**BCM Bible Study November 11-12, 2015**

**Luke 23 and 24**

**Luke 23:1-5, 33-49**

What is your response to Jesus’ statement under arrest (v 3), on the cross (v 34), to what the leaders said (v 35), to what
the soldiers did and said (v 36-37), to what the inscription said (v 38), and to what the thieves said (v. 40-41)?

What do you think “paradise” is as Jesus uses it in verse 43? *(Note: Paradeisos originally means “garden wit wall” in ancient Iranian. In NT it indicates as the place where the spirits or souls go immediately after death, which is also the place that Christ was going to go once his spirit was separated from his body. The Paradise of 2 Cor 12:4. is same as that spoken of by Christ in Lk 23. In 2 Cor Paul tells us what happens after death – we appear before the lord Jesus to be judged for all our works in the flesh whether good or evil. Rev2:7 the word is spoken of in an eschatological sense as being a gift to be given to the one who overcomes. the Greek translation of the Old Testament, it was used as a term for the garden of Eden, and in intertestamental times it meant a superterrestrial place of happiness. As used here, it can mean “heaven” or “the presence of God.”)*

Think again about the different attitudes displayed by the two criminals. What attitudes typically characterize your requests to Jesus? In what ways do you wish your attitudes and requests could change?

How do you view the crucifixion, what hope does it give -when and why did the meaning of the death of Christ begin to make sense to you, if it does? How would you explain the crucifixion to a non-Christian friend? (We’ll see this later in Luke 24:26 as well.)

Jesus has looked like he failed, but Joseph and the women did not abandon him, what do you learn from this for you life?

**Luke 24:13-35**

Try to think of a time when you were struggling to understand something and, suddenly, the “lights came on” and everything became perfectly clear. What happened to make the difference? Where is your road to Emmaus – the place where Jesus surprised you recently? What happened?

What do you think it means that their hearts “burned within them” when Jesus opened the Scriptures to them (verse 32)? Have you ever experienced this as you engaged in relationship with Jesus or the Scriptures? What do the disciples finally come to understand? How do they respond? How have they become witnesses?