SERMON SERIES Cornerstone Church

Jesus. WOW!                      Jason Poling

One Look at Jesus and You Will Be Wowed!                                                    September 19, 2021

**THE GREATEST DEATH: YOUR GREATEST DISTRESS OR GREATEST HAPPINESS?**

**KEY PASSAGE                                                                                                       Using S.O.I.L. method**

Luke 23:26-56

INTRO: **Ice Breaker** (for fun!): Describe a time you had to press the RESET button.

**\***Open with a short prayer for the discussion and invite the Holy Spirit into the meeting.

**Main thought: Will the death of Christ result in your greatest distress or your greatest happiness?**

**S**CRIPTURE: Read aloud: Luke 23:26-56 (You can ask several people to take turns reading)

**O**BSERVATION

Last week, Pastor Jason shared how God’s plan came together in Jesus’s arrest, trial, and ultimately, his crucifixion. How do you see the fulfillment of God’s plan in this passage?

**I**NTERPRETATION – Discuss the main points and ideas Jason shared from the text. What does it tell you about God? What does it tell you about people? What does it tell you about yourself?

THE DEATH OF CHRIST BRINGS THE GREATEST DISTRESS TO THE PROUD (23:26-31)

* Who Are the Proud? The proud is anyone who is a SCOFFER: “A person who mocks or makes fun of someone or something, often of religion or moral values” (Dictionary.com) Proverbs 21:24, Proverbs 16:18
	+ Loud Proud—2 Peter 3:3-4
	+ Shrouded Proud—Matthew 15:8-9

THE DEATH OF CHRIST BRINGS THE GREATEST HAPPINESS TO THE HUMBLE (23:32-43): The example of the humble thief on the cross

* Recognize that Jesus is the Innocent Sacrifice for sin.
* Recognize that WE are sinners and deserve to be “reset”.
* Plead for Salvation from Christ: John 6:37
* The humble see Christ’s Death and realize it is TRUTH

THE DEATH OF CHRIST IS THE MOST PROVABLE EVENT IN ANCIENT HISTORY (23:44-56)

* Prophetic Fulfillment
* Historical Testimonies
* Universal Psychology
* Evidential Results

**L**IFE APPLICATION

Will the death of Christ be your greatest happiness or your greatest distress?

Are you a scoffer...one who is a Loud Proud or perhaps a Shrouded Proud?

Will you finally become a Humble man or woman? You DO NOT own yourself because you did not MAKE yourself. You are under the authority of a CREATOR. Will you finally acknowledge this?

And so, like the humble thief on the cross, will you REPENT of your pride and sin and CRY out to Christ for salvation?

? - Is the Holy Spirit revealing to you an area of your life where you need to make an adjustment? If so, would you be willing to share it so we can all support you and pray for you?

**Ask** for prayer requests from group members.

**Close In Prayer**: Throughout the discussion someone may have indirectly shared a prayer request. It's a good idea to take note of these and ask if they can be prayed for at this time. It's also important to pray for the biblical content that was discussed to become a shaping influence in everyone's life.