12.**
- **Despite their actions, Jesus ask for forgiveness for them.**
- **We have 2 choices. Are you like the criminal who rejected Jesus or the one who accepted Jesus and received a place in paradise?**



Point #5

**Jesus died
an innocent and righteous man!**

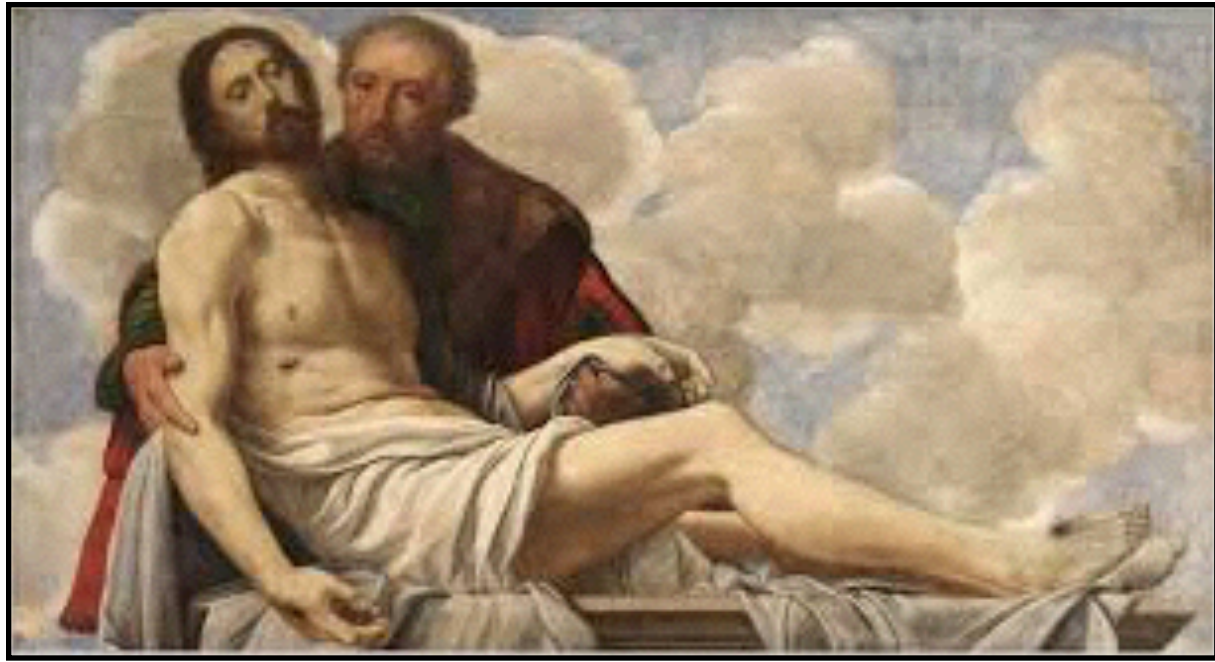
- **The centurion saw and commented that Jesus was innocent and didn't deserve to die.
Luke 23:47**



Point #6

The people caring for the burial were good, law-abiding Jews!

