



# BMC Teen Church Easter Lessons



**Opening Prayer:**

Lord Jesus, Easter is about reminding us of your sacrifice and reminding us that we are all saved by you. My sins are washed away by you. I overcome death due to your death. Your sacrifice also teaches me so many new lessons. You teach me every day how to be a little more like you. I know that we make huge mistakes, and sometimes we make them over and over. I am so far from perfect, but you know that, Lord. You see all my imperfections. You see my sins. Yet, you choose to love me despite all of the things I do wrong – please accept my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.

Message: **It Is Finished**

Scripture Reading (**Please make time to read – John 19:28-37**)

<sup>28</sup> Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, 'I am thirsty.' <sup>29</sup> A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips. <sup>30</sup> When he had received the drink, Jesus said, 'It is finished.' With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Good Friday is the Friday immediately preceding Easter Sunday. It is celebrated traditionally as the day on which Jesus was crucified. Why is Good Friday referred to as “good”? What the Jewish authorities and Romans did to Jesus was definitely not good (it is stated in Matthew chapters 26-27). However, the results of Christ’s death are very good! The Apostle Paul in Romans 5:8 says, “But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” And First Peter 3:18 tells us, “For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit.” The crucifixion of Christ is an act of God’s love for us, God’s grace and salvation even when we didn’t deserve it. How awesome is that? God sacrificing his only Son to come and die for the sins committed by us. We are the ones who are supposed to be on the cross, but Jesus came to take the place for us.

In John 19:30 Jesus says IT IS FINISHED. He then bowed down and released his spirit. Jesus came for a specific mission, and that was to save us from our sins, death and condemnation. At this point he is at the Cross, he is the ultimate sacrifice for all us. From the beginning of his ministry until the cross, he has done what he came to do. Now the mission is complete, that is the reason he is saying “IT IS FINISHED”. The mission is finished. A friend of mine usually says “This is a moment of Jesus dropping the mic”.

The task is completed, the account is paid in full and mission is accomplished. All our sins have been taken away. We can declare alongside the worshiper “I AM NO LONGER A SLAVE TO FEAR, I AM A CHILD OF GOD”. Our greatest enemy, death, has been conquered. Easter means that our sins are forgiven, and we are made right with God. Jesus shows us that love is stronger than death.

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The Price has been paid – you & I do not have to pay it anymore but what does this mean as we come to this realization of Jesus taking our place for us?

***1. It means we need to make a U-Turn; move away from whichever direction we were going and move to the direction of Jesus.***

***2. Be Proud of the Jesus who was not ashamed to publicly die for us. Let us publicly declare everywhere that Jesus is our Lord and Savior.***

***3. Tell others about our Salvation and remind them that it a gift given to all people. We do not have to work for it. Jesus has done the work. It is finished.***

One day I drove to Mahikeng through the N4 freeway and as I got to the tollgate; I reached for my wallet to pay, as I tried to get my card from the wallet, the cashier at the tollgate said to me “You can go through Sir, you don’t have to pay (I looked at her confused), and she repeated “It’s okay Sir you can go through, you don’t have to pay because someone has paid for you. The car that drove in front of you paid. The driver said he is paying for 3 cars behind him even if he doesn’t know the drivers or owners”. I understood and I drove through, but as I drove through, I remembered this verse IT IS FINISHED. IT IS PAID. Like the person who paid at the toll gate – Jesus paid the price at the Cross and now ours is to go through and live our lives to the fullest.

May this year’s Easter remind us that love is stronger than death. May it remind us that instead of us being at the Jesus, Jesus without being forced by anyone, volunteered to go for us.

### **Closing Prayer**

Gracious Loving God, we thank you that Easter is not about a people, but all people, that your love and your Salvation are for all who confess with voices, hearts and lives that the tomb is empty because Jesus is risen, that we might know forgiveness, that lives might be reborn and your name glorified now and for eternity. Amen

### **YouTube Videos Links:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cZ4gQniUVO8>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8kLvWZ-DG6s&t=17s>

## Bible Quiz

1. What was the Jewish feast which was being celebrated the week Christ was crucified?
2. When Jesus entered Jerusalem during what is known as His Triumphal Entry, what animal was He riding on?
3. Why is the Sunday before the resurrection called Palm Sunday?
4. Which disciple cut off the ear of the high priest's servant in an attempt to protect Jesus from being taken as a prisoner?
5. What was the name of the high priest's servant who had his ear cut off by the disciple and subsequently reattached by Jesus?
6. How many times did Peter deny Christ after the abandoned the Lord?
7. How many pieces of silver did Judas trade the life of Jesus for?
8. How did Judas identify Jesus to the soldiers?
9. In repentance Judas returned the money to the priests that he was given as the price of betrayal of the Lord and then did what?
10. The priests took the money that Judas had returned to them and did what with it?
11. Who was surprisingly released before Pontius Pilate sentenced Jesus to death?
12. What did Pilate's wife counsel him to do concerning Jesus?
13. A man named Simon was compelled to carry the cross of Jesus. In Mark 15 we are told the names of Simon's two sons. What were their names?
14. What was the inscription (writing) above the cross?
15. Can you quote 4 of the 7 statements recorded in the Bible that Christ said from the cross?
16. Following the statements of Jesus on the cross, there was a statement by a Roman soldier concerning Christ. What was it?
17. What happened in the Temple as a sign that the death of Jesus had made way for the individual believer to approach God?
18. When Jesus died there was darkness in the land. How long did it last?
19. In John 19 two men helped prepare the body of Christ for burial. One is said to have been a secret disciple and another secretly came to Jesus early in His ministry to ask question. Who were these men?
20. Who was the first person to see the risen Christ?