



DAY 01 |

Principle:

Sorrow without Christ leads to shame and death.

Read Matthew 27:1-10, 2 Corinthians 7:10, Joel 2:12-13, John 1:29, and 1 John 1:8-9

1. What did Judas do wrong in his efforts to manage his guilt and shame?
2. When you hurt someone, how do you typically try to manage your guilt and shame? When have you last confessed to Jesus and to the person you've hurt or wronged?

DAY 02 |

Principle:

The silence of Jesus revealed His trust in God's sovereign plan.

Read Matthew 27:11-14, Isaiah 53:7, Philippians 2:5-8, and 1 Peter 2:23

1. What did Jesus' silence reveal about Himself in this moment?
2. Where in your life (with a friend, your wife, at work, etc.) might God be calling you to stop defending yourself and trust Him with the outcome?



DAY 03 | Principle:

Every condemned sinner can be forgiven and free because Jesus took the punishment they deserved.

Read Matthew 27:15-26, Leviticus 16:21-22, Isaiah 53:3-10, and 2 Corinthians 5:21

1. Why did God allow Jesus, an innocent man, to be illegally and wrongfully tried and crucified?

2. What are you guilty of for which Jesus took your punishment, and how has this changed you?

DAY 04 | Principle:

God's plan of salvation may require cruel injustice to bring about His true justice.

Read Matthew 27:27-31, Isaiah 50:6, Philippians 2:9-11, John 15:20, 1 Peter 2:21, and Romans 8:17

1. How did such cruel, inhumane injustice against Jesus bring about the salvation of all who believe in Him?

2. Why would God allow Christians in the past and today to be brutalized and killed at the hands of people who hate them?