

We will begin the nineteenth lecture on the gospel of Luke. /At this time we will begin with Luke chapter 23. /In verses 1-7, /Jesus was questioned first by Pilate. /Pilate was the governor of Judea who was appointed by the Roman Emperor.

/Pilate had judicial and administrative power. /The chief priests and elders /handed Jesus over to Pilate to kill Him. /They accused Jesus of three things.

/First, they said that Jesus subverted the nation. /Second, they said that Jesus opposed payment of taxes to Caesar. /Third, they said that Jesus Himself claimed to be a king. /Jesus was accused of calling Himself Christ. /They did have somewhat of a basis for the things they said, but they were all lies.

/This is how the people of the world persecute believers. /People lie, slander, and accuse. /In verse 3, Pilate asked, “Are you the king of the Jews?” /It was a big problem for Pilate for a king to come out of Judea, /because Judea was a nation under the reign of the Roman Empire.

/Hence, Pilate asked Jesus. /“Are you the king of the Jews?” /Jesus then answered him. /“Yes, it is as you say.” /In John 18:30-38, Jesus proved that He is King. /Jesus said, “I came into the world, to testify to the truth.”

/In verse 5, the people insisted, “He stirs up the people all over Judea.” /The people accused Jesus of calling Himself the King of the Jews, but they failed. /The people who sued Jesus failed.

/Now, they accused Jesus saying, “He stirs up the people.” /In verse 6, Pilate asked Jesus if He was a Galilean. /He then sent Jesus to Herod, who had jurisdiction over Galilee.

/Pilate avoided the responsibility. /It was the time of the Passover at the time. /Herod was in Jerusalem for the Passover.

/In verses 8-12, /Jesus was questioned by Herod. /Herod was glad to see Jesus. /Herod had heard about Jesus and wanted to see Jesus perform miracles.

/Herod asked Jesus many question for personal purposes, /and Jesus did not answer him. /Because Herod did not get any answers, /he and his soldiers ridiculed and mocked Jesus. /Then they dressed Jesus in an elegant robe and mocked Him.

/They then sent Jesus back to Pilate. /Jesus was mocked for us. /Herod and Pilate were originally enemies. /However, they became friends while persecuting Jesus. /They became friends.

/In this way, politicians who were once enemies /become one when they persecute Christians. /They partner up to persecute Christians.

/In verses 13-25, /the Lord was questioned a second time by Pilate. /In Pilate’s first

questioning, he said, “Jesus did not do anything wrong.” /Pilate found nothing to charge Jesus against.

/Thus, when the crowd brought Jesus back to him, /Pilate said that he would punish Jesus. /Pilate was weak. /He was cowardly. /He did wrong.

/Verse 17 is written in some copies of the Bible, and it is left out in some. /The chief priests stirred up the crowd. /The crowd then told Pilate to get rid of Jesus. /Then in verse 19, they told Pilate to release Barabbas who was thrown into prison for an insurrection in the city and for murder.

/Crowds are easy to stir up. /That is why the voice of the crowd usually is not the truth. /Pilate declared a total of three times that Jesus did not have any sins. /He tried to release Jesus.

/However, the weak Pilate eventually submitted to the erroneous shouts of the crowd. /Pilate abandoned both the laws and justice. /He listened to the demands of the unjust crowd. /Hence, he had Jesus put to death. /Then he released Barabbas. /Through this, Pilate became a sinner forever.

/In verses 26-38, /Jesus was nailed to the cross. /Jesus fell again and again as He carried the cross. /The soldiers then seized Simon from Cyrene and made him carry the cross with Jesus.

/This does not mean that Jesus’ suffering was lessened. /If Jesus’ suffering was lessened, /He would not have received all the suffering that we would have received. /The soldiers made Simon from Cyrene carry the cross. /However, Jesus died on the cross, and the Lord received all the suffering.

/Simon from Cyrene and his family received blessings /because he helped Jesus carry the cross. /He received great blessings. /In Romans 16:13, /Paul called Rufus’ mother, /the mother of Simon from Cyrene, his mother.

/Paul called Rufus’ mother, /the mother of Simon from Cyrene, his own mother. /Here we can see that Rufus’ mother believed in Jesus and received great blessings. /Simon from Cyrene saw Jesus carry the cross.

