

## YOUTH INSTRUCTION CLASS

### LESSON 8: JESUS THE CHRIST: HIS HUMILIATION

#### Opening

- What does the Bible teach about the *person* of Jesus (who He is)?
- What does the Bible teach about the *office* of Jesus (what He is)?
- Today we learn about the *work* of Jesus. Jesus' work is \_\_\_\_\_.
- **Luther's Large Catechism:** [Jesus is our] Redeemer, that is, He who has brought us back from the devil to God, from death to life, from sin to righteousness. . . . The parts of this second article simply serve to clarify and express how and by what means this redemption was accomplished - that is, how much it cost Christ and what He paid and risked in order to win us and bring us under His dominion. He became man, conceived and born without sin; . . . moreover, He suffered, died, and was buried that He might make satisfaction for me and pay what I owed, not with silver and gold but with His own precious blood.

#### Jesus Redeems Us

To *redeem* means to "buy back for money." The idea is similar to that of a ransom. What is a ransom payment and how does it work?

From the *Second Article* (Luther's Explanation):

He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sin, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy precious blood and His innocent suffering and death.

- From *what* did Jesus redeem us?
- *With what* did Jesus redeem us?
- *To whom* was the redemption price paid?

1 Peter 1:18-19  
(632)

Matthew 20:28  
(633)

1 John 2:2  
(638)

Romans 3:23-24  
(895)

#### Jesus' Humiliation

In order to redeem us, Jesus *humbled* Himself, so that He could be put to death to save us from our sins. This time of Jesus' life is called His *humiliation*.

- What do the words *humble* and *humiliation* suggest to us about Jesus?

From the *Formula of Concord*:  
This divine majesty Jesus had immediately at His conception, even in His mother's womb, but He laid it aside. He kept it concealed in the state of His humiliation, and did not employ it always, but only when He wished.

- How do the following Bible passages show Jesus' *humility*?  
  
Matthew 27:39-46  
Mark 10:45
- "His humiliation is the lowly manner in which He came as well as His lowly manner of living. It consisted of His not using His divine power fully" (*Sydow Catechism*, p. 125)

As we confess them in the Apostles' Creed, what are the six steps in Jesus' state of humiliation?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

## Jesus' Humiliation: Conceived and Born

In what way did Jesus' humiliation begin?

Matthew 1:18-25

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What was unique about Jesus' birth?

Isaiah 7:14

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## Jesus' Humiliation: Suffered and Crucified

Draw a summary chart of Jesus' life on earth:

(See also *Nelson's Complete Book of Bible Maps and Charts*, p. 320)

What kind of suffering did Jesus endure **before** the last week of His life?

Matthew 2:13

Matthew 8:20

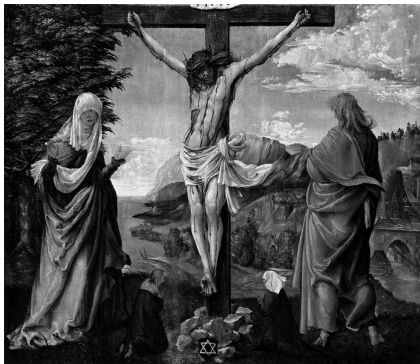
Luke 4:29

What kind of suffering did Jesus endure **the last week** before He died on the cross?

- See *Nelson's Complete Book of Bible Maps and Charts*, p. 306-307. This lists the events of Holy Week along with Scripture references. Note the suffering of Jesus particularly on Thursday and Friday.

What was crucifixion like for Jesus?

John 19:17-18



*Christ on the Cross by Albrecht Altdorfer, 1520*

“Crucifixion was one of the slower and more brutal forms of execution known to man, and certainly the most public. . . . The victim’s extremities were bound or nailed to the cross, and he was left to hang, sometimes for several days, before he died, as a public example and warning. . . . It was never inflicted on Roman citizens but reserved for slaves, pirates, and political or religious rebels. . . . Tortured by cramped muscles, unable to swat crawling and buzzing insects, hungry, thirsty, and naked before a taunting crowd” (Paul Maier, *First Easter*, pp. 77-78).

What were the "seven words of Jesus" from the cross? (See Matthew 27, Luke 23, and John 19)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.

## Jesus' Humiliation: Died and Buried

What happened to Jesus after His suffering and crucifixion?

John 19:30-33

What happened to Jesus after His death?

**Matthew 27:57-60** As evening approached, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus. <sup>58</sup> Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus' body, and Pilate ordered that it be given to him. <sup>59</sup> Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, <sup>60</sup> and placed it in his own new tomb that he had cut out of the rock. He rolled a big stone in front of the entrance to the tomb and went away.

## Activities

- **Bible History:** Watch the filmstrip *The Crucifixion* to learn more about this important part of Jesus' humiliation. (Cathedral Films, SOJ 44)