

# Questions for A Long Look At Salvation wk5

- We know that there is a chasm between us, as sinful humanity, and God, perfect and holy. What are some ways people try to cross that chasm?
  - Have you ever tried to cross that chasm some way other than Christ?
- Israel thought the law would bring righteousness. What was the purpose of the law?
  - Read Romans 7:7-8. Have you ever experienced that - when you know something is off limits you want it all the more?
- Read 2 Peter 3:9 How does this verse make you feel? Frustrated that things are taking so long? Grateful that God is patient? Something else?
- Does the story of Christ's crucifixion ever get old for you? Why or why not?
  - How do you keep the story fresh and meaningful?
- Have you ever thought through some of the scandalous things that took place the night Jesus was betrayed?
  - How would you have reacted as a good Jewish person being asked not only to handle blood, but to drink it?
  - Have you ever pictured yourself in the role of Judas, kissing Jesus, calling Him Master, but not desiring Jesus, just His stuff?
- Did you ever see the irony of the chief priests, and possibly the high priest himself, mocking Jesus? Jesus was the Lamb of God, the chief priests served in the Temple to offer the Lamb on the Day of Atonement - yet they cannot see the truth of what Jesus is doing.
- Read Acts 2:22-23; 4:27-28. Have you ever thought about the fact that Jesus death was planned out, not by the Romans, but by God Himself? What are some of the implications from that?
- Did you realize that there are so many different hang ups to Christ's sacrifice for our sins? (God is a cosmic child abuser, problems with substitution, the cross is just too bloody)
  - Do these problems exist only with non-believers, or do believers have them too?
- Have you ever met people that want to make something other than the cross central to our faith?
  - Have you ever made something other than the cross central to our faith? If so, what and why?
- The final question Pastor Keith left us with was "How will we respond when we understand all of this?"
  - Obviously he is leading us in that direction for next week. But what are some of your initial thoughts?
  - Has this been your understanding of salvation before this?
  - Has this series filled in some gaps to help you better understand your salvation?
  - It could even be possible that you realize, maybe for the first time that you never really knew Christ, and His salvation.