

**Save Your Tears**

# Only Luke ... (23:26-31)

(1) Jesus is  
sentenced

(2) Jesus  
speaks (Lk.23)

(3) Jesus is  
crucified

- Four soldiers form hollow square
- Prisoner in middle
- Cross laid on shoulders
- Marched to crucifixion, longest route
- Fifth soldier in front carried placard . . .
- Jesus' strength gave out (Jn.19:17)
- Simon of Cyrene is 'impressed'

# I. What Does The Passage Say?

## 26

- Led Him away – Mt.7:13-14
- Simon – Mk.15:21, father of Alexander and Rufus
  - Ro.16:13

**23** Then He said to them all, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me – Luke 9

# 27

- Great multitude – v.48
- Luke features women
- Lamented [Jewish death wail]. Lk.8:52
- Lamented Him

# 28

- Jesus said...
  - Daughters of Jerusalem
  - Weep (as Peter, 22:62)
  - ...for yourselves
  - ...for your children (Mt.27:25)
    - Going to crucifixion . . . 'Victim' shows compassion to victims unaware

- Blessed...barren
- Women / children suffer most
  - Abijah, 1 K.14:12-13

- Hosea 10:8
  - Torment so great that they would rejoice in sudden, catastrophic death that releases them from torture

# 31

Proverb: green wood vs dry wood

- Green does not burn easily
- Dry wood / tree is good only for fire; burns easily
  - The wicked are asking for it

I. What Does The Passage Say?

II. What Does The  
Proverb Mean?

# Two subjects

- Green wood – Jesus
- Dry wood – Jews

If Jesus [innocent] suffers so much,  
what can Jews [guilty] expect?

If ‘moist’ Jesus can burn,  
how much more ‘dry’ Jews

- Ezk.20:47-48
- Pr.11:31

Righteous Job  
Righteous Naboth

# Three subjects

- Romans, Jesus, Jews
- Romans cruelly abuse Jesus (though admitting His innocence) . . .
- How will Romans treat guilty Jews?
  - Lk.19:41-44

# One subject

## Jews

- If mostly green Jewish nation commits this atrocity, what to expect whey they are dry?
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  - Sinners grow worse in time
    - Nu.32:23

**12** Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God – Hebrews 3

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**16** ...and said to the mountains and rocks, 'Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!' – Rev. 6

# Applications

- Callous Jews – brutality; grow worse in time  
– 2 Chr.36:16; 1 Th.2:14-16; 2 Tim.3:13
- Christians – 2 Tim.4:10
- Church – imagine Corinth without Paul's admonitions?
- Companion – 1 Pt.3:7
- Children – biblical instruction

Ec.11:9, rejoice, but...

Ec.12, aim high...