

1. Opening Prayer

2. Opening Questions

- a. Tell us what you know about the gospels (differences and similarities.)
- b. How do you understand Jesus' crucifixion? Why did Jesus have to die on the cross?

3. Crucifixion of Jesus

stauros is used 27 times in the New Testament

(16 times in the gospels, 10 times in Pauline letters, and 1 time in Hebrews)
mostly refers to the instrument for death penalty
implies hard discipleship (Mark 8:34, Matthew 10:38, Luke 14:27)

Its verb, *stauroo*, is used 46 times in the New Testament

(35 times in the gospels, 2 in Acts, 8 in Pauline letters, and 1 in Revelation)

Jewish understanding on crucifixion: read Deuteronomy 21:22-23 and 1 Corinthians 1:23

4. Gospel Mark's Understanding on Crucifixion

The new perspective on the Good News (Mark 1:1, 8:31-33, and 15:39)

The one to be crucified is the messiah (Mark 1:2-3 is from Exodus 23:20 and Isaiah 40:3)

1/3 of the book is about Jesus' suffering.

Implication on final victory (Mark 8:31, 9:31, 10:34, and 15:38)

As a ransom (Mark 10:45. Read Exodus 21:28-30)

Jesus as the Son of God (Mark 15:39)

5. Gospel Matthew's Understanding on Crucifixion

As the Son of God (Matthew 1:18-25, 3:13-4:11, 11:25-27, 26:53, 26:61, 27:40, 51-53)

Divine Plan (Matthew 26:2, 18, 50, and compare Matthew 27:3-10 with Zechariah 11:12-13)

Innocent crucifixion (Matthew 27:4, 17-19, and 23-24)

Forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:28)

6. Gospel Luke's Understanding on Crucifixion

As the mission of God (completion and the new beginning through the Church)

Mission for all peoples (Luke 2:32, 3:6, 13:29, and 19:10)

Mentioning it neither as a ransom nor as an act of forgiveness

As the covenant (Luke 22:20)

7. Gospel John's Understanding on Crucifixion

Revelation of love (John 3:16)

Glorification (John 12:27-28)

Being lifted up victoriously (John 3:14, 8:28, 12:32 and 34. Read Isaiah 52:13-15)

Vertical mission (John 12:27, 14:31, and 19:30)

Horizontal mission (John 10:11, 13:1, and 15:13)

8. The Gospels' Common Understandings on Crucifixion

The will of God (Matthew 16:21, Mark 8:31, Luke 9:22, 22:37, 24:7, and John 3:14)

Jesus' obedience (Matthew 26:39, Mark 14:36, Luke 22:42, John 17:4)

The way to salvation / resurrection (Matthew 16:24-25, Mark 8:34-35, Luke 9:23-24, and John 12:25-26)

Question: how differently do you think the gospels emphasize the crucifixion?

9. Theological Understandings on Crucifixion

- a. Atonement
- b. Reconciliation (Jesus as the high priest)
- c. Triune God's suffering (death, resurrection, and promise)
- d. Divine justice against evil (innocent Jesus)
- e. Conflict resolution between here and there

10. Closing Prayer

How would you understand Acts 2:23-24 and 3:15?