

# Redemptive Suffering in the Ministry of Jesus

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1. Circle the Scripture passage your group has been assigned.

Luke 4:14–30

Luke 7:36–50

Mark 1:40–45

Matthew 12:9–14

2. Read the passage together with your group. Briefly summarize your passage here.

3. What type of suffering does Jesus endure in this passage? For example, does he take a physical risk of being hurt? Does he take an emotional risk of being rejected or misunderstood? Explain.

4. Why do you think Jesus chose to endure this suffering? In other words, who benefitted from his willingness to suffer?

5. In what way did Jesus' taking on suffering for the good of others throughout his life prepare him for the ultimate suffering, his death?



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6. What is the difference between suffering that is undergone for a purpose—for example, to help or defend someone else—and suffering that seems senseless? Give an example of each that occurs today.
7. In this unit, we read about Saint Damien of Molokai, Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, and Saint Joan of Arc as examples of people who willingly endured suffering for the good of others. What modern-day person can you think of who has willingly endured suffering for the good of others? This could be someone you know personally or a person you have never met but know about. Describe that person here:
8. What is one way your willingness to endure suffering—whether great or small—could benefit someone in need?

