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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.

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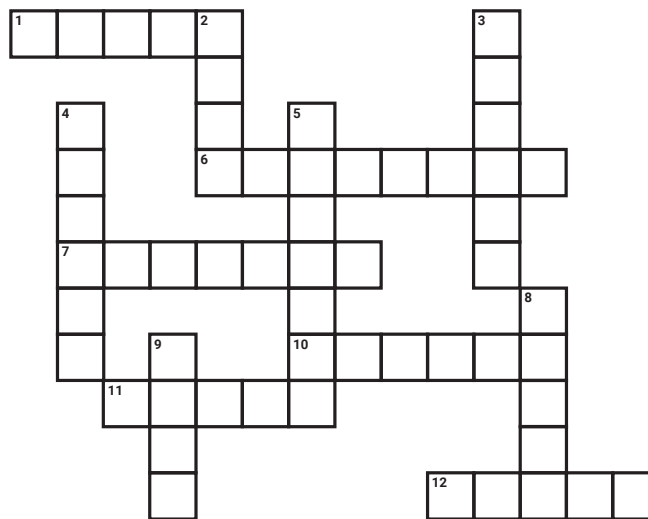
April 13 Luke 22:1–46 The Last Supper
 April 14 Luke 22:47–71 Jesus is arrested and tried
 April 15 Luke 23:1–49 The crucifixion
 April 16 Luke 23:50–56 Jesus' burial
 Easter Sunday Luke 24:1–53 The resurrection and ascension

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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