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## Study questions

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In this 4 week series leading up to Easter we're going to be looking at what led up to Jesus' death, why His death was necessary, what the cross achieved, and its implications for our lives.

1. Read Acts 2:22-24 – check out the context, and then explore what this passage says about what led to Jesus' death. Consider the different individuals involved, and then what this teaches about God's purposes.
2. It's clear from the gospel accounts that Jesus knew that death was ahead. How did Jesus express his mission? Look up Luke 19:10. What other passages do you know where Jesus makes statements about the purpose of His life & death? What does this show us about Jesus? How might we imitate him in this?
3. We're going to look up some statements that Jesus made in the upper room, Jesus' arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane, and finally on the cross. Old Testament passages linked with each event show prophecy fulfilled. Think how this would have confirmed to the early church (with their knowledge of the Old Testament Scriptures) that Jesus was indeed God's Messiah.
  - i) Jesus' explanation in the Upper Room about the new covenant - Matthew 26:27, 28 / Jeremiah 31:31-34. What does the term "new covenant" mean?
  - ii) Jesus' explanation to Peter in Gethsemane - John 18:11 / the term "cup" is regularly used in the Old Testament as a symbol of God's wrath against evil. e.g. Job 21:20, Isaiah 51:17. Jesus willingly gave His life.
  - iii) Jesus cries out on the cross - Matthew 27:46 / Psalm 22:1-8
  - iv) As we consider Jesus' suffering – what does this show us about the reality & consequences of sin, the depth of God's love & the fact that we can't save ourselves? Romans 3:23,24.

Read Ephesians 3:14-21 and use this prayer as a starting point for your own prayers.

- Pray specifically for God's wisdom & help as we all deal with the abnormality of life right now.
- Pray for national leaders & for those working in the health service.
- Pray that we would be alert to ways to support others and grab opportunities as they arise to share about the peace that God brings. Philippians 4:6,7