

What Jesus Did for You

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1 Peter 3:18-22

Group Questions

1. Read 1 Peter 3:13-22 (the section of verses prior to today's text).
2. What are the themes of this section?
3. It has been said that 1 Peter 3:18 is "the gospel compressed into one verse." Do you believe this verse captures the gospel? Why or why not?
4. The word "died" (v. 18) in the original language is unusual. It means a suffering death or one that is horrible. Does this definition change the way you view your own suffering? Does this definition change the way you view who Jesus is? Should it? Explain with more than a "yes" or "no" answer. 😊
5. Brainstorming: Take a few minutes and make a list of the implications of verse 18. Try to come up with at least 10.
6. Verses 19-22 are difficult to understand. The opinionated Martin Luther gave up and declared "I don't know what it means." How should we handle difficult passages in the Bible? What is the issue in these verses (some options would be judgment, suffering, and so on)? How might the verses relate to the previous section?