

# All things working together for good? How?

Luke 23:26-34a

All things work together for good... Romans 8:28

## 1. All things work together for good . . . . . 23:26

The . . . . . can lead to good. 26  
Mark 15:21, Acts 2:10, Romans 16:13

The . . . . . can lead to good. 26  
Luke 9:22-24  
Must Jesus bear the cross alone... Thomas Shepherd

## 2. All things work together for good . . . . . 23:27-31

“...to a thousand generations” Deuteronomy 7:9

Fulfil . . . . . purpose and plan. 28a  
Life is a relay, but not a race.

Call . . . . . to God’s plan for them. 29  
2 Peter 3:9, 1 Timothy 2:3-4, 1 Thess.4:3-7, 1 Thess.5:18, 1 Peter 2:15

## 3. All things work together for good . . . . . 23:32-34

God has set a time for . . . . . 32  
Romans 13:4, 2 Corinthians 5:10

God has set a time for . . . . . 34  
2 Peter 3:9

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### My prayer priorities for this week

- S 3 Clarence & Irene – Communion, 10 am
- M 4 Lerida C – Hour of Power, 7-8 pm
- T 5 Robert & Dianne
- W 6 Bunnings contacts – Home Gp, 7:30 pm
- T 7 Lurline & Terry
- F 8 Rosalie & Jim D
- S 9 Ian & Eleanor
- S 10 Mary F

### Thought starters for personal reflection or group discussion

1. Read Romans 8:28. Break it down into its constituent clauses. What is it actually stating. How do verses 29-30 clarify verse 28?
2. Imagine yourself in the place of Simon of Cyrene. What do you think went through his mind as the soldiers put a cross on him and ordered him to the place of execution?
3. Jesus said, “Do not weep for Me,” Luke 23:28. He was on His way to an excruciating death, so why would He think He was in a better position than the people in Jerusalem?
4. In Luke 23:29-30 Jesus quoted Micah 10:8b as a warning (1 Corinthians 10:11a) of what He had predicted (Luke 21:20-24). Is the Old Testament still a warning to us? Why does God give warnings?
5. A literal rendering of Jesus’ prayer would be, “Father, give them time, because they need to understand the implications what they are doing.” In what ways does this translation help to explain what He is praying?
6. Even non-Christians know the value of forgiveness. Oscar Wilde said, “Always forgive your enemies; nothing annoys them so much.” What is a better reason to forgive?
7. Do you agree with Thomas Szasz who said, “The stupid neither forgive nor forget; the naive forgive and forget; the wise forgive but do not forget.”