

The Book
God's Good Message for Mankind
Lesson #4 – The Cross

Review:

- The Bible is a book about a P _____, with a P _____ for His C _____ which fell into a C _____.
- Week 1 – _____
- Week 2 – _____
- Week 3 – The _____

Week 4 – The Cross

1. Who _____ Jesus? God used the sinful desires of man to accomplish His ultimate plan.
 - a. The Jews – John 5:16; 7:30; John 18
 - b. The Romans – John 19:10
 - c. Jesus Christ _____ laid His life down for you and for me.
 - i. John 10:17-18; 19:30
 - ii. Acts 2:23
 - d. Why was the death of Christ part of God's plan from eternity past?
 - i. The glory of God!
 - ii. The _____ of God – John 3:16

2. What are the essential elements of the _____ of Jesus Christ? – 1 Corinthians 15
 - a. Christ died _____ our sins – 1 Corinthians 15:3
 - i. "for" – on behalf of, instead of – Romans 5:8
 - ii. Christ's death _____ the holy demands of God the Father (1 John 4:10
 - iii. Sin has an associated penalty – _____ – Romans 6:23
 - iv. According to the Scriptures – Just like the Old Testament predicted.
 - b. Christ was _____ – 1 Corinthians 15:4
 - c. Christ _____ – 1 Corinthians 15:4
 - d. Christ was _____ – 1 Corinthians 15:5-8

3. What will _____ do with Jesus Christ?
 - a. _____ – "some mocked" – Acts 17:32
 - b. _____ – "We will hear this again" – Acts 17:32
 - c. Repent and _____ – Acts 17:34; John 11:25-26
 - i. Acts 4:12
 - ii. John 1:12
 - iii. John 3:16
 - iv. Romans 1:16
 - v. Ephesians 2:8-9

Conclusion: Next week we will see what the Bible says about the plan of God for every believer in Jesus Christ. If you have trusted Christ, what is next?

Discussion Questions:

1. How would you describe the Gospel in your own words?
2. Why is the resurrection the defining point of Christianity?
3. How would you respond to someone who says that there are many ways to heaven?
4. Why is it important to understand the Creation and the Crisis before coming to Christ and the Cross?