

## EXPLORING GOD'S WORD

### LESSON 7b

In the past couple of lessons, we have covered the birth of Jesus, the prophecies concerning the coming of the Messiah, His temptation, His ministry of miracles, and His unparalleled teaching. Yet, it is important to note that Jesus did not simply come to fulfill prophesy, perform miracles, or teach powerful principles. His mission was declared plainly at the announcement of His birth.

#### **Matthew 1:21 (NKJV)**

**21** And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins."

Paul declared that *saving mankind from sin* was the principle mission of Jesus Christ.

#### **1 Timothy 1:15 (NKJV)**

**15** This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.

John also declared His mission plainly:

#### **1 John 3:5 (NKJV)**

**5** And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin.

After a public ministry that lasted about three years, Jesus informed His disciples that it was time for His purpose to be fulfilled.

#### **Matthew 26:1-5 (NKJV)**

**1** Now it came to pass, when Jesus had finished all these sayings, that He said to His disciples,

**2** "You know that after two days is the Passover, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified."

**3** Then the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders of the people assembled at the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas,

**4** and plotted to take Jesus by trickery and kill Him.

**5** But they said, "Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar among the people."

Jesus came to be our substitutionary sacrifice. He came to redeem us from our sins.

### **I. THE ROAD TO CALVARY:**

- a. The Triumphant Entry: He is declared to be the King and the heir to the throne of David. (Read Matthew 21:6-11)
  - i. They cried; "Hosanna to the Son of David..."
- b. The Last Supper: (Read Matthew 26:26-29)

- i. Jesus repurposed the Passover meal. He revealed to the disciples this ancient ceremony was about to be fulfilled in His death, burial, and resurrection.
  - ii. The wine represented His blood that would be shed for the remission of sins.
  - iii. The bread represented His body that would be bruised and broken for our iniquity.
  - iv. We commemorate this event in the observance of Christian communion.
- c. The Garden of Gethsemane: (Read Matthew 26:36-39)
  - i. Jesus surrendered His human will to the eternal will of God.
  - ii. The cup He spoke of was the cup of God's wrath.
- d. Judas betrayed Jesus for thirty pieces of silver and identified Him for the High priest's men with a kiss. (Matthew 26:46)
- e. Jesus is put on trial before the High Priest for blasphemy. (Read Matthew 26:57-69)
  - i. They could not find a reason to accuse Him (Matthew 26:59-61)
  - ii. The high priest declared Jesus guilty of a trumped up charge.
  - iii. The people cried out that He was guilty and worthy of death.
  - iv. The spat on him, struck him, and mocked him.
  - v. Jesus is led from Caiaphas to Pilate (John 18:28-40; 19:1-15)
    - 1. Pilate gives the Jews a choice between Jesus and Barabbas, a thief.
    - 2. They chose the latter.
  - vi. Pilate has Jesus scourged with a cat o' nine tails – 39 stripes. (Read Isaiah 53:1-5)
  - vii. By His stripes we are healed.

## II. CHRIST DIED FOR US: (Read Matthew 27:35-40 & 45-50)

- a. Jesus took our place on the cross: (See also Isaiah 53:6-7)

### **2 Corinthians 5:21 (NKJV)**

**21** For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

- b. Jesus died for everyone:

### **Romans 5:8-9 (NKJV)**

**8** But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

**9** Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

When He died, the veil in the temple was torn. This signified that everyone now had access to God.

c. His blood redeems us from our sin: (See 1 Peter 1:18-19)

**1 Peter 1:18–19 (NKJV)**

**18** knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers,

**19** but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

The blood flowed from His pierced hands and feet, the crown of thorns, and the wound in His side.

**III. CHRIST ROSE FROM THE DEAD:**

a. Proof of the Resurrection:

i. The empty tomb.

ii. Jesus foretold His resurrection. (See Matthew 12:38-40 & Matthew 26:63)

iii. Jesus appeared to His disciples. (See Matthew 28:16-20)

iv. Seen for 40 days. (See Acts 1:3)

v. Seen by 500 at one time. (See 1 Corinthians 15:4-7)

b. The implication of the Resurrection:

i. It proves that Jesus was sinless and that death could not hold him. (See Acts 2:24)

ii. That same Spirit will empower us both now and in the resurrection. (See Romans 8:11)