

New Vine Fellowship Sermon Outline May 24, 2026

Message: “After the Cross”

I. FOUNDATIONS:

John 3:16 (NIV)

16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 14:6 (NIV)

6 Jesus answered, “**I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.**”

Acts 4:11-12 (NIV)

(Peter before Sanhedrin)

11 Jesus is “the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.” 12 Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”

II. Review: PILATE

A. Pilate’s Verdict Luke 23:13-16 (NLT)

13 Then Pilate called together the leading priests and other religious leaders, along with the people, 14 and he announced his verdict. “You brought this man to me, accusing him of leading a revolt. I have examined him thoroughly on this point in your presence and find him innocent. 15 Herod came to the same conclusion and sent him back to us. Nothing this man has done calls for the death penalty. 16 So I will have him flogged, and then I will release him.”

B. Pilate’s Plea Luke 23:20-22 (NLT)

20 Pilate argued with them, because he wanted to release Jesus. 21 But they kept shouting, “Crucify him! Crucify him!” 22 For the third time he demanded, “Why? What crime has he committed? I have found no reason to sentence him to death. So I will have him flogged, and then I will release him.”

III. THE CROSS

A. Two Criminals Luke 23:32-33 (NLT)

32 Two others, both criminals, were led out to be executed with him. 33 When they came to a place called The Skull, they nailed him to the cross. And the criminals were also crucified—one on his right and one on his left.

B. Jesus’ Last Words Luke 23:34a (NLT)

34 Jesus said, “**Father, forgive them, for they don’t know what they are doing.**”

C. The Soldiers Luke 23:34b-37 (NLT)

34b ...And the soldiers gambled for his clothes by throwing dice. 35 The crowd watched and the leaders scoffed. “He saved others,” they said, “let him save himself if he is really God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.” 36 The soldiers mocked him, too, by offering him a drink of sour wine. 37 They called out to him, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!”

D. The Sign Luke 23:38 (NLT)

38 A sign was fastened above him with these words: “This is the King of the Jews.”

E. Pilate’s Conformation John 19:19-22 (NLT)

19 And Pilate posted a sign on the cross that read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” 20 The place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Hebrew, Latin, and Greek, so that many people could read it. 21 Then the leading priests objected and said to Pilate, “Change it from ‘The King of the Jews’ to ‘He said, I am King of the Jews.’” 22 Pilate replied, “No, what I have written, I have written.”

F. The Criminals Luke 23:39-42 (NLT)

39 One of the criminals hanging beside him scoffed, "So you're the Messiah, are you? Prove it by saving yourself—and us, too, while you're at it!" 40 But the other criminal protested, "Don't you fear God even when you have been sentenced to die? 41 We deserve to die for our crimes, but this man hasn't done anything wrong." 42 Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom."

G. Jesus' Next Word Luke 23:43 (NLT)

43 And Jesus replied, "I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise."

H. Three Hours Luke 23:44-45 (NLT)

44 By this time it was about noon, and darkness fell across the whole land until three o'clock. 45 The light from the sun was gone. And suddenly, the curtain in the sanctuary of the Temple was torn down the middle.

I. Jesus' Final Word Luke 24:46 (NLT)

46 Then Jesus shouted, "Father, I entrust my spirit into your hands!" And with those words he breathed his last.

IV. UNTIL SUNDAY

A. Sorrow Luke 23:47-48 (NLT)

47 When the Roman officer overseeing the execution saw what had happened, he worshiped God and said, "Surely this man was innocent." 48 And when all the crowd that came to see the crucifixion saw what had happened, they went home in deep sorrow.

B. Watchers Luke 23:49 (NLT)

49 But Jesus' friends, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance watching.

C. Joseph of Arimathea Luke 23:50-52 (NLT)

50 Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph. He was a member of the Jewish high council, 51 but he had not agreed with the decision and actions of the other religious leaders. He was from the town of Arimathea in Judea, and he was waiting for the Kingdom of God to come. 52 He went to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body.

D. Friday Afternoon Luke 23:53-54 (NLT)

53 Then he took the body down from the cross and wrapped it in a long sheet of linen cloth and laid it in a new tomb that had been carved out of rock. 54 This was done late on Friday afternoon, the day of preparation, as the Sabbath was about to begin.

E. The Women Luke 23:55-56 (NLT)

55 As his body was taken away, the women from Galilee followed and saw the tomb where his body was placed. 56 Then they went home and prepared spices and ointments to anoint his body. But by the time they were finished the Sabbath had begun, so they rested as required by the law.

V. SUNDAY COMES

A. Women at the Tomb Luke 24:1-4 (NLT)

1 But very early on Sunday morning the women went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. 2 They found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. 3 So they went in, but they didn't find the body of the Lord Jesus. 4 As they stood there puzzled, two men suddenly appeared to them, clothed in dazzling robes.

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