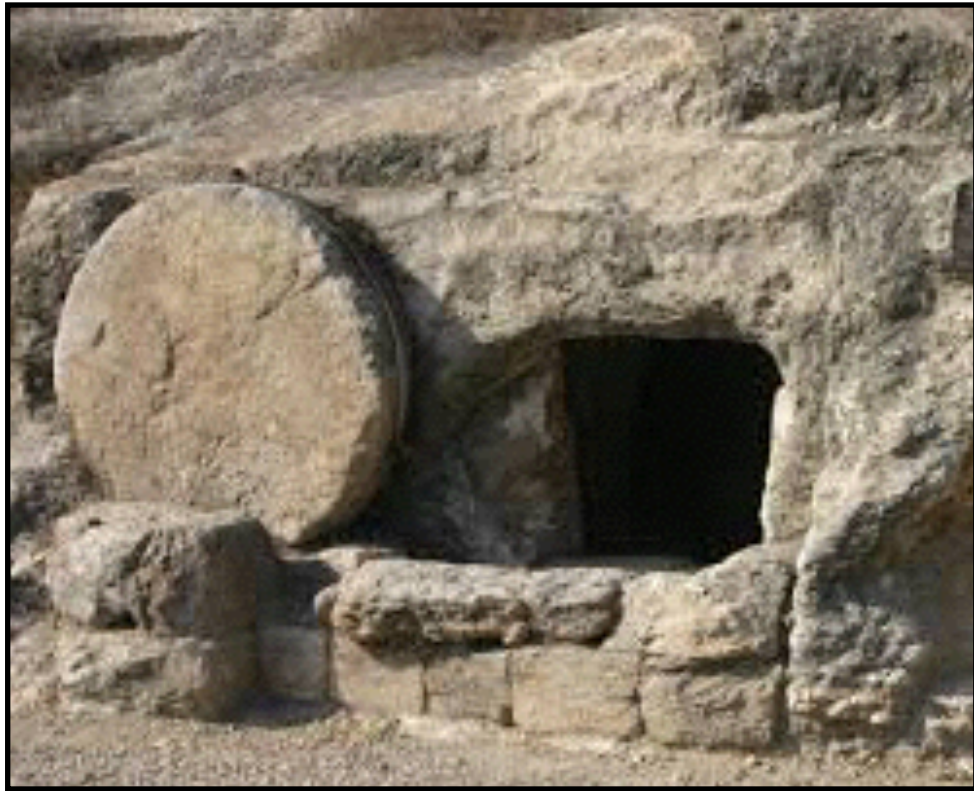
- **The women kept the Sabbath day holy. Even though they were eager to anoint the body, they waited.**
- **Joseph of Arimathea**



Point #6 continued

Who is Joseph of Arimathea?

- **Disciple of Jesus (Mt 27:57) but a secret one (John 19:38)**
- **Rich, high ranking (Lk 23:50) and honorable Jew. (Mk 15:34)**
- **Member of the Sanhedrin although he didn't agree with their plan or action. (Luke 23:50-51)**
- **The tomb he gave to Jesus probably was one he had prepared for himself. (Matthew 27:60)**
- **Nobody knows where Arimathea was but speculations is that it was slightly north of Jerusalem.**



Point #7

The burial is another important part of the story!

- **Crucified bodies were typically thrown on the ground and buried in a mass grave. This was objectionable to the Jews. Deuteronomy 21:22-23.**

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Point #7 continued

1st Stage of Burial:

- **The body was laid in a tomb, a cave.**
- **The body was covered in spices to cover the smell of decomposing flesh. The odor must be controlled because there likely were to be several bodies in various stages of decomposition before the first body was ready.**
- **Therefore a rolling stone was placed as a door over the opening of the cave.**



Point #7 continued

2nd Stage of Burial:

- **When the body had totally decayed, the bones were reverently collected and placed in a bone box called an ossuary.**



The stages of burial were the stages of farewell.



It is very important to note that the women who witnessed Jesus death (Luke 23:49) were the same ones who witnessed his burial (Luke 23:55). So they were certain which tomb was his.



Point #8

There is only one Jesus!

**There is no doubt that the Jesus
in the early chapters of Luke's Gospel
is the Jesus in this chapter and
the subsequent chapters!**



Who is Jesus?

He is the obedient Son.

**He trusted God the Father
every step of the way.**

**From first to last, he lived to serve
God the Father... to do God's will.**

**Although innocent, he offered himself as a
sacrifice. He was the sacrificial Lamb.**

What about Discipleship in 2015?



**We are to be obedient, trusting, and serving.
We are to live sacrificial lives
demonstrating love and
focusing on others and not ourselves.**

Insert Clip from Disney's Frozen

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oEanDh702O8>



Applying the Lesson to Your Life

Make a plan to sacrifice something that is of value to you for the benefit of another.

**What will you do?
How was it received?**