

*“Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.”* Isaiah 53:4-6

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### III. The Prophecy of Isaiah

*“The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, ‘Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!’”* John 1:29

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### IV. John the Baptist

*Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged.”*  
John 19:1

### V. Jerusalem – The courts of Pontius Pilate and Golgotha

*“So the soldiers too charge of Jesus. Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). Here they crucified him...”*  
John 19:16b-18a

## Group Discussion Questions

*The following questions can be used to direct conversation about the suffering of Christ depicted in “The Passion of the Christ.” If your small group has seen the movie, use the questions in conjunction with your impressions and experience of it. If you or your small group has yet to see it, these questions can still be used.*

#### Connecting:

1. How many movies about Jesus have you seen? (Which one was your favorite?)
2. How did these movies impact your “picture” of him?

#### Growing:

3. Read John 19: 1-16
4. The hot question in the media surrounding “*The Passion of the Christ*” movie is “Who killed Jesus?” How would you answer the question?
5. Why do you think Jesus was treated with so much hatred and animosity?
6. Do you think Jesus deserved to die? Why or why not?

#### Applying:

7. How do you feel about the idea that Jesus paid the price for all sin – including yours – and that he died for you?
8. Knowing that Jesus died not only for your sins but for everyone’s sin, how do you plan to help get this message to people you know? (Perhaps you can use the movie?) Tell your small group the names of the people you would like to share this news with.
9. As a group, pray individually for all names identified, and pray for each other individually for opportunities to share and to be obedient when led.

## Personal Application Ideas

1. If you have not seen the movie, “*The Passion of the Christ*,” make plans to see it. It is intense, violent, but very real to the torture of the crucifixion. Recognize that Jesus endured this shame and suffering for you.
2. If you have seen the movie, consider seeing it again with someone who does not believe or has a different belief system. Use the movie to engage in stimulating conversation over a cup of coffee or meal.
3. Use these next 40 days leading up to Easter to reflect on the work of Jesus on the cross. The movie will help guide your imagery. Anticipate Easter this year knowing that the suffering and death were only temporary and that victory is coming soon!

## Daily Reading Plan

Monday – John 18: 1-27  
Tuesday – John 18: 28-40  
Wednesday – John 19: 1-16  
Thursday – John 19: 17-42  
Friday – John 20: 1-18

Also during this week: Chapters 36 & 37 from “*Purpose-Driven Life*” by Rick Warren

Memory Verse for Week: Isaiah 53:5

*“He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.”*

## Additional Resources

1. The Case for Christ, Lee Strobel. *Strobel, a former atheist and newspaper reporter, investigates the claim of the divinity of Christ.*
2. The Case for Easter, Lee Strobel. *In the same investigative way as his predecessor books, Strobel latest “Case for” book concentrates on the resurrection.*
3. Jesus Among Other Gods. Ravi Zacharias. *Perhaps the greatest defender of the Christian faith, Zacharias compares Jesus’ claims to other deities.*

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# Doing Life Together

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## The Crimson Thread

### I. In the Garden

*“And God said, ‘Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?’”*  
Genesis 3:11

*“So [Adam and Eve] sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.”* Genesis 3:9

*“The Lord God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them.”*  
Genesis 3:21

### II. The Passover in Egypt

*“On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every first-born – both men and animals – and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt.”*  
Exodus 12:12

*“The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.”*  
Exodus 12:13