

One Who Suffered and Died

Introduction: How do people in your home country deal with loss of life and expressing grief?

Words to Know:

Son of God: A term used to refer to Jesus

God's Word: Mark 15:25-26, 31-47

²⁵It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. ²⁶They wrote out the charge against him. It read, THE KING OF THE JEWS.

³¹In the same way the chief priests and the teachers of the law made fun of him among themselves. "He saved others," they said. "But he can't save himself! ³²Let this Messiah, this king of Israel, come down now from the cross! When we see that, we will believe." Those who were being crucified with Jesus also made fun of him.

Jesus Dies

³³At noon, darkness covered the whole land. It lasted three hours. ³⁴At three o'clock in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "*Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?*" This means "My God, my God, why have you deserted me?" ([Psalm 22:1](#))

³⁵Some of those standing nearby heard Jesus cry out. They said, "Listen! He's calling for Elijah."

³⁶Someone ran and filled a sponge with wine vinegar. He put it on a stick. He offered it to Jesus to drink. "Leave him alone," he said. "Let's see if Elijah comes to take him down."

³⁷With a loud cry, Jesus took his last breath.

³⁸The temple curtain was torn in two from top to bottom. ³⁹A Roman commander was standing there in front of Jesus. He saw how Jesus died. Then he said, "This man was surely the Son of God!"

⁴⁰Not very far away, some women were watching. Mary Magdalene was among them. Mary, the mother of the younger James and of Joseph, was also there. So was Salome. ⁴¹In Galilee these women had followed Jesus. They had taken care of his needs. Many other women were also there. They had come up with him to Jerusalem.

Jesus Is Buried

⁴²It was the day before the Sabbath. That day was called Preparation Day. As evening approached, ⁴³Joseph went boldly to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body. Joseph was from the town of Arimathea. He was a leading member of the Jewish Council. He was waiting for God's kingdom. ⁴⁴Pilate was surprised to hear that Jesus was already dead. So he called for the Roman commander. He asked him if Jesus had already died. ⁴⁵The commander said it was true. So Pilate gave the body to Joseph. ⁴⁶Then Joseph bought some linen cloth. He took down the body and wrapped it in the linen. He put it in a tomb cut out of rock. Then he rolled a stone against the entrance to the tomb. ⁴⁷Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph saw where Jesus' body had been placed.

Questions:

1. How did the chief priests and teachers make fun of Jesus?
2. What two unusual things happened at the crucifixion? Also - ***Read Historical Note below***
3. How did the Roman commander respond?
4. Who was Joseph and what did he do?
5. How do you think the two women named Mary felt when they saw Joseph roll the big stone in front of Jesus' tomb?
6. What difference would it make to us if Jesus had decided not to go through with dying on the cross?

More Verses to Think About:

²³ People shouted at him and made fun of him. But he didn't do the same back to them. He suffered. But he didn't say that bad things would happen to them. Instead, he trusted in the One who judges fairly. ²⁴ He himself carried our sins in his body on the cross. He did it so that we would die as far as sins are concerned. Then we would lead godly lives. His wounds have made you whole. 1 Peter 2:23-24

Historical note on Temple Curtain: In the Jewish temple, the curtain served as the barrier to the *Holy of Holies*. The Holy of Holies was said to be where God's presence rested. Only the high priest could enter this area, one time per year, to make a sacrifice for the sins of the people. The curtain was 45 to 60-foot high, and four inches thick.