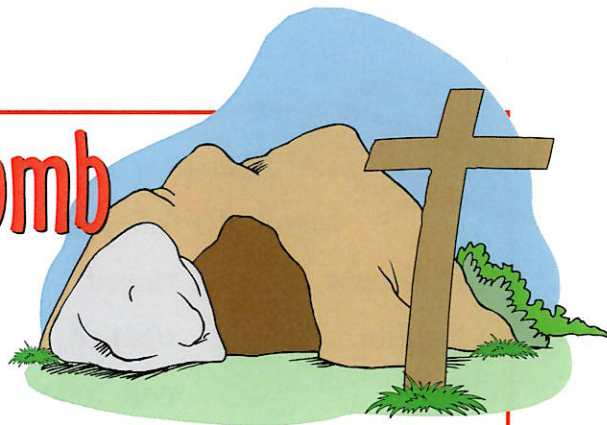


The Cross & the Empty Tomb



Lesson 10

Jesus Dies on the Cross

Theme: Thankfulness — Being thankful Jesus was willing to die for us

Memory Verses

“Jesus spoke to them, saying, ‘All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.’”

Matthew 28:18-20

Daily Bible Readings

Thursday	Matthew 27:33-44
Friday	Matthew 27:45-56
Saturday	Mark 15:22-41
Monday	Luke 23:33-49
Tuesday	John 19:17-30

Jesus did not receive a fair trial or kind treatment. The Jews wanted Him killed, and they were determined to do it. The wonderful part is that Jesus’ death served God’s great purpose for saving the world from sin.

Jesus Was Crucified

A common way of putting criminals to death during the time Jesus was on earth was crucifixion on a cross. A cross was a wooden frame that was shaped like a “T.” A cross was made of an upright piece of wood with a cross piece connected to it.



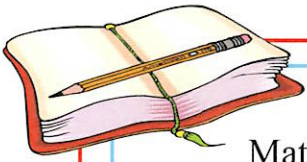
Matthew 27:33-44

Write the charge that was posted above Jesus’ head on the cross:

This is Jesus, the

What did the robbers do who were crucified along with Jesus?

loved Him kicked Him insulted Him



Matthew 27:45-56

Match the following:

Darkness	raised
Soldier	opened
Veil	concluded he was the Son of God
Earth	3 hours
Tombs	shook
Bodies	tore in two

When a man was crucified, his hands were connected to the crosspiece and his body was hanged on the upright post with his feet attached to it. Being suspended this way made it hard for the man to breathe. He would push up with his feet to expand his lungs to get more air. After several hours hanging on

a cross, a man would be so tired he could not push up with his feet any more and he would suffocate.

Jesus was led to the place of death, just outside the gates of Jerusalem. It was called Golgotha in the Hebrew language and Calvary in the Latin language. Two other men were crucified with Jesus, one on either side of Him. To most people, this was an ordinary execution. But if you know what Jesus said while He was on the cross, you know His death was not ordinary.



Mark 15:22-41

What did the soldiers do with Jesus' clothes?

Gambled for them tore them
threw them away

Jesus cried out, "My God, My God, why

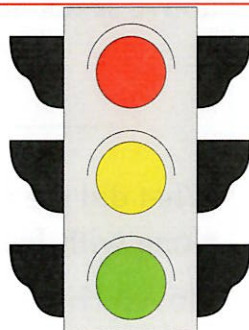
have You _____ Me?"

Jesus' Words

What Jesus said on the cross tells us a lot about His life and heart. His words show His attitudes toward God and others.

- *He said words of forgiveness (Luke 23:34).* Jesus knew people really didn't understand what they were doing, and He asked the Father to forgive them. He neither hated them nor made excuses for them. He was dying for them and for everyone.

I forgive people
whether they
ask or not.



Put an X in the light that
best describes you.

Red — never

Yellow — sometimes

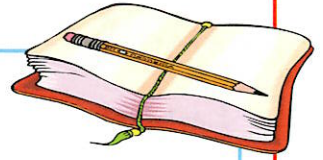
Green — always

- *He saved a man who asked Him to (Luke 23:43).* Sometime during the hours on the cross, one robber who was crucified with Jesus had a change of heart. He knew his own guilt, but he came to understand that Jesus was not guilty. This robber asked Jesus to remember him, and Jesus said He would.

Luke 23:33-49

Match the following: Jesus said...

"Forgive them"	turned Himself over to God
"With Me in paradise"	those who crucified Him
"Into your hands I commit my spirit"	a robber



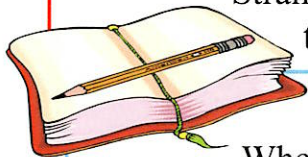
- *He cared for His mother (John 19:26-27).* Jesus' mother Mary was among a few family members and friends who stood near the cross as Jesus died. Jesus asked one of His disciples to take care of Mary. Even with all His own pain, Jesus still cared for others.
- *"I am thirsty" (John 19:28).* As the hours passed, Jesus knew He had done everything the Father wanted Him to do. Only then did He ask for a drink for His dry throat.
- *He felt the weight of sin (Matthew 27:46, Mark 15:34).* Jesus was bearing the sin of the whole world, sin that separates people from God. In paying the price for others' sin, Jesus was, for a moment, separated from the Father.
- *"It is finished" (John 19:30).* Jesus said His work on earth was completed. He had done the Father's will. He finished what He came to earth to do.
- *Jesus gave Himself to His Father (Luke 23:46).* He laid down His life as He said He would, and then turned Himself and all His work over to God.

Jesus' Death

Jesus was crucified about 9 AM and stayed on the cross for six hours. Darkness came over the land for three hours. About 3 o'clock in the afternoon, Jesus died.

Strange things started happening. The ground shook, and a curtain in the temple ripped in half. What happened was so strange that a Roman

soldier concluded that Jesus must be the Son of God. Most Jews wouldn't believe it, but the Roman soldier was right. Jesus, the Son of God, had died on the cross.



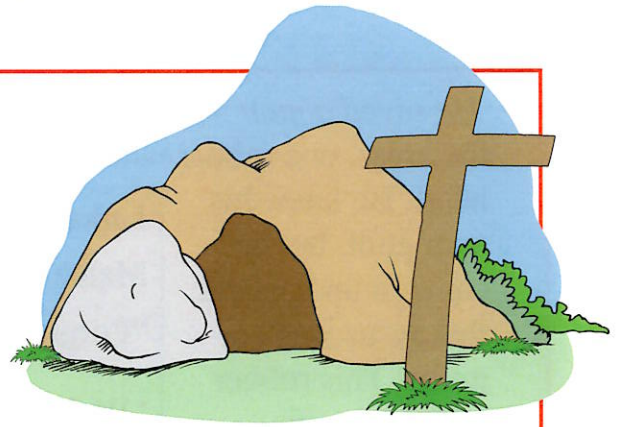
John 19:17-30

When Jesus said, "I am thirsty," He was caring for Himself:

- a) before He cared for His mother
- b) as His first concern on the cross
- c) when everything else was done

Think About It...

Last night you told your mom a lie to get out of some trouble. Your mom said, "OK. I believe you because I trust you." How do you feel now?



What should you do?



I Know My Bible Facts!

Which book in the New Testament is about being saved by grace through faith in Jesus?

Write the names of the 12 sons of Jacob.

On a map inside the back cover, locate the city of Damascus.