

WEEK 6 LESSON

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STORY:

Jesus' Resurrection

Jesus had dinner with His disciples...and then went to a garden to pray. Jesus wanted his friends to wait for him while He prayed...but His friends could not stay awake. They kept falling asleep. This was the prayer of Jesus:

"My Father, I know that I am about to go through some bad things; it doesn't matter what I want, I will do whatever you want."

Now remember those not nice leaders that we have been talking about the past few Sundays? As Jesus was talking to his disciples and telling them they should stay awake and pray with him, Judas, one of Jesus' disciples was coming towards Jesus.

Judas brought with him soldier to arrest Jesus. Judas walked right up to Jesus and gave Jesus a kiss on the cheek. This was to let the leaders know that this was Jesus, and that He was the man that they wanted to arrest. Remember, Jesus had not done anything wrong, but the leaders did not like Him. They did not believe He was God's son.

Jesus knew that His arrest was part of God's plan for Him-so he did not resist arrest. But one of Jesus' friends named Peter did not like that they were going to arrest Jesus, so he grabbed his sword and cut off the ear of one of the leaders!

But Jesus knew that this had to happen so he said, "Enough!" He then touched the man's and his ear was healed.

The disciples were afraid of the soldiers and they were afraid that they might be arrested for being with Jesus; so, Jesus' friends all ran away and left Jesus to be arrested alone.

The soldiers took Jesus to the leader -remember, they were jealous of Jesus and the Jewish friends He had made.

There was one leader, his name was Pilate. -he talked with Jesus and did not think Jesus was guilty of doing anything wrong and did not think that Jesus should have to be punished and die on a cross.

But the people and some leaders did not like Jesus. And they thought he should be punished.

Pilate didn't like this one bit. He wanted to let Jesus go, so he tried to talk to the people but they didn't let him. They just kept shouting, "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!" The soldiers led Jesus into the palace and made Him put on an old royal robe and they twisted together a crown of thorns to put on His head. Then they made fun of Him.

Next, the soldiers led Jesus toward a hill called Golgotha. They made Him carry the cross on His back, but because Jesus couldn't carry it the whole way, He fell down. The soldiers had whipped His back and it hurt so much that Jesus couldn't carry the heavy cross on His shoulders.

When they reached the top of the hill, they nailed Jesus to the cross. There were three crosses: Jesus was in the middle, there was a criminal on His right, and on His left.

The soldiers watched Jesus and made fun of Him; they even divided up His clothes to be even more mean. Some people walked by and shouted, "You saved others, why can't you save Yourself?" Jesus could have saved himself, but he chose not to. He wanted to save us instead.

Later, Jesus could not handle the pain any longer and He said, "It is finished." That is when Jesus bowed His head and went to Heaven. Jesus was sad that He had to leave earth, but He knew that He had to die so that all of His children could have their sins forgiven. He loved you and me so much, He knew that He had to die.

After Jesus died, a man named Joseph took the body of Jesus and put it into a cave—that is what they did with the bodies of the dead in those days. And then the soldiers put a big stone in front of the cave and they stood guard, because they did not want anyone to steal the body of Jesus.

Mary and Mary Magdalene went to the cave where Jesus was buried, they were so sad He was gone, they wanted to go to the cave and feel like they were near Him. As they arrived at the tomb, there was an earthquake that shook the earth and two angels in white rolled away the stone.

When the guards they saw the angel, they fell over and they couldn't move or speak because they were terrified!

Then the angel spoke to the two Mary's and said, "Do not be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus who has died. But He isn't here; He has risen just as He said He would! Come and see for yourself, the tomb is empty." The women They looked in the tomb and the cloths Jesus had been wrapped in were lying on the ground; the tomb was empty. Then the angel spoke again and told the women that Jesus was walking to Galilee.

The women began running to Galilee. They were so happy! First, they were sad that Jesus was dead and now they were so excited that He was alive! They just knew they had to find Jesus, and they had to tell the disciples the good news.

Sure enough, the disciples were sitting around talking about it when Jesus walked into the room and said to them, "Peace be with you."

The disciples immediately stopped talking. Even though they had heard He was alive, they were shocked to see Him standing there with them.

The disciple's mouths were open in amazement because they still didn't know what to think. They were so full of joy, and yet it was so impossible. Jesus understood what they were thinking, so He said, "This is what I told you would happen, that everything must happen that has already been written in the Bible."

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