/He saw the holy appearance of Jesus when Jesus was nailed to the cross. /He also heard everything that Jesus said on the cross. /He knew that Jesus is God’s Son. /He realized that the Lord is Christ.

/Hence, Simon from Cyrene believed in Jesus. /He shared his faith with his wife and son. /Then his entire family believed and was blessed.

/Jesus was nailed to the cross at nine in the morning. /Many people saw Jesus go up Golgotha. /Many women from Jerusalem mourned and wailed for Jesus and followed

Him.

/In verse 28, Jesus said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep for yourselves and for your children.” /“Daughters of Jerusalem” literally refer to the daughters of Jerusalem, /but also signifies all the people of Israel.

/Jesus said, “Do not weep for me.” /Jesus was crucified on the cross /according to what is written in the Bible. /It was the fulfillment of God’s plan and will. /Jesus accomplished redemption for God’s chosen people.

/Jesus died on the cross and rose again in three days, /and He fulfilled the kingdom of God. /Thus, it was a glorious thing /for Jesus to die on the cross. /It was a way of success. /It was a way of hope.

/This is because we now look forward to our glorious resurrection. /God’s people have hope of being saved. /However, the daughters of Jerusalem did not know this. /They wept because they felt sympathy for Jesus’ physical suffering.

/Jesus told them not to cry because of such reasons. /Jesus said, “weep for yourselves and for your children.” /There were three things /they should have cried for. /First, /they should have cried because they and their children /did not know Jesus.

/They should have wept because their children did not receive Jesus. /Second, they should have cried because /their children would receive judgment in the future. /Third, they should have cried because /their children did not have faith.

/In verse 29, the Lord prophesied that Jerusalem will be destroyed. /As Jesus said, /Titus of Rome and his army conquered Jerusalem /in AD 70. /At that time, they killed pregnant women and their unborn children with their swords.

/Young children clung onto the soldiers’ legs, and the children were stoned to death. /Women with children /could not run away and were killed in horrible ways. /Jesus knew what was going to happen in the future.

/Hence, Jesus warned them. /However, their eyes were clouded and they did not know. /They ignored God’s warning. /We must weep for us and our children.

/In Luke 19:44, /Jesus said, “you did not recognize the time of God’s coming to you.” /This is also a prophecy about the Last Days. /In the Last Days, there would be woe on pregnant women and nursing mothers. /Matthew 24:19

/Pregnant women spiritually signify people who are pregnant with greed. /Nursing mothers /signify those whose spiritual gifts were taken away by the world. /God gave us wealth, time, strength, and environments. /God gave us these things so that we may live in faith.

/However, it is like nursing if all these things are used for the world. /It says that it will be dreadful for those who nurse. /This is because they will not live with faith. /Even with great hardships come at us, /we can have victory if we have faith.

/However, they did not have faith, and thus, they should have wept. /There are great hardships for us believers as well. /We too must weep for not having the faith to overcome hardships. /We must weep because our children do not have faith to overcome hardships.

/Then we must repent and stand firm in faith. /In verse 30, it says that pain will be great at the Day of Judgment. /It will be better to die in those days. /Hence, people would call out to the mountains to fall on them. /People would cry out because they want to die.

/In verse 31, Jesus said, “For if men do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?” /Here, the green tree refers to Jesus. /It also refers to the righteous. /It also refers to those who have spiritual life.

/The dry tree /refers to sinners. /It also refers to those who do not have spiritual life. /Jesus was righteous and yet He received suffering. /Jesus taught that the pain that would come upon sinners would be great.

/God will protect us /if we receive sufferings while we walk righteously. /God will help us overcome our sufferings. /However, when we sin like dry trees, /we will receive great sufferings /and God’s judgment will be great as well.

/Jesus reached the place called the Skull. /It was called Place of the Skull because the shape of the hill resembled that of a skull. /The place was called Golgotha in Hebrew. /It is called Calvary in Latin.

/Jesus was crucified at this place. /Two robbers were crucified with Jesus. /One person was crucified on Jesus’ right, and the other on the left. /Even while Jesus was dying on the cross, /He prayed to God to forgive the sins of those who nailed Him to the cross.

