

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
**APRIL 10, 2020**

**INTRODUCTION: NUMBERS 21:9**

The Israelites were in crisis (Covid-19). Thousands were dying from the serpent's bite. The bite represents the problem. The serpent on the pole represents the solution. Those bitten had a choice to make. Focus on the problem, or behold the solution. Behold means to look at attentively, expectantly, with a steady absorbing gaze. Jesus is the solution to every human problem.

**THE PASSOVER**

The Passover was one of Israel's seven feasts that reveal God's plan for man. During Holy Week, Jesus fulfilled three of the four spring feasts, and one of the fall feasts – Atonement. Tonight, our focus is on Passover and Jesus being the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

**THE JOURNEY**

**1. Preparation. LUKE 9:51**

- A. "Set His face" means He prepared Himself to face what He had to face or readied Himself to endure what was ahead of Him: To be made sin, to bear our sickness and carry our pain, to become the curse, and to suffer the wrath of God.
- B. **ISAIAH 52:13-14 (NLT)** – Barnes "so as to seem not to belong to people, or to be one of the human family". He would be so disfigured, He wouldn't appear human like.
- C. **ISAIAH 53:1-5** – Who believes it? **MATTHEW 8:16-17, I PETER 2:24**

**2. In the garden.**

- A. **LUKE 22:39-46** – The struggle is so intense, He sweats blood, and an angel comes to strengthen Him.
- B. The betrayal. **JOHN 18:3-6** – "I am" **LUKE 22:47-48** To betray means to be disloyal to an obligation. Judas uses a kiss, a sign of affection and friendship, to commit treason. Jesus' rebuke caused Judas to search his soul.
- C. **LUKE 22:50-51** – Jesus shows compassion and concern for the welfare of another even though He's about to die.

**3. The religious authorities.**

- A. **LUKE 22:54, 63-65** – They weren't interested in the truth, they wanted Him dead. They were enraged by His claims, jealous of His popularity and fearful of His power.

**4. Before Pilate.**

- A. **LUKE 23:1-2, 12-14** – If Pilate knew who he was being called upon to judge he would have trembled. The creature judging the Creator; finite the infinite; impotent the omnipotent.
- B. **MATTHEW 27:24-25** – Pilate washed his hands of His blood. The people took

responsibility for His Blood.

5. Via Dolorosa – way of sorrow.

A. **MATTHEW 27:26-31** – Shoulders, back and legs are shredded with the cat-o-nine-tails.

B. He's mocked by the Roman soldiers.

6. The cross. **MATTHEW 27:32-37**

A. **MATTHEW 27:50-54** – Friday's here, but Sunday's coming.

### **FRIDAY PEOPLE**

- Jesus is dead, nailed to a cross, placed in a tomb – Friday!
- Mary cries, the Disciples lost hope, they're running scared.
- Roman soldiers strutting around with their swords – Friday.
- Religious leaders destroyed Him who exposed their hypocrisy.
- Satan is celebrating, his forces rejoice – Friday.
- Friday people say come down if you're the Messiah.

### **SATURDAY PEOPLE**

- Saw Friday's events, go back home, to their old lifestyle.
- They want a reigning King, not a dying Messiah.
- Hear the gospel, but don't believe it.

### **SUNDAY PEOPLE**

- Know the gospel didn't end on Friday or Saturday.
- Know the stone was rolled away.
- Know that death, hell and the grave were defeated.
- Know their sin has been forgiven.
- Know death has been abolished.
- Know Jesus was dead, now He's alive and victorious.
- Know Satan is defeated.
- Know we are more than conquerors through Christ.