

# Come Unto Me



## 1. Jesus is betrayed, arrested, and accused of blasphemy; Peter denies Jesus three times. (Matthew 26:47–75; Mark 14:43–72; Luke 22:47–71)

- How did Peter respond to the men who came to the Garden of Gethsemane to take Jesus away? (See John 18:10.)
- How did Jesus respond to these men? (See Luke 22:51–53; John 18:11–12.)
- Why did Jesus allow himself to be taken? (See Matthew 26:53– 54: John 10:17–18)
- The chief priests and elders of the Jews accused Jesus of blasphemy, a crime punishable by death (Mark 14:64). What is blasphemy?
- What did Jesus say that the chief priests and elders thought was blasphemous? (See Mark 14:60–63.)
- What did Peter do when people outside Caiaphas's palace said that he knew Jesus? (See Matthew 26:69–74.) Why?
- What did Peter do when he recognized that he had denied Jesus three times? (See Matthew 26:75; see also verses Matthew 26:33–35.)
- How do some of us, like Peter, sometimes deny our faith?
  What can we learn from Peter's life after he denied the Lord?
- **2. Jesus is sentenced to be crucified.** (Matthew 27:1–26; Mark 15:1–15; Luke 23:1–25; and John 18:28–19:16.)
- · What was Pilate's first judgment of Jesus?
- When he learned that Jesus was from Galilee, what did he do? (Luke 23:6–7).
- Why was Herod "exceeding glad" to see Jesus? (See Luke 23:8.)
- How did the Savior respond to Herod's questions? (See Luke 23:9; Isaiah 53:7.) What was Herod's verdict and actions?
- What was Pilate's final judgment of Jesus? (See Luke 23:13– 17; see also Luke 23:4.)
- Why did Pilate sentence Jesus to be crucified? (See Matthew 27:15–24; Mark 15:6–15; Luke 23:18–25; John 19:1– 16.)

- How might we, like Pilate, sometimes try to avoid responsibility for difficult decisions?
- To one of Pilate's questions about whether Jesus was a king, Jesus replied, "To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth" (John 18:37). In what ways is Jesus a King?
- What does it mean that his "kingdom is not of this world"? (John 18:36).
- **3. Jesus is scourged and crucified.** (Matthew 27:27–66; Mark 15:16–39; Luke 23:26–56; and John 19:17–42.)
- What did the people do to Jesus after he was sentenced to be crucified? (See Matthew 27:27–44; Luke 23:34–39.)
- Why did Jesus allow the people to persecute him? (See 1 Nephi 19:9.)
- From the Joseph Smith Translation we learn that when Jesus said this, he was praying for the Roman soldiers who had crucified him (Luke 23:34, footnote 34c). What does this reveal about him?

#### 4. On the cross

- What is the worldly way to respond to people who hurt or offend us?
- How are we blessed when we follow Jesus' example?
- Whose needs did Jesus think of during his painful ordeal? (Luke 23:43; John 19:26–27.)
- What can we learn from this? (Luke 23:43)
- What did Jesus experience on the cross that enabled him to understand and help us when we feel alone?
- Why is it important to know that the Savior can bear not only our sins but also our loneliness, grief, and fear?
- Despite all that Jesus suffered, this was his only mention of physical discomfort. What was he given when he said that he was thirsty? (See John 19:29.)
- According to the Joseph Smith Translation, Jesus said, "Father, it is finished, thy will is done" (Matthew 27:50, footnote 50a).
  Why did the Savior have to die in order to accomplish Heavenly Father's will? (See 2 Nephi 9:5; 3 Nephi 27:13–16.)

### 5. Following the Savior's example during times of difficulty

- What qualities of character were evident in Jesus during this difficult time?
- What qualities are often evident in us during our most difficult times?
- How can we follow the Savior's example during times of difficulty?

### 6. "I have betrayed the innocent blood" (Matthew 27:4)

- What did Judas do in an attempt to repent for betraying the Savior? (See Matthew 27:3–5.)
- What can we learn from his experience about the "payment" the world gives us in exchange for our sins?

### Jesus' Last words

- 1. Luke 23:34. "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."
- 2. Luke 23:43. To the repentant thief: "Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise."
- 3. John 19:26–27. To his mother, Mary: "Woman, behold thy son!" To John: "Behold thy mother!"
- 4. Matthew 27:46; Mark 15:34. "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"
- 5. John 19:28. "I thirst."
- 6. John 19:30, "It is finished."
- 7. Luke 23:46. "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit."

