

● Lesson 11



JESUS' DEATH

Think about it. Jesus, God's only Son, died for us. He never sinned, yet He took the sins of the world on Himself when He died on the cross. God has such great love for all people. He wants all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of the Truth (1 Timothy 2:4).

The account of Jesus' trials, crucifixion, and death is told in all four Gospels. This was a tragedy for His disciples, and it was only after His resurrection that they would understand. Jesus' sacrifice meant hope and salvation for them and for all who would believe.

Memory Verse

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.
Romans 5:8

THE UNJUST TRIALS

From the time of Jesus' arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane until He was nailed to the cross, Jesus went through five trials. According to Jewish and Roman law, trials were not to be held after dark. There was also to be at least one day's time between trials. The five trials of Jesus, all held during the course of one night, were not legal trials.

After filling in the chart on the next page about the trials of Jesus, answer and discuss the following questions.

1. Do you think Jesus' trials were fair? _____
2. Was Jesus treated **humanely**? _____
3. Did Jesus deserve to be sentenced to death? _____

Jesus didn't complain about how He was treated. He suffered and died willingly, knowing this was God's plan. Jesus' death on the cross paid the debt for the sins of all people, including you. His sacrifice was even for the men who pounded the nails into His hands and feet.

JESUS' DEATH ON THE CROSS

Read Matthew 27:50, Mark 15:37, Luke 23:46, and John 19:30.

4. What did Jesus say as He breathed His last breath? Luke 23:46 _____

5. What does John record as Jesus' "last" words? John 19:30 _____

ROMAN CRUCIFIXION

- To crucify means "to fasten to a stake or pole."
- Roman crucifixion was a painful, horrible, slow way to die. It involved tying or nailing the guilty person to a crossbeam which was then attached to a pole. The criminal was left hanging until he died. Death by crucifixion was a great disgrace.
- In the Roman world, only slaves and foreigners were put to death by crucifixion. Roman citizens were protected by law from the pain and shame of crucifixion.
- Because the Jews were under Roman rule, Jewish authorities could not put a man to death. Only Roman authorities could carry out the death sentence.

Jesus on Trial

	TRIAL #1 John 18:12-14, 19-24	TRIAL #2 Matthew 26:57, 59-68	TRIAL #3 Luke 23:1-5	TRIAL #4 Luke 23:8-12	TRIAL #5 Luke 23:13-25
What was the accusation?	<i>They questioned Jesus about His disciples and His teaching.</i>	<i>Claiming to be the Christ.</i>	<i>Misleading the nation, forbidding to pay taxes to Ceasar, and claiming to be Christ.</i>	<i>Claiming to be Christ the King.</i>	<i>Inciting the people to rebellion.</i>
Who was the judge?					
Who were the witnesses testifying against Him?					
What was the verdict?					
What was the sentence or punishment?					

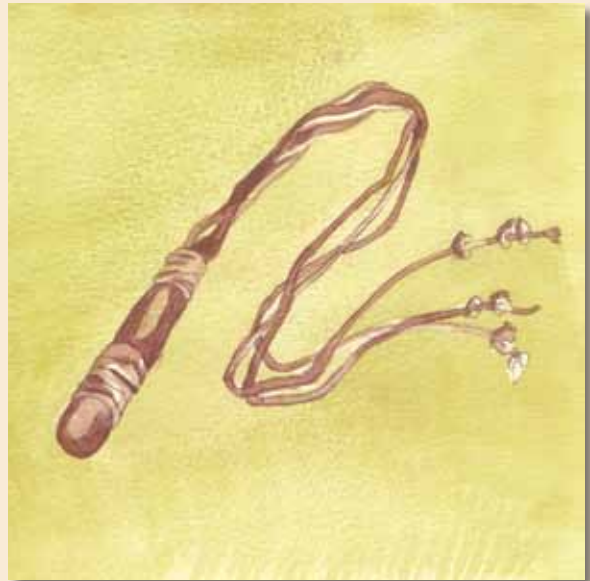


Jesus finished the work God gave Him to do. He completed God's plan of salvation. Because of His great love for the world, He gave His life so that all who believe in Him might have eternal life.

6. At the time of Jesus' death, what happened to the veil (curtain) in the temple? Mark 15:38

It was as though God was announcing that people could now approach Him directly without going through the priests. Because of Jesus' sacrificial death, the WAY to God had been opened! Jesus is The Way of Salvation!

Fast Fact: Scourging



- A scourge was a whip with several cords or leather straps bound together and weighted with jagged pieces of bone or metal.
- It was brought into Jewish life by the Syrians and legalized by