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Upcoming Events

9/16 This Saturday

- **10am – 12pm** First Principles, Back at Discovery hall room #350, The Baptism of The Holy Spirit!
- **1pm – 3:30pm** Missions Tagging, University and Rural Rd., Amen!
- **5pm – 7:30pm** Mother & Son Bowling Night @ AMF Bowling Co., 3825 W Ray Rd 85226. ~\$20 per mother & son

9/17 This Sunday

- **10AM** – Sunday Worship Service

9/25 Next Wednesday

- **7:30PM** – Women's Midweek & First Principles Back at the SDA!

Later This Month!

9/30 Saturday

- **9am – 2pm** MERCY Blood Drive! Wal-Mart parking lot off of Pima road. Please see Michelle Brown if you have questions or have not signed-up yet!

**First Principles QUIZ:
New Testament Conversion**

First Principles 2017



New Testament Conversion: QUIZ

- 1 - In the past seven days were you in (or did you lead) a bible study?
- 2 - Which *memory* scripture teaches us that we must "***Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.***" and "***Love your neighbor as yourself?***"

MAJOR CONVERSIONS (.25 points each)

- 3 - Put the chapter(s) of Acts next to the people converted.
 - i. The Philippian Jailer and his family
 - ii. The Ethiopian Eunuch
 - iii. The 3,000
 - iv. Paul the Apostle

New Testament Conversion QUIZ

4.) Please write out the Four Questions Concerning Conversion **(.25 Each)**

5.) Refute **“Pray Jesus Into Your Heart”**

(Use the scripture(s) from NT Conversion bible study and provide a short explanation)

BONUS QUESTION –

What book is after Obadiah?

New Testament Conversion

Answers

- 1 - In the past seven days were you in (or did you lead) a bible study? (Yes)
- 2 - Which *memory* scripture teaches us that we must "***Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.***" and "***Love your neighbor as yourself?***" **Matthew 22:37-39**

MAJOR CONVERSIONS (.25 points each)

- 3 - Put the chapter(s) of Acts next to the people converted.
 - i. The Philippian Jailer and his family (**Acts 16**)
 - ii. The Ethiopian Eunuch (**Acts 8**)
 - iii. The 3,000 (**Acts 2**)
 - iv. Paul the Apostle (**Acts 9 / Acts 22**)

New Testament Conversion

Answers

4.) Please write out the Four Questions Concerning Conversion (**.25 Each**)

- i. What was preached?
- ii. What was the person's (peoples) response to the message?
- iii. How long did the person/people take to make a decision?
- iv. What was their response after baptism?

5.) Refute "**Praying Jesus Into your Heart**" (Scripture and explanation)

- i. **Revelation 3:20** / Talking to Christians, those who have already been saved. This does not teach how to be saved but how to come back to God once becoming lukewarm.

BONUS: What book is after Obadiah? Jonah.

The Cross

Introduction

- Toby - bold, fired - up young disciple, listened to the Spirit, taking the one a day challenge! Even though it was "uncool."
- Leroy, came to church, loved it. Since I as the more mature disciple, got a chance to set up the studies with Leroy and Toby.
- Toby, does "know" the studies he's not exactly clear on how to present it, see me presenting it...and then he can imitate that.
- So the purposes of the FP class is not just to...
 - (1) Solidify and
 - (2) Unify, but also to
 - (3) Multiply

The Cross

Introduction

- If Leroy did not have faith, we would start with?
 - The Book of John! To build his faith in Jesus (John 20:31)! When had faith in Jesus, the first study we did with him was?
- Seeking God!
 - When he decided to have the conviction to seek God as his priority then we moved on to what study?
- Word of God!
 - Then he decided to have the conviction to go by only the bible and that all scripture inspired by God we moved on to what study?

The Cross

Introduction

- **Discipleship!**

- There the scriptures laid it out about what it means to be a true Christian, you need to be a follower, a real disciple, of Jesus. Saved = Christian = Disciple. Leroy decide to go after being a disciple so we moved to the next study which is?

