



Resources

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Isaiah 53:6

[6] All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned—every one—to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

Sermon Outline:

Who killed Jesus?

1. The Jews?
2. The Romans?
3. Us?
4. God?

Life Group Leader Notes:





- Happy Easter! We took a break from our study in Revelation to celebrate the resurrection. Pastor Scott preached a powerful sermon that asked who was responsible for the death of Jesus. Perhaps you could begin the discussion by hearing about people's weekends. Did you participate in the Wednesday Night or Good Friday Service? Did you prepare your hearts during Passion Week? How did God minister to you this week? What stood out on Sunday?
- When Pastor Scott first asked who was responsible for the death of Jesus, who came to your mind?
- The first group responsible were the Jews. They were conspiring to kill Jesus as early as Mark chapter 3. Even though Jesus only did good, he *confronted* them and challenged the status quo. Their lives were "working" before Jesus came and challenged their authority and exposed their need for a savior. How does Jesus confront your life? Does he challenge the status quo in your life? What is your reaction to Jesus when he does this?
- The Romans were the second group responsible for the death of Jesus. Pilate was a weak leader who rejected Jesus out of fear. He wanted to please Caesar and placate the crowd, so he put an innocent man to death. Are you ever tempted to reject Jesus for the same reasons? To satisfy a crowd or a powerful leader?
- The third group responsible for the death of Jesus is *us*. It was our sins that put him on the cross. Why is it important to remember this? Do you ever try to downplay your sins? What would happen to our understanding of the cross if we downplayed our sins?
- Pastor Scott made the case that God was ultimately responsible for the death of Jesus. Was this new to you? How did you respond to this final point in the sermon? Perhaps you can look up some of the texts that Pastor Scott mentioned (John 19, Acts 2, Isaiah 53).
- What does the word "propitiation" mean? Why is this an important concept for us to understand? How is the propitiatory sacrifice of Jesus different from the sacrifices to the pagan gods? (It was God who made the sacrifice on the cross; in pagan religions, it is humans who bring the offering). How might modern ears respond to the concept of propitiation? How could you explain this to a non-believer?

