

TOPIC: THE DEATH AND BURIAL OF JESUS

WEEK: 3

The Crucifixion of Jesus Christ Matt 27:32-44

Jesus Christ was led to be crucified, a man named Simeon of Cyrene was forced to carry His cross behind Jesus to a place where he was crucified called in Hebrew Golgotha which means a place of skull.

Jesus was crucified along with two robbers, one on the left, the other on the right and the crowd mocked Him. Over the head of Jesus, was written a notice which reads "This is Jesus the king of the Jews". It was written by Pilate.

The Death of Jesus and His seven words on the Cross Matt. 27:45-56

Activity: Students will read the passage together

There was darkness over the whole land at about 12noon. At 3pm, Jesus cried out with a loud voice, Eli, Eli Lama Sabachthani which means My God My God why hast thou forsaken me? There was a great earthquake as well as the tearing of the temple curtain.

Jesus spoke the following words before He gave up the ghost

- A. Eli, Eli Lama Sabachthani? - My God My God why hast thou forsaken me? (Matthew 27:46) This was a cry of agony as he try to say man
- B. Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do (Luke 23:34) It was a prayer for His enemies even in pain.
- C. "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise (Luke 23:43) Jesus granted salvation to the robber at His right.
- D. "Father unto thy hands I commit my spirit (Luke 23:46) These words marked His return to His father after a successful mission.
- E. Mother, behold your son. Son, behold your Mother (John 19:26) Jesus gave His mother to John the apostle and by extension Christians.
- F. I thirst (John 19:28) His human nature needed water.
- G. It is finished (John 19:30) This means He has completed His assignment and victory has been won.

The Burial of Jesus Christ Matthew 29:57-61

There was a rich man from Arimathea named Joseph. He was a secret disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate that evening and asked for the body of Jesus for burial.

Pilate permitted him and he wrapped Him in a clean linen cloth and laid Him in his own new tomb. Rolled a big stone to cover the tomb.

Those who witnessed this were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and John, Mary mother of Jesus, Salome.

Significance of the Crucifixion

- i. The acceptance of the robber shows Jesus forgives those who sin and confess their sins.
- ii. The darkness which covered the whole place symbolized the death of Jesus.
- iii. His death confirms that Jesus is the Messiah and true son of God.
- iv. The tearing of the temple curtain indicates we now have a direct access to God and sacrifices are no longer needed to gain access to God.

Evaluation-Students

- 1. What is the Hebrew name of the place Jesus was crucified?
- 2. Mention the writing of Pilate over the head of Jesus.
- 3. State four words of Jesus on the cross.
- 4. What is the significance of the curtain that thorn into two
- 5. Mention three women present at the burial of Jesus.
- 6. What is the significant of the darkness that covered the whole place?

Home Work

Read the next topic on the resurrection and appearance of Jesus.