DAY 01 |

Principle:
Jesus chose to stay on the cross to fulfill God's foretold plan of salvation from sin.

Read Matthew 27:32-44, Luke 23:26-43, Psalm 22, Isaiah 53, Philippians 2:5-8, and Hebrews 12:2

1. What did the various groups of people around Jesus do or say to Him, how did He respond, and why?

2. In what ways do you believe you are in control of your life, ignoring the work of Jesus on the cross to save you not just from death, but from a life consumed by thinking about yourself?

DAY 02 |

Principle: *At the moment of His death, Jesus bore and experienced the intense pain of God's condemnation for all of humanity's sins.*

Read Matthew 27:45-50, Luke 23:44-49, 2 Corinthians 5:18-21, and Galatians 3:13-14

1. What do the last words of Jesus tell you about what He experienced in dying to make payment for your sins?

2. What choices do you keep making that distance you from God?

DAY 03 |

Principle:
Jesus' death was the final sacrifice for sin, and it brought life to the dead.

Read Matthew 27:51-56, Hebrews 10:19-22, Zechariah 14:4-5, and Ezekiel 37:1-14

1. What was the significance of each of the physical phenomena that occurred at the time of Jesus' death?

2. When a man knows his sins are forgiven and he has God's guarantee of eternal life, how should it impact the way he lives?

DAY 04 |

Principle: *The burial of Jesus was validated with historical proof and witnesses confirming that He did indeed die.*

Read Matthew 27:57-66, Isaiah 53:9, 1 Corinthians 15:3-8, Romans 6:23, and Hebrews 2:14-15

1. Some skeptics suggest that Jesus never fully died on the cross and thus never rose from the dead. What are some of the ways Matthew validates that the death of Jesus was a historical fact? Why is His death so important to our faith?

2. How could your life be proof of what Jesus did through His death?