

The Saviour – Arrested and Condemned

This week – We learn of The Saviour Who will come as the Righteous Judge at the end of time.

**The High Priest said unto Him, “Tell us whether Thou be the Christ, the Son of God.”
Jesus said, “Thou hast said.”** *Matthew 26v63,64*

Bible Readings for this week:

(Choose a regular time each day to read the Bible and pray whether it be when you first wake up or just before you go to sleep)

Day	Bible Matthew Reading	Tick When Read
Sunday	Matthew 26v1-5 (The Lord foretells His betrayal)	
Monday	Matthew 26v36-44 (The Lord prays in Gethsemane)	
Tuesday	Matthew 26v45-54 (The Lord betrayed by Judas)	
Wednesday	Matthew 26v55-61 (False witnesses sought)	
Thursday	Matthew 26v62-75 (The Lord accused of blasphemy)	
Friday	Revelation 1 (John’s vision of Christ’s return)	
Saturday	Isaiah 53 (He was dumb like a sheep before its’ shearers)	

Important Lesson for us Today: How should we view death?

The Bible speaks of 3 types of Death; 2 are certain for all, but the 3rd is for those who reject God.

- 1.Spiritual death** - from our birth all are dead to God; we do not love Him or want Him in our life.
- 2.Physical death** - the death of our body which ends this life - the gateway to eternity for our soul.
- 3.Eternal death** - if we have not trusted that the Lord Jesus Christ suffered and died for our sins before our physical death then we must face God’s judgement for our sin (**Hebrews 9v27**), and be sent away from God, to Hell, for all eternity. Our conscience, which remembers all our sin, will show us the fairness and holiness of God, and that we deserve this punishment. (**Rom 2v15-16**)

Do not reject God as so many do today. Hear God’s gracious call and repent now, while you live. Have your sinful soul made perfect so as to enjoy Eternal Life with Him in His holy home, Heaven.

This week’s hymn verses tell of the glorious victory of Christ’s death on the cross: (246)

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Man of Sorrows! what a name
For the Son of God, Who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim!
Hallelujah! what a Saviour! Guilty, vile, and helpless, we:
Spotless Lamb of God was He;
‘Full atonement!’—can it be?
Hallelujah! what a Saviour! | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Bearing shame and scoffing rude,
In my place condemned He stood,
Sealed my pardon with His blood:
Hallelujah! what a Saviour! ‘Lifted up’ was He to die,
‘It is finished!’ was His cry;
Now in Heaven exalted high:
Hallelujah! What a Saviour! |
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The Saviour – Arrested and Falsely Condemned.

• **Christ’s Arrest and Trial.**

- **The Arrest.** Judas led the Temple soldiers at night to the Lord and betrayed Him with a kiss. The Lord allowed them to take Him away. His disciples fled.
- **The Trial.** Held secretly at night and in the early morning so that it would be over before the crowds were aware of it. At first before Annas, the Head of the Jewish Council, who was determined that the Lord should be put to death.
- **The Judge.** Caiaphas – The High Priest, who was biased against the Lord. Even allowing the Jewish Leaders to spit in the Lord’s face and punch Him.
- **The Prosecution.** People were paid to lie and mis-quote the Lord’s words.
- **The Defence.** Did not exist. The Lord refused to defend Himself against them.
- **The Charge. Blasphemy.** Irrespective of His miracles, the Jews rejected the Lord as the Son of God. He was not guilty of blasphemy - **He is God The Son.**
- **The Sentence.** Guilty. But they did not have the power to put Him to death.

• **Another Trial - The Final Judgement When Christ Returns In Glory.**

- **A Good Judge.** The Lord has promised to come to earth again. This time in power and glory to carry out the final judgement of everyone who has ever lived. Appointed by His Father, He will judge fairly, in absolute righteousness.
- **An Open Trial.** We will be tried openly for all to see God’s holiness and justice.
- **A Fair Trial.** The Lord will judge our thoughts and deeds according to His Law.
- **The Charge.** Sin against God. He has written His Law on our hearts and on our consciences so that we are without excuse. We have knowingly broken them.
- **The Prosecution.** He has a complete record of all our thoughts and deeds, and these Books of Remembrance will be opened on that awesome day. **Rev 20v12**
- **The Defence.** We will be speechless as we are guilty and have no defence.
- **The Eternal Sentence. Only One of Two Outcomes!**

Guilty - For those who, during their life on earth, had never looked to the Lord Jesus Christ and trusted Him, in faith, as their personal Saviour and Lord.

Acquitted – All those who had personally come to Christ in repentance and faith; all those for whom Christ had died - the Elect, whose names are in the Lamb’s Book of Life. **Revelation 21v27. None shall be lost for whom Christ died.**

Every day brings us nearer to our death or His return. Are we ready for this day? To be acquitted we must be safe through our trust in Christ, Who died for sinners on the cross. Otherwise, we will each be held responsible for the guilt of our sin.

John wrote, “And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened (The Books of Remembrance): and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.”
Revelation 20v12