

# BRIEF INTERPRETATIVE OVERVIEW OF

## The passion according to Luke

# “Passionate Luke”

Poignant and Passionate Moments dot Luke’s account  
Emotional impact is intensified via a few short scenes

### 1. Gethsemane

- intense moment:

- Angel comes to Jesus’ aid
- Jesus’ sweat becomes like drops of blood (22:44)
- Only Luke refers to this as an agony (agonia = intense athletic contest).

### 2. Peter’s denial

- (22:61): the Lord turned and looked at Peter → enormous pathos

### 3. Jesus continues his healing ministry despite his suffering.

- Women of Jerusalem weeping (23:27-29)
- Famous words: “Father forgive them.....”(23:34)
- Reaches out to repentant thief (23:43)
- Jesus’ persecutors are reconciled (Herod and Pilate – 23:12)

### 4. Jesus dies as an innocent martyr .

- Pilate declares 3X that Jesus is innocent (23:4,14,22)
- Herod says Jesus is innocent (23:15)
- One of the thieves says Jesus is innocent (23:41)
- The centurion says Jesus is innocent (23:12)
- Jesus’ martyrdom prepares the way for future martyrs of the Church