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Sermon Notes: The Witnesses to Jesus' Death

1. What happened To Jesus?
a. Jesus was <u>tortured</u> .
b. Jesus was <u>crucified</u> .
c. Jesus <u>died</u> .
2. The witnesses and their responses.
a. Soldiers, guards, religious leaders, the criminal, Pilate.
• <u>Hated</u> Jesus and <u>distanced</u> themselves from him.
b. The centurion, the converted criminal, Simon of Cyrene, the Jerusalem women.
i) <u>Repented</u> and <u>believed</u> .
ii) <u>Interacted</u> and <u>accepted</u> .
3. In response to Jesus' death, I

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Discuss.

- 1. Describe the first time you remember hearing that Jesus died. How did that make you feel?
- 2. What was new or compelling this time as you heard the story of Jesus' death?
- 3. How does it make you feel knowing that one of the criminals at the last moment confessed and was accepted into Jesus' kingdom?
- 4. Scripture repeatedly points to Jesus' death and resurrection. Jesus himself told of it, and yet his disciples didn't believe him. Which of Jesus' promises do you have a hard time believing?
- 5. Honestly, does Jesus' death impact the way you daily live? If so, how?
- 6. In response to Jesus' death, what are you willing to do?

Pray.

- 1. Thank Jesus for his death on the cross and allowing us to be in relationship with God.
- 2. Pray for your "ones" that they would believe in Jesus' death for them.
- 3. Many non-Christians will be coming to our Easter service. Pray that the Holy Spirit would convict their hearts and that they would follow Jesus.