

## **The Lamb of Calvary Luke 23**

### **I. The Submissive Lamb – 23:1-25**

1. Jews charge Him before Pilate – 1-5  
After condemning Him at their council  
They charge Him with offenses against Rome  
Stirring up Jews against Rome  
Forbidding Jews to pay tribute to Caesar  
Promoting Himself as King of the Jews  
Pilate questions Him about this charge  
Jesus accepts charge; He is king of the Jews  
Pilate finds no fault in Him  
They press the charges more strongly
2. Pilate sends Him to Herod's court – 6-12  
Herod has jurisdiction over Galilee  
Heard of Him & would like to see a miracle  
Asked many questions but Jesus was silent  
As predicted in Isaiah 53:7  
Jewish leaders brought charges against Him  
He did not defend Himself as our sin-bearer  
Herod's men mocked Him as a king  
Then sent Him back to Pilate
3. He is returned to Pilate's court – 13-26  
Pilate & Herod agree charges not proven  
He offers to beat Jesus & release Him – 16  
Customary to release one prisoner at Passover  
They cried for Barabbas – Pilate wanted Jesus  
Again Pilate found no cause for death in Jesus  
But he yielded to pressure & condemned Jesus

### **II. The Suffering Savior – 26-39**

1. He had to carry the cross – 26  
He had been scourged with a whip  
He struggles with the weight of the cross -26  
It is all up hill to Mt. Calvary  
They enlist Simon to help Him with this
2. Many lament Him in pity - 27-31  
He urges them to weep for Israel  
God's judgment will come because of rejection
3. Crucified with two criminals – 32-33  
These men deserved this shameful death
4. Jesus prayed for His tormentors – 34-39  
Asked the Father to forgive them – 34  
Those who stripped Him of His clothing - 34  
Those who mocked Him – 35-39  
You saved others, save yourself - 35  
Soldiers mocked Him also – 36-37  
Sign was true but intended to mock – 38  
One of the criminals mocked Him - 39

### **III. The Sacrificial Lamb – 40-45**

1. Jesus gives grace to the guilty – 40-43  
One criminal acknowledges his guilt – 40-41  
Acknowledges Jesus as Lord – 42  
Expresses faith in Christ's kingdom

- Jesus promises him a place with Him – 43
2. He pays in full sin's penalty – 44-45  
He experiences separation from God  
As the Light is removed & darkness prevails
  3. Way is open into God's presence – 45  
Veil of the temple is torn in two

### **IV. The Supreme Lord – 46-56**

1. He dismissed His spirit – 46  
He is not a victim but gives His life freely  
Note John 10:17-18
2. He impacted others – 47-49  
The centurion glorified God  
Witnesses were in awe of what they saw
3. His entombment was in honor – 50-56  
Done by a believing member of the council  
Placed in a tomb that was never used  
Note Isaiah 53:9  
Women prepared spices for His burial