

THE STORY
WEEK 26
THE HOUR OF DARKNESS

His Darkest led to our Brightest!

Heb. 12:2

Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Introduction:

No moment in History was more important than this hour of our Lord's death. Jesus paid the price for our forgiveness. The moment that appeared the darkest of all is the moment that the Light of Heaven broke forth as never before. The pathway back to God has been re-paved and restored. Our redemption story is now complete and our access to the Father is now without obstacles. We now enter freely into the throne room of Grace, no longer needing the blood of animal sacrifices. The Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, has been slain for us!

Discussion Questions

1. When have you recently made a decision that was hard, uncomfortable, or not supported by others you trust?
2. Can you explain how Jesus, the Son of God, provides a way back to God?
3. One of the briefest but most powerful statements Jesus makes is "It is Finished." What is the contrast of how people may have understood this from the lower story perspective and what Jesus meant?
4. What do you do/can do on a daily basis to walk in an intimate and living friendship with God?

Closing Prayer:

Thank you, Jesus, for loving us so much. You died in a cross for us. Thank you that you sent your Holy Spirit to be with us and to teach us in all your truth. Holy Spirit, fill us to overflowing measures. Let your Kingdom come, and your will be done in our lives. Deliver us from the enticements and temptations of this world because yours is the Power and the Glory of all things both now and forever.