C. He provides _____ to fulfill His will.

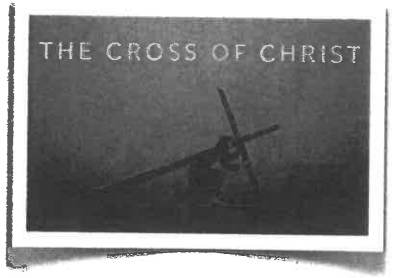
D. He _____ willing believers.

Do I trust God's sovereign providence?

Discussion Guide

1. What is the difference between miracles and providence? Should we be expecting miracles today?
2. Why should we see providence in the fulfillment of prophecy?
3. How do we explain the "three days and three nights" that Jesus was in the tomb?
4. Review the four ways God expresses His providence and share how they can apply in your life.
5. Of the four ways God controls the world, which one is easiest for you to apply and which one is the most difficult?

ANSWERS: Miracles, Providence, directly, indirectly, trust, restrains, permits, timing, resources



Lesson: Two hundred sixty
Series: The Cross of Christ
Title:. The Burial of Christ
Text: Matthew 27:57-60
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God rules the world through two interrelated means:

_____ **&** _____

Miracles - God _____ overrules the natural course of nature.

Providence - God _____ overrules events, circumstances, and people.

Proverbs 16:9 The mind of man plans his way, But the Lord directs his steps.

Proverbs 19:21 Many plans are in a man's heart, But the counsel of the Lord will stand.

Matthew 27:57–61 When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who himself had also become

a disciple of Jesus. 58 This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. 59 And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, 60 and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock; and he rolled a large stone against the entrance of the tomb and went away. 61 And Mary Magdalene was there, and the other Mary, sitting opposite the grave.

"evening"

Jesus gave up His own life:

1. To prove that He is God

2. To die at the perfect time.

   A. He had to be buried by 6:00.

Deuteronomy 21:23 his corpse shall not hang all night on the tree, but you shall surely bury him on the same day (for he who is hanged is accursed of God), so that you do not defile your land which the Lord your God gives you as an inheritance.

   B. He had to be in the earth three days and nights.

Matthew 12:40 for just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the sea monster, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

"three days and three nights"

"tomb"

"large stone" [megas lithos]

Fulfillment of prophecy

Isaiah 53:9 His grave was assigned with wicked men, Yet He was with a rich man in His death, Because He had done no violence, Nor was there any deceit in His mouth. 10 But the Lord was pleased To crush Him, putting Him to grief; If He would render Himself as a guilt offering, He will see His offspring, He will prolong His days, And the good pleasure of the Lord will prosper in His hand.

Implications

1. We need to learn to _____ in God's pprovidence.

Four ways providence accomplishes God's will:

A. Sometimes He _____ evil and

other times He _____ it.

Proverbs 21:1 The king's heart is like channels of water in the hand of the Lord; He turns it wherever He wishes

B. He controls the _____ of all things.

59 And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth,

Nicodemus joined Joseph.

John 19:39 Nicodemus, who had first come to Him by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds weight. 40 So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen wrappings with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews.

"hundred pounds"

60 and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock; and he rolled a large stone against the entrance of the tomb and went away.

"new" [kainos]

"hewn out" [latomeo] -

There is a difference in the Greek words for "rock" / "stone"

"the rock" [petra]

- Jesus is our foundation rock [petra]. (Matt. 7:24-25)
- Jesus promised to build His church on this rock [petra]. (Matt 16:18)
- Jesus is the rock [petra] of offense. (Rom. 9:33)
- Believers drink from the "spiritual rock" [petra] which is Christ. (1 Cor. 10:4)

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Thursday	**Friday**	**Saturday**	**Sunday**
Death			

Jesus prophesied He would be raised on the 3rd day.

Matthew 16:21 From that time Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be **raised up on the third day.**

Matthew 17:22–23 And while they were gathering together in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men; 23 and they will kill Him, and He will be **raised on the third day."** And they were deeply grieved.

Colloquialism -

John 19:31 Then the Jews, because it was the day of preparation, so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away.

"day of preparation" (Friday)

"their legs might be broken"

"broken" [katagnymi]

32 So the soldiers came, and broke the legs of the first man and of the other who was crucified with Him; 33 but coming to Jesus, when they saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs.

34 But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out.

36 For these things came to pass to fulfill the Scripture,

Psalm 34:20 He keeps all his bones, Not one of them is broken.

37 And again another Scripture says, "They shall look on Him whom they pierced."

Zechariah 12:10 … they will look on Me whom they have ***pierced****;*

Matthew 27:57–61 When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who himself had also become a disciple of Jesus.

"Joseph"

"disciple of Jesus"

- He was waiting for the kingdom of God. (Mk 15:43)
- He was a good and righteous man. (Lk 23:50)
- He did not agree with the council's decision. (Mk 15:42; Lk 23:50)
- He was a secrete disciple. (Jn. 19;38)

"rich man"

58 This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him.

- He gathered up courage to ask Pilate. (Mk. 15:43)
- Pilate was surprised that Jesus had died so quickly. (Mk 15:44)
- Pilate summoned the centurion to find out if Jesus was dead. (Mk 15:44)
- He granted the body to Joseph. (Mk 15:45)