

**WEEK 3**  
**LESSON OUTLINE**

*Invited*

**BIG IDEA**

We're invited to remember what Jesus has done.

**BIBLE**

Luke 23; Isaiah 53:4-9;  
John 15:3

**ABOUT THIS WEEK**

If you've ever been invited to a retirement party, you're familiar with the way parties can help us celebrate achievements in our life and work. This week, we'll take a look at the story of Jesus' crucifixion and see why it was such an important event for us all. Jesus' death changed everything, and at Easter, **we're invited to remember what Jesus has done.**

WHAT?

Why do you think it is that when we go to a party and have a great time, we take pictures? We take pictures of what we want to remember. Photos allow us to preserve memories and hang on to stories from impactful moments in our lives. We know we won't always have the people or the joy we had in that moment, so a picture helps us remember moments we want to look back on and remember. There's one moment in the life of Jesus that the Bible wants us to remember continually.

SO WHAT?

In Luke 23, we remember the most important moment in the life of Jesus. We see that after the big celebration, people's loyalties turned, and Jesus was unjustly arrested. Even though Jesus wasn't a criminal, the crowd convinced the governing authorities to send Jesus to be crucified. He was innocent, but he willingly let the guards lead him to be crucified and die for the sins of the world.

Isaiah 53 was a prophecy about this moment. Jesus didn't fight back when he was on the cross. He didn't call down fire from the sky or invite a host of angels to lift him off the cross. Instead, in humility, Jesus accepted what was happening and trusted God to have a bigger, better story to tell. Jesus died on the cross to rescue us. Through him, we no longer need to be separated from God by evil and death. At Easter time, **we're invited to remember what Jesus has done.**

NOW WHAT?

Here are a few ways to keep Jesus' love and sacrifice as the first thing you focus on this week.

- **REMEMBER, JESUS DID WHAT WE COULDN'T DO:** Jesus came into the world, healed people, gave them hope, and ultimately paved a new path for us. Take a few moments to thank Jesus for how he is transforming your life in ways that only God can do.
- **REMEMBER, YOU CAN FORGIVE OTHERS:** Let's support one another as we take steps towards forgiveness. This week, ask God what forgiving someone who hurt you would look like.
- **REMEMBER, YOU'RE LOVED MORE THAN YOU CAN IMAGINE:** This week, consider what it means to be so loved that Jesus would die for you. Nothing can separate you from God's love. Take time this week to write down a few ways your life would look different if you fully trusted God's love for you.

Easter is an excellent time to slow down, dive deep into Jesus' story, and be thankful. **We're invited to remember what Jesus has done.**