

# Weekly Study Guide

The week of March 9, 2014

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## Daily Readings

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Monday	Luke 22:66-71	Tuesday	Luke 23:1-25	Wednesday	Luke 23:26-43
Thursday	Luke 23:44-56	Friday	Isaiah 52:13-53:12	Saturday	Psalms 103:8-12

*My notes on this week's readings...*

## Next Week in Worship

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**Next week's message:** *From Shame to Honor*

**Next week's readings:** Mark 15:33-39

Jesus not only shares with us in our guilt in order to give us grace. He also shares in our shame, to give us honor. Join us next week to see how God works through Jesus to move us from shame to honor, all *Because He Died*.

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# Group Discussion

Connect	<p>Not counting Jesus, who do you think is most famous for their death? Why?</p>
Learn	<p>Get started today by thinking about why Jesus died or why he had to die. If someone asked a Christian why Jesus died, what do you think different Christians might say? Try to make a list.</p> <p>One of the main things that the Bible connects with Jesus' death is forgiveness. Jesus even spoke words of forgiveness as he was dying. <b>Read Luke 23:33-34.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Who was Jesus talking about in these verses?</li><li>• What seems important to you about this?</li><li>• What does this situation tell us about the extent of Jesus' forgiveness?</li></ul> <p>Jesus taught his followers to understand his hard-to-understand death in light of things they already knew from the Old Testament. Long ago, God had given the prophet Isaiah a vision or insight into the kind of leader, servant, and Savior he would send. <b>Read Isaiah 52:13-53:12</b> to hear this vision.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How would you describe this "servant" and what he would do?</li><li>• What does this passage teach us to believe about Jesus and his death?</li></ul> <p><b>Read Psalm 103:8-12</b> for another Old Testament picture of the character of God's forgiveness.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What does this passage say about God's forgiveness?</li><li>• How far is the east from the west?</li><li>• Do you ever struggle to believe that God would remove your sin from you that completely?</li></ul>
Apply	<p>In today's message we learned to say, "Because he died...I am forgiven." Take a moment to think, perhaps just quietly, about the guilt you need to be forgiven for. Then as a group say out loud, "Because he died, I am forgiven."</p> <p>When and how can you repeat or remember this during your week?</p>
Pray	<p>Read Jesus' instruction about prayer and forgiveness in Matthew 6:9-15, and pray the Lord's prayer together.</p>