/This was the first out of seven things that Jesus said as He was on the cross. /Jesus loved His enemies. /However, the Roman soldiers coveted Jesus’ clothes. /They divided up His clothes and casted lots. /They had no interest in the Lord of life.

/They were interested in only one thing. /Then the people watched. /The rulers and soldiers mocked Jesus. /Jesus Christ /redeemed His chosen people through the suffering of the cross. /The response of worldly people to Jesus’ movement of salvation differs in each time period.

/In verse 38, “There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.” /Each criminal had a charge. /Jesus’ charge was that He was King of the Jews. /Jesus’ charge was written above His head.

/It said, "THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS." /This meant that Jesus was /a traitor to Caiaphas the Roman Emperor. /However, Jesus was the spiritual King of the Jews /just as He was charged of. /The Lord was the King of truth. /That is why this name was appropriate for Jesus.

/In verses 39-43, /the faith of a criminal on the cross is displayed. /One of the robbers who was crucified alongside Jesus /resented Jesus and insulted Him. /He said, "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!" /The robber resented Jesus because Jesus did not save him.

/Thus, the robber said, "If you are truly Christ, save yourself and save us." /The robber insulted and resented Jesus. /He did not look back on his sins or repent.

/He was only greedy for deliverance from the pain of death. /He insulted and resented Jesus, /and despised Jesus /because his needs were not satisfied. /Most people are the same. /They do not even think to repent of their sins. /They simply want God to save them.

/Then when their needs are not met, /they begin to slander, insult, and complain. /They add more evil to their evil. /We must take responsibility for our wrongdoings. /We must repent, and then there will be hope.

/Whoever complains and resents Jesus like the robber /will add to his sins. /However, the robber on the other side of Jesus repented and believed. /This robber rebuked the first robber.

/The robber rebuked the other robber who insulted Jesus, /and this means that he repented and believed in Jesus. /He said, "Don't you fear God since you are under the same sentence?" /The "same sentence" means that they were both crucified with Jesus.

/He said, "Don't you fear God?" /The robber's faith was like the following. /First, he had faith that feared God. /Second, he had faith that believed in God's sovereignty. /In verse 41, he said, "We are punished justly," and /third, he had faith of repentance.

/The robber realized his sins. /He knew that he was being justly punished. /Then he said, "But this man has done nothing wrong." /Fourth, the robber had faith of evangelism. /What did the robber testify to? /First, he testified about Christ.

/Second, he testified about his sins. /Third, he testified about God's judgment and justice. /The robber had great faith to testify about these three things. /He evangelized even as he was dying on the cross.

/Those who receive suffering /have their hearts taken away by pain. /Hence, they do not want to speak. /They do not want to meet people. /However, the robber transcended pain and death /and testified about Christ, /and God's justice and judgment /to others.

/This is exceptional faith. /The robber said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” /Fifth, he had faith that hoped for heaven. /Many people believe there is heaven only when they are at peace. /However, many fail to look upon heaven /when they face death because their eyes are darkened.

/However, this robber had faith to look upon the afterlife /even as he faced death. /The doors of heaven were opened wide when the robber died. /Lastly, the robber said, “remember me.” /Sixth, /the robber believed in Jesus Christ and had faith that Jesus would save him.

/The robber believed that Jesus was Christ who would save him /and lead him into heaven. /The robber asked Jesus about the problem of his spiritual salvation. /The robber probably knew a little about Christ.

/The robber somewhat had faith. /Then the robber became a criminal because his faith became weak, /and he was sentenced to death. /However, the robber repented here and stood firm in faith.

/The robber had faith that was awake. /He had living faith. /His faith transcended pain and death. /Our spirits must also be awake when we die. /We must fear God, /look upon heaven, /and give our souls to God.

/In order for us to have such faith, /we must always repent. /We must always overcome small sufferings with faith. /The robber who repented /immediately received Jesus’ promise. /Jesus promised that he would be with Jesus in paradise.

/Jesus said, “today you will be with me in paradise.” /The robber who repented heard the precious words, “today you will be with me in paradise.” /The robber who repented was in physical pain and faced physical death, /but he received an answer in the light.

/We too must keep our faith /and not be tempted /by the hardships of daily life. /We must not despair but believe that God will give us better things, /and we must triumph with our eyes on Christ.

/Here, Jesus said, “paradise.” /Jesus said that when He died on the cross, He would go to His Father. /John 14:12. /When Jesus resurrected, /He went to His Father and came back. /John 14:28.

/Heaven is where the Father is. /Jesus described heaven as paradise. /Therefore, paradise refers to heaven. /When believers die, their spirits immediately go to heaven.

/In verses 44-49, /Jesus died. /It became dark around the sixth hour. /The sixth hour is twelve o’clock noon, our time. /The ninth hour is three in the afternoon. /Jesus was nailed to the cross at nine in the morning.

/The whole land became dark from noon to three in the afternoon. /Why did it become

dark? /Jesus is God who created the entire universe. /Jesus Christ, the Creator, died on the cross.

/Thus, the sun had no choice but to lose its light. /All nature is God's natural revelation. /They display God. /All nature display God and his glory. /However, God's Son was nailed to the cross. /Therefore, it is natural that all of creation would lose its light.

/In verse 45, it says, "the curtain of the temple was torn in two." /This happened when Jesus died on the cross. /The curtain that separated the holy place and the Holy of Holies was torn in two from top to bottom. /This meant that the wall between God and man was torn down.

/In the Old Testament times, the holy place and the Holy of Holies were separated. /The high priest went into the Holy of Holies once a year to give offerings. /They were not allowed to enter without blood. /The curtain symbolized the wall of sin between God and man. /However, Jesus became the sacrifice offering on the cross, and He redeemed us. /Hence, the curtain was removed.

/In verse 46, "Jesus called out with a loud voice." /Jesus said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." /Jesus had a body like ours. /He also had a spirit like us.

/Jesus had the spirit of the Son of God. /This means that Jesus was both man and spirit. /Thus, He is Jesus the Son of the Trinity. /Jesus committed His spirit to God and then breathed His last.

/We too must have faith to commit ourselves to God. /We must completely commit ourselves to God. /We must commit out bodies and our souls. /Then we must have faith to follow God's word.

/Then the centurion and solders who guarded Jesus became afraid. /There was an earthquake and the soldiers became very afraid. /In verse 47, they said, "Surely this was a righteous man." /In Matthew 27:54, /they said, "Surely he was the Son of God."

/They were very afraid when they saw God's great work take place. /The people who gathered to watch Jesus beat their breasts and went away. /This was because they saw the sun grow dark.

/They saw the big earthquake. /They also heard what Jesus said on the cross. /Thus, the beat their breasts and went away. /The women who followed from Galilee also heard Jesus.

/Mary Magdalene was present there. /Joseph's mother Mary was there. /The mother of the sons of Zebedee were there as well.

/In verse 50-56, /Jesus was buried. /Joseph of Arimathea was a member of the Council. /He was a rich man and a believer of Jesus. /He saw Jesus die on the cross, /saw

everything that happened, /and he grew in faith.

/Joseph of Arimathea decided to bury Jesus. /He courageously went before Pilate. /He asked for Jesus' body. /He wrapped Jesus in linen cloth and placed Jesus in his new tomb.

/In John 19:39, /it says that Nicodemus brought about thirty-four kilograms of myrrh and aloes. /Then they spread the spices on Jesus' body in accordance with Jewish burial customs. /Joseph of Arimathea made a new tomb for himself, /but he laid Jesus' body in the tomb /when He saw Jesus die on the cross.

/This was actually something that Jesus' disciples were supposed to do. /However, the disciples all ran away. /Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus laid down their lives to bury Jesus. /People act like they have faith when they are at peace. /However, we run away when we face hardships.

/Nicodemus and Joseph laid down their lives in times of difficulties, and they attended to Jesus. /Hence, God recorded their exceptional faith in the Bible. /Then all believers modeled themselves after the two men's faith.

/Jesus was buried on a Friday, the Jewish Preparation Day for the Sabbath. /The women who came from Galilee followed Joseph to the tomb.

/In verse 56, "they went home and prepared spices and perfumes. But they rested on the Sabbath in obedience to the commandment." /The day after the Sabbath was Sunday.

/The women prepared perfumes to pour on Jesus' body. /The women prepared perfumes with their hearts for their love for Jesus.

/Here we will conclude the nineteenth lecture on the gospel of Luke. /Thank you.