

The Death and Burial of Jesus

Matthew 27:45-66; Mark 15:33-47; Luke 23:44-56; John 19:28-42



The Story

The Roman judge, named Pontius Pilate, ordered Jesus to be crucified. Pilate was doing just what Jesus' Jewish enemies wanted him to do. The soldiers took Him away. The soldiers made Jesus carry His own cross. The cross was made out of heavy wood. When Jesus could no longer carry the cross, the soldiers took a man out of the crowd to carry it for Him

That morning, Jesus was crucified. The soldiers nailed His hands and feet to the cross. They put the cross on a high hill. There Jesus was to die.

They also crucified two other men, one on each side of Jesus. These men had stolen things. Jesus prayed for His enemies. "Father, forgive them." A sign was put on the cross. It said, "Jesus, King of the Jews."

As Jesus hung on the cross people made fun of Him. They said, "If You are really the Son of God, come down." Even one of the men on the cross made fun of Him. The other man said, "We have sinned, but this Man has done nothing wrong. Remember me when You go to heaven, Jesus." Jesus said to that man, "Today you will be with Me in heaven."

Jesus saw His mother, Mary. He said to John, His disciple, "Take care

of My mother. You will be her son and she will be your mother."

It became very dark then for three hours even though it was during the day. Jesus said, "I am thirsty." Someone standing nearby gave Him something to drink. Then Jesus said, "It is finished. I am going to die." He died. The rocks broke and the earth shook.

The soldiers went to the cross and found Jesus dead. They did not break His bones, but they took a spear and cut His side to make sure He was dead.

A rich man named Joseph asked to have the body of Jesus to bury it. He and his friends wrapped it in clean white cloths. The grave was a big cave dug out of the hillside.

Some women friends of Jesus watched Him get buried. They decided to come back after the worship day to prepare Jesus' body for burial. The women could not do this day because it was the Sabbath and not allowed.

The enemies of Jesus came to Pilate. They said they wanted a guard at the grave so Jesus' disciples could not steal His body and say that He rose from the dead. Pilate said they could have guards and that the door to the grave would also be sealed. Soldiers were there to watch over Jesus' grave.

Jesus suffered, died, and was buried.

Review- Use these directions to color the picture on page 1.

1. Color the men carrying Jesus blue. What was the name of one of the men?
2. Color the women pink. What were they planning to do the next day?
3. Color the body of Jesus red. How does Jesus' dying help you?

Activity- Do these sentences make us happy or sad? Color the happy or sad face.

Jesus died on the cross.	 	We are saved because Jesus died.	 
Our sins were the reason.	 		
Jesus died to save us.	 	Jesus died and rose.	 
Men buried Jesus in a grave.	 	We will go to heaven.	 

Passage

John 1:29 "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! "

Prayer

Dear Jesus,
Thank you for coming to earth to suffer and die for my sins. Please make me always sure that when I die I will go to heaven to be with You. Amen.