

*“41 And He was withdrawn from them about a stone’s throw, and He knelt down and prayed,
42 saying, “Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done.”
43 Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him.
44 And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.”* Luke 22:41-44

“Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, “Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,” says the Lord.” Romans 12:19

IV. THE RESULTS FROM JESUS’ SUFFERING (2:24)

“23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,” Romans 3:23-24

V. THE RESPONSE TO JESUS’ SUFFERING (2:25)

“Let us search out and examine our ways, And turn back to the LORD;” Lamentations 3:40

“For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit,” I Peter 3:18

*“20 Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,
21 make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.”* Hebrews 13:20-21

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**AT THE CROSS
WITH PEOPLE WHO WERE THERE**
At The Cross... You And Me
Life Lessons About Suffering
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INTRODUCTION

A. Many people followed Jesus in his life, but only a few followed him to his death. The At The Cross teaching series will introduce you to the positive Bible characters who were at the cross with Jesus. This experience will draw you closer to Jesus during the sacred Easter season.

“looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.” Hebrews 12:2

B. In this series, you will have the rare opportunity to look at the cross through the eyes of those who were there and learn valuable life lessons from them.

- Feb 18 **At The Cross...Mary Magdalene**
Life Lessons About Devotion
- Feb 25 **At The Cross...John The Disciple**
Life Lessons About Courage
- Mar 4 **At The Cross...Mary The Mother Of Jesus**
Life Lessons About Obedience
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Life Lessons About Grace
- Mar 18 **At The Cross...The Criminal On The Cross**
Life Lessons About Salvation
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LIFE LESSONS ABOUT SUFFERING FROM JESUS FOR YOU AND ME

I. THE **REASONS** FOR JESUS' SUFFERING (2:21)

"All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all."
Isaiah 53:6

"20 Remember the word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also.

21 But all these things they will do to you for My name's sake, because they do not know Him who sent Me."

John 15:20-21

"20 according to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death.

21 For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain."

Philippians 1:20-21

II. THE **RIGHTEOUSNESS** IN JESUS' SUFFERING (2:22)

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

II Corinthians 5:21

"16 When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him.

17 And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Matthew 3:16-17

"Pilate then went out again, and said to them, "Behold, I am bringing Him out to you, that you may know that I find no fault in Him."

John 19:4

"So when the centurion, who stood opposite Him, saw that He cried out like this and breathed His last, he said, "Truly this Man was the Son of God!"

Mark 15:39

"And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong."

Luke 23:41

"For it is better, if it is the will of God, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil."

I Peter 3:17

III. THE **RELIANCE** OF JESUS' SUFFERING (2:23)

"He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth."

Isaiah 53:7

"51 And suddenly, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword, struck the servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear.

52 But Jesus said to him, "Put your sword in its place, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword.

53 Or do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He will provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels?

54 How then could the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must happen thus?"

Matthew 26:51-54