- **PERSECUTION STUDY. (We will be covering this in leaders 9/24) You can do this study** as soon as right after seeking God. Definitely do this study ***right after Discipleship***. We do not cover in this class, but it will be covered in leaders meeting 9/24 (no quiz, but ***worth two bonus points!***)

- **The Coming of The Kingdom!**

- Shows the powerful continuity, from OT -> NT. Church was the new Spiritual Kingdom of Israel which "***came with power***" (**Mark 9:1, Acts 1:8**) in **Acts 2, 33AD**. When Leroy understood the priority then church was to take we moved on to what study?

- **Light and Darkness!**

- Really laid it out about what it takes to be biblically saved! We asked Leroy at the end of that study to write out a sin list, which will come into play tonight.

The Cross

Introduction

- After we did the "Light AND Darkness" study (notice, we *did not split it up!*) then what?
 - NT Conversions?
 - Not really, NT Conversion is NOT a study but a set of teachings to crystallize your understanding of biblical conversion and to help augment your firepower to deal with "false doctrine."
 - There was a "micro-study" - but it's not an actual study...it's there to help build inspiration and urgency and to clarify it takes faith, repentance, (being a disciple) and then you need to be baptized for (1) the forgiveness of your sins and (2) the gift of the Holy Spirit. (**Acts 2:38**)

The Cross

Introduction

- Of Any study, This needs to be intense, able to focus, no background noise. **Not a public place. Plans for kids. Best place is a home!**
- Questions before we begin **“The Cross”** study:
 - Did you go over the last study?
 - Did you finish that sin list? (Hopefully met with them!)
- Tonight, we're going to be doing the cross study.
- We are going to look at the passion (Jesus suffering on the cross) in three different ways:
 1. Biblical point of view.
 2. Medical point of view.
 3. Spiritual point of view.

The Cross: Introduction

- Strongly urged to watch **the cross video**. There are a few copies of it in the congregation.
- It is powerful to watch this video together after the study.
 - If time permits or at another time you might want to watch the Mel Gibson's **passion of the Christ** video. **It's absolutely worth the time.**
- After having a prayer - begin to look at the passion account.
 - With other studies, keep the study to around an hour. Confession might make this one a bit longer.
 - A lot of reading to it, so for those of you leading the study, need to be *energetic* and *giving*! (Enthusiastic!)
- As with any of these scriptural studies - if you present the word of God in a boring way it is sin.

The Cross

(1) Biblical Point of View

- This a study about the last few hours of Jesus' life. Right after the last supper.
- We'll read a section of scripture, have a brief discussion about each section, and then move on to the next. Keep it crisp, but let it sink in...

Matt 26:31-35

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- Jesus focused on the scriptures - quoting them and prophecy.
- Peter focused on his emotions, leads the other's in the same way - going by their feelings instead of what Jesus is saying, and what the scriptures are saying.

Matt 26:36-46

- What stands out there Toby?
 - They would not stay up and pray, they fell asleep.
- What stands out Leroy?
 - Takes the 11 faithful, they go to Gethsemane to pray, "sit there and pray."
- Verse 37 - sorrowful and troubled.
 - Vulnerable, honest. Needs his friends. Hurting.
 - Heart changes after three hours. Ready to face the cross. You'll need to pray radically as well, to face the different crosses in your life.

Matt 26:47-56

- The prophecy gets fulfilled! They all leave Jesus! Crushing!
- Judas betrays him with a kiss. Knew him for three years! Washed his feet!
- From Luke 22 - Peter reaches for his sword (It was Peter, and yet Jesus fixes the guy's ear...)
- I can call down 12 legions of angels...I could call 12,000 Angels. 1 Angel defeated 185,000!

Matt 26:57-68

- Intense. Some say he never claimed to be the Christ. Jesus lays it out. “It is as you say.”
- The Jewish leaders. He taught them when he was just a boy in Luke 2. These were his own people, those who claimed to know God and yet with God in their presence, mocking him.
- And now the first physical trauma, they punch him in the face and spit in his face.

Matt 26:69-75

- Intense. Here is Peter, wimping out in front of this servant girl.
- The rooster crows. The bible says he goes out to weep bitterly.
- In order to be a disciple, you must take a stand

Note: Making a few comments, but let the scriptures be powerful, let them speak for themselves. Get Leroy to grasp the story. Keep things moving.

Matt 27:1-10

- Judas, filled with so much remorse, wants to undo the evil he's done, give the money back because he's in so much in despair...in some ways, Judas was no bigger a sinner than all the others – the biggest difference is he quit.
- Quit on God, got suicidal, got depressed, “*I just can't believe, I just can't follow...*”
- Therein is the challenge, as a disciple you can **never quit following the LORD.**

Matt 27:11-26

- Pilate is trying to be clever, trying to get out of this in a political way – by letting go a notorious prisoner.
- This made Jesus the obvious choice for them to free...thinking they'd see the difference between Jesus and Barabbas. The leaders of the Jews persuaded the people to get Barabbas' set free.
- Pilate: A lot of guys never listen to their wives. Amen for marriage retreats!
- Pilate: Gives in to the people, washes his hands, and condemns Jesus to death.
- First the Jews condemn Jesus in the Sanhedrin, and now the Gentiles condemn him in their court. All hope is lost.

Matt 27:27-31, Matt 27:32-44 & Matt 27:45-56

- Horrifically speaks for itself. Jesus is beaten.
- Dark, at noontime. Three hours later, gives up his spirit and dies.
- Earthquake, rock's splitting, people raising from the dead.
 - This was no ordinary man, this was the Son of God!

Matt 27:57-61, Matt 27:62-66 & Matt 28:1-10

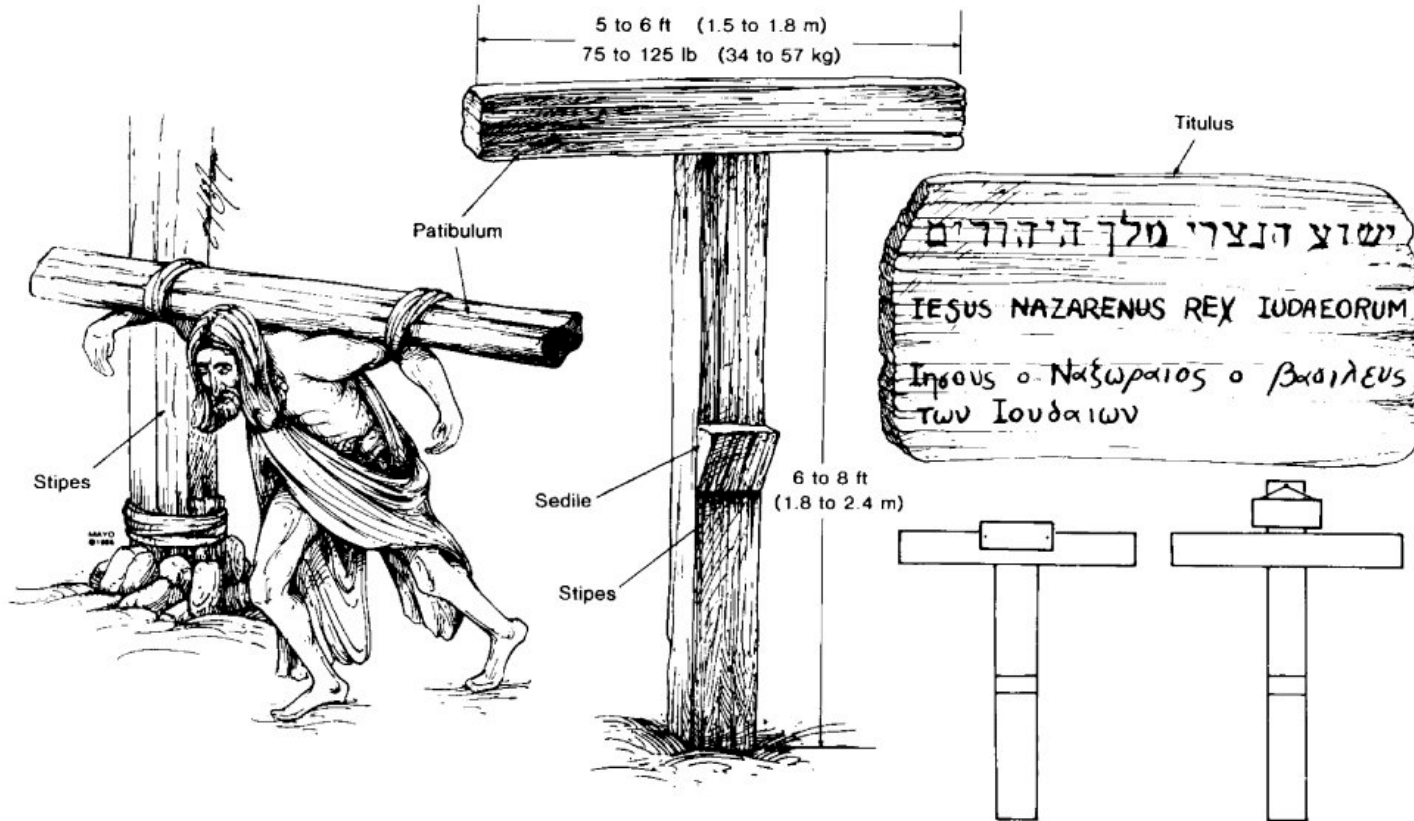
- Finally someone steps up, “...give me the Body of Jesus.”
- The Pharisees & Sadducee's knew about the Lord's prophecy - "in three days I will rise again."
- Huge stone, sealed the stone, and put guards there!
 - These scriptures are captivating.
- For Leroy, first time through. Still get a chuckle with the Angel sitting up there on the stone.
- Gives Leroy a sense...of what Jesus went through...
- In medical account there is more detail.
 - This is in effect what Mel Gibson documented with "The Passion."
- Show the cross video afterwards and/or go out and buy the passion.

(2) The Medical Point of View

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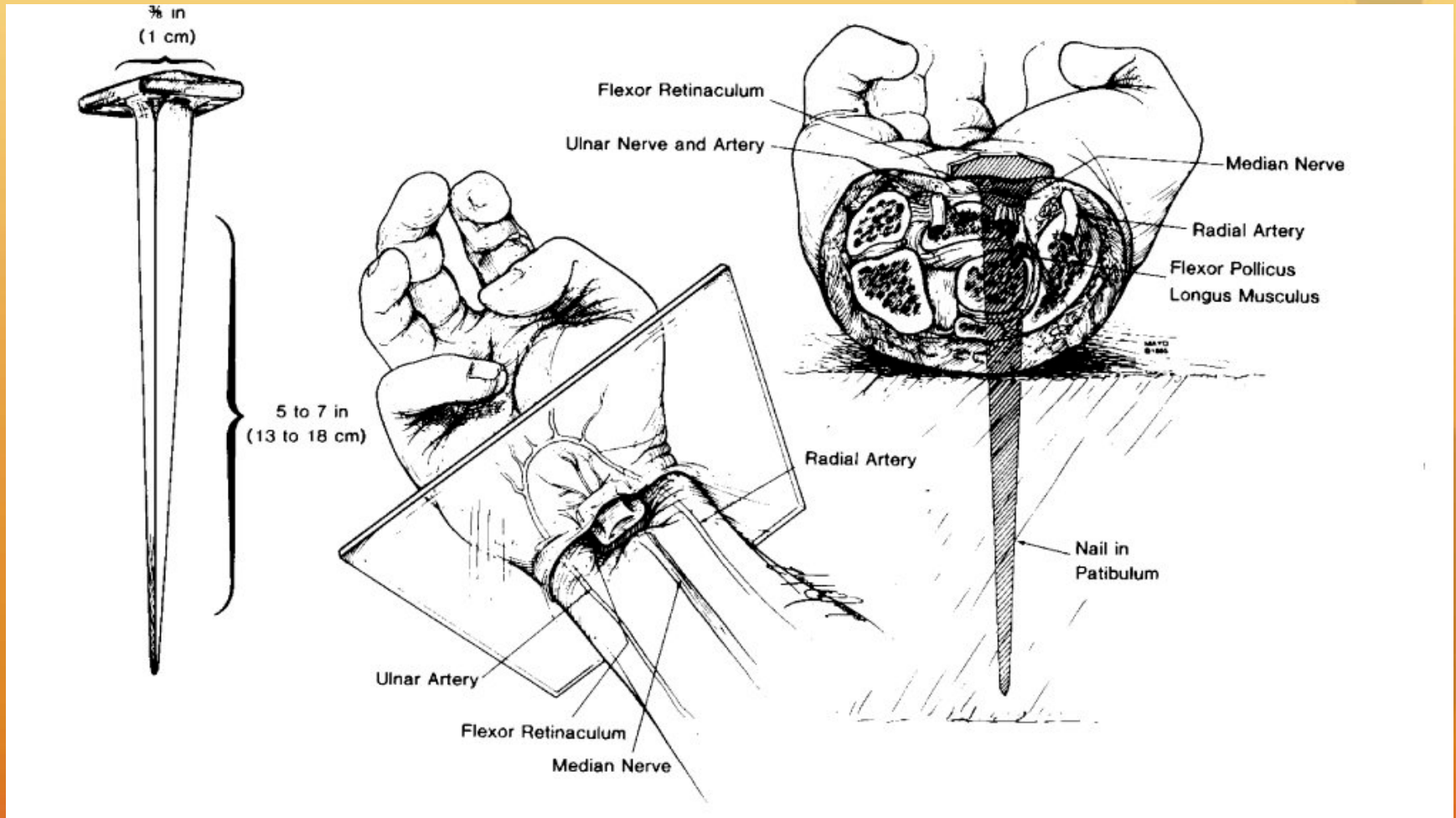
- Physical account, I think, does an extraordinary job of braking down what went on Physically.
- A doctor did this in depth study.
- Most are **not used to reading this kind of thing** so **have the leader read**. I've found it's **not best** for Toby or Leroy to read/trade reading.
- **Don't send someone home to read this - read it with them**. It is intense and really connects the biblical account to what happened.

Medical Account stipes, patibulum, Tau cross

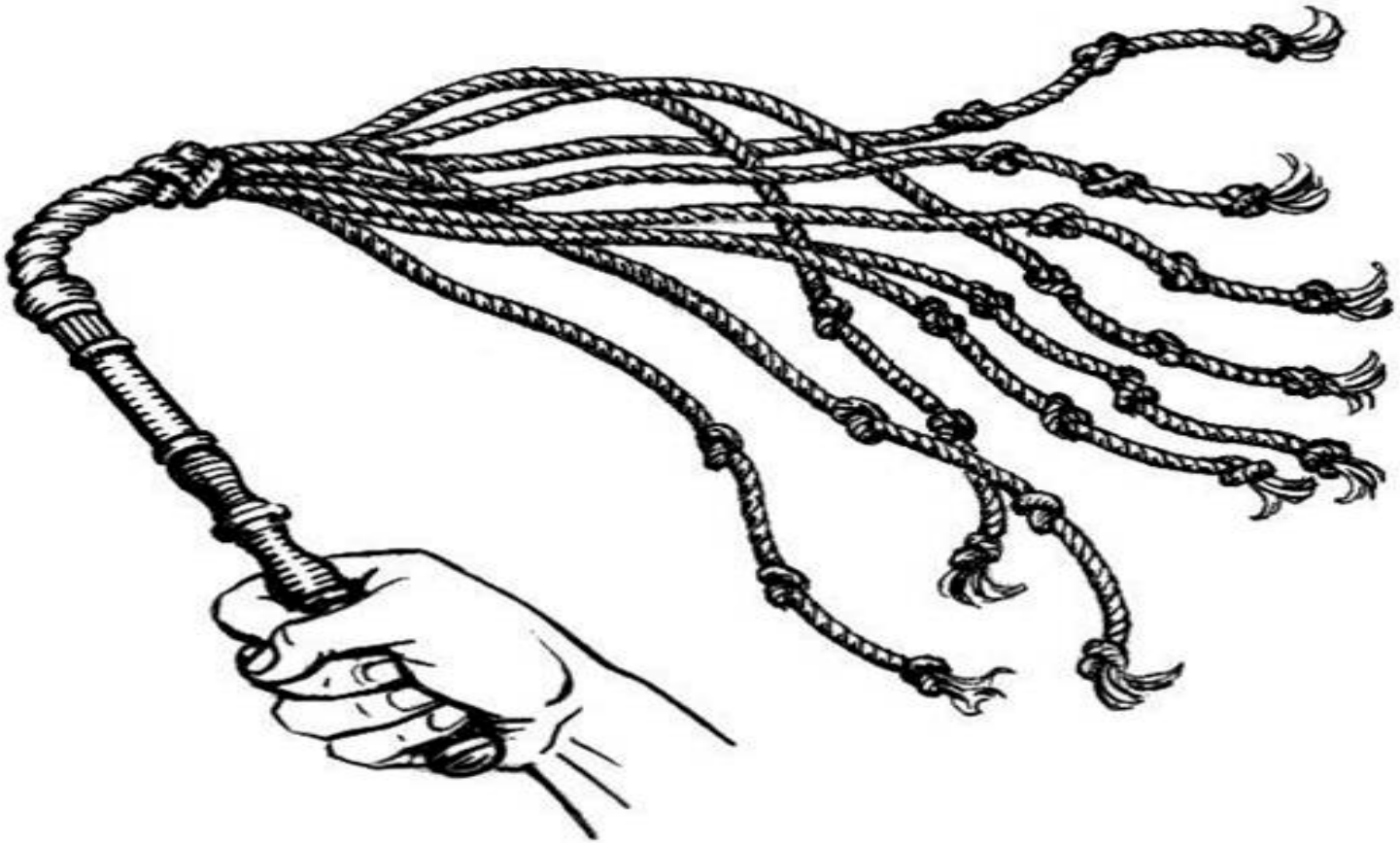


Medical Account

“Palms” vs. “Wrists” (Hands)



Medical Account flagrum (or flagellum)



Medical Account

the prisoner is near death...



Medical Account

The Crown



Medical Account

The Cross



Medical Account

The Empty Tomb



Personal Responsibility

(3) Spiritual Point of View

A. Remember there were many others who died by crucifixion in the first century.

– It was not that Jesus was physically crucified that makes Him unique; it was that He was crucified for you, in your place. He died on the cross for you.

B. Romans 3:23

C. Isaiah 59:1-2

D. Matthew 27:46

Personal Responsibility

(3) Spiritual Point of View

E. Share the sins that you committed before being baptized and your feelings of being forgiven at baptism.

- Ask the person with whom you are studying to share and confess their sins.

F. Isaiah 53:4-6 (substitute your name).

G. If possible immediately after this study watch either The Cross or The Passion video.

Reminders & Resources

- 10AM Sat Morning, Discovery Hall Room #350
 - The Cross Quiz & First Principles Session #8 “The Baptism With The Holy Spirit”
- Know & Understand the “**Spiritual Point of View**” section for the quiz!
 - Know why Jesus said what he said in Matthew 27:48. (cf. Isaiah 59:1-2, Romans 3:23)
 - Know What do you do when you read Isaiah 53:4-6?
- Know **all the books** of the bible.
- **Acts outline** is due on or before **Saturday 9/27/2017** (typed and either printed or emailed to jeremy@usd21.org)
- Download the cross video here:
<http://phxicc.org/resources/TheCross.mp4> or .iso