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“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”  
– **Romans 5:8**

As we approach Easter and prepare our hearts to celebrate Christ’s resurrection, let us remember that God has made a way for us to spend eternity with Him (John 3:16). Even the worst sinner can be forgiven for his or her sins through faith in Jesus (1 Timothy 1:14–16). That’s great news! Many Christians spend the season leading up to Easter reflecting on their relationship with God. As we read about the suffering that Jesus went through for us, we are in awe of and grateful for His willingness to die on the cross on our behalf.



*At the Cross, No. 3* by Johnny S., a Crossroads student in Australia

## **Crossroads for Prisoners Canada**

Did you know that Crossroads has extension centers in twenty-three countries outside the United States? One of these countries is Canada. Since the start of the pandemic, our friends in Canada have been reorganizing their ministry under the name Crossroads for Prisoners Canada, and they have recently begun enrolling new students. God has given Canadian leaders Harry Stam and Francisco Beltran a vision to help men and women in Canadian prisons grow in their faith. Please pray for them as they move forward with the ministry God is calling them to do. Harry wrote the following reflection about what the cross means to him:

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## On the Cross

Harry Stam, Director and Mentor, Crossroads for Prisoners Canada

This should be so easy to write, but I become emotional when I think about the cross. I cannot explain faith, but I can say where I find mine.

When I look at the cross, I remember that Christ was mocked and beaten and then hung on the cross, where He died for sinners like me. I was not there, but my sins nailed Christ to that cross. He suffered for me and all other sinners just like me because He loves me and all believers with a love that is so pure and so unfathomable. I remember His precious gifts of mercy and grace. In His mercy, He did not give me what I deserve as a sinner. In His grace, He gives me what I have no business getting: eternal life. Hallelujah, what a Savior!

## A Letter from the Crossroads Board of Directors

Dear Crossroads students,

I am pleased to announce that Joe Pryor has been confirmed as the next president and CEO of Crossroads, effective February 3, 2022.

Joe Pryor has dedicated much of his professional career to prison ministry, serving as both a chaplain and a warden during his thirty years in correctional administration. The board of directors feels confident that Joe is the right person to build on Crossroads' thirty-eight-year legacy.

"I am humbled and honored to serve alongside the dedicated staff, board and volunteers of Crossroads," Joe told us.

Lisa Blystra is retiring from her position as president and CEO of Crossroads after six years of faithful and dedicated service. We are incredibly thankful for Lisa's visionary and transformative leadership that has allowed us to connect all of you with mentors from churches across the country.

"Having had the wonderful opportunity of spending time with Joe, I can see that he has been picked for such a time as this," Lisa told us. "His heart for those behind bars is evident, and his love for the Lord just radiates."

We are excited about what the future holds for Crossroads, and we look forward to continuing to serve each of you.

With gratitude,  
Dan Rinzema, Board Chair

## From the Operations Department

- We encourage you to complete each Roadmap while you wait for your next lesson! If you want a mentor to review it, please be sure to mail it **with a lesson**, not by itself.
- Please don't send *Just for Students* or the crossword puzzles back to Crossroads. They are yours to keep!
- If you move to a new facility or go home and want to continue your lessons, please let us know. To continue studying from home, please wait until you are living there to send us a note with the address.
- Please remember that in Tier 1, a different mentor reviews each lesson. In Tiers 2 and 3, each student is paired with a personal mentor.
- You can write prayer requests in your lessons if you would like your mentors to pray for them.
- We will send the next *Just for Students* newsletter to you in June.

## Crossroads Reading and Prayer Guide

The Crossroads family is huge—more than 20,000 students and 2,000 mentors!—but it can feel disconnected. This spring, we want to come together through prayer and Bible study. We are picturing thousands of students, mentors and staff members reading the same Scripture passages each day and praying together! Below is a reading schedule that covers the entire Gospel of Luke. We encourage you to follow the reading and prayer schedule and spend time with the Lord each day as we anticipate Easter.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Passage</b>	<b>Reading Topic</b>	<b>Prayer Focus</b>
March 1	Luke 1:1–25	John the Baptist’s birth foretold	For friends to come to the Lord
March 2	Luke 1:26–38	Jesus’ birth foretold	For God’s Kingdom to come
March 3	Luke 1:39–56	Mary visits Elizabeth	Thank God for Jesus, our Savior
March 4	Luke 1:57–80	John the Baptist’s birth	For the spread of the Gospel
March 5	Luke 2:1–20	Jesus’ birth	For Jesus to dwell in your heart
March 6	Luke 2:21–52	Young Jesus in the temple	For God to give you wisdom
March 7	Luke 3:1–20	John the Baptist prepares the way	For a heart of repentance
March 8	Luke 3:21–38	The baptism of Jesus	For ways to share the good news of Jesus
March 9	Luke 4:1–13	Jesus is tempted	For freedom from temptation
March 10	Luke 4:14–30	Jesus is rejected	For strength to endure rejection
March 11	Luke 4:31–44	Jesus heals	For Jesus to heal wounds in your life
March 12	Luke 5:1–32	The calling of the disciples	Ask God what He desires of you
March 13	Luke 5:33–6:11	The Sabbath	To be merciful to others
March 14	Luke 6:12–26	Blessings	Insight into what it means to hunger for God
March 15	Luke 6:27–36	Love for enemies	For people who have hurt you
March 16	Luke 6:37–49	Judging others	To produce good fruit in your life
March 17	Luke 7:1–17	The faith of the centurion	For increased faith
March 18	Luke 7:18–35	Jesus sends John a message	For strength in times of doubt
March 19	Luke 7:36–50	Jesus anointed by a sinful woman	Thank God for His forgiveness
March 20	Luke 8:1–21	Parable of the sower	For good soil in your heart
March 21	Luke 8:22–56	Jesus calms the storm	For Jesus to calm the storms in your life
March 22	Luke 9:1–17	The ministry of the disciples	For God to use you
March 23	Luke 9:18–45	Jesus is the Messiah	For God to reveal Himself in your life
March 24	Luke 9:46–62	The cost of discipleship	For willingness to be obedient to Jesus
March 25	Luke 10:1–24	Sending the seventy-two	For workers for the harvest
March 26	Luke 10:25–42	The good Samaritan	For opportunities to help others
March 27	Luke 11:1–28	Jesus teaches about prayer	Pray the Lord’s Prayer
March 28	Luke 11:29–54	The lamp of the body	For the light of Jesus to shine in you
March 29	Luke 12:1–21	Warnings and encouragements	Ask God whom you can encourage today
March 30	Luke 12:22–48	Do not worry	Ask God to calm your worries
March 31	Luke 12:49–59	Not peace but division	Ask God how you can be a peacemaker today
April 1	Luke 13:1–35	Repentance	To break free from unhealthy patterns
April 2	Luke 14:1–35	The great banquet	For a seat at God’s banquet table
April 3	Luke 15:1–32	Three parables	Thank God for His gift of grace
April 4	Luke 16:1–31	The shrewd manager	To be trustworthy
April 5	Luke 17:1–19	Sin and faith	For a heart of forgiveness
April 6	Luke 17:20–37	The coming of the Kingdom	To be prepared for the coming of Jesus
April 7	Luke 18:1–30	More parables of Jesus	For God to be first in your life
April 8	Luke 18:31–43	Jesus predicts His death	To understand God’s Word better
April 9	Luke 19:1–27	Zacchaeus	For the desire to know and follow Jesus
April 10	Luke 19:28–48	Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem	Thank God for sending His Son
April 11	Luke 20:1–47	The parable of the tenants	Ask God to help you treasure His Word
April 12	Luke 21:1–38	The end of the age	For the nation and the world

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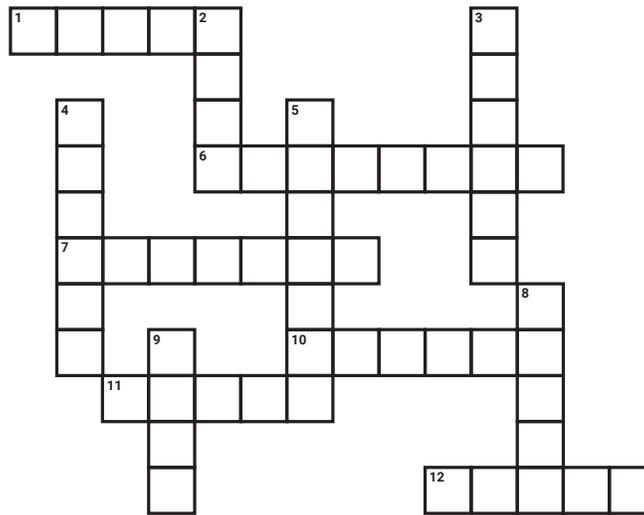
April 13 Luke 22:1–46 The Last Supper  
 April 14 Luke 22:47–71 Jesus is arrested and tried  
 April 15 Luke 23:1–49 The crucifixion  
 April 16 Luke 23:50–56 Jesus' burial  
 Easter Sunday Luke 24:1–53 The resurrection and ascension

For strength to be faithful to God  
 For your fellow Crossroads students  
 To be like the repentant man on the cross  
 For peace and rest in your life  
 For open eyes to see Jesus

## Crossword Puzzle: Jesus' Sacrifice

Use the clues below to fill in the words.

- Words can go across or down.
- Letters are shared where two words cross each other.
- Scripture quotations are taken from the NIV Bible.



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1. Before His arrest, Jesus prayed on the \_\_\_\_\_ of Olives. (Luke 22:39–40)
6. The crowd wanted this man released instead of Jesus. (Luke 23:18)
7. Peter heard this animal after he had denied Jesus three times. (Luke 22:60)
10. Jesus taught here daily before His arrest. (Luke 21:37)
11. This disciple took a bribe to betray Jesus. (Luke 22:47–48)
12. This man and his soldiers mocked Jesus and put a robe on him. (Luke 23:11)

### DOWN

2. Jesus was buried in a \_\_\_\_\_. (Luke 23:53)
3. Jesus was brought to this ruler for a trial. (Luke 23:1)
4. The disciples were too exhausted to pray with Jesus because of their \_\_\_\_\_. (Luke 22:45)
5. Pilate called together the chief \_\_\_\_\_ to try Jesus. (Luke 23:13)
8. This disciple denied knowing Jesus three times. (Luke 22:54–60)
9. The four Gospels are Matthew, Mark, \_\_\_\_\_ and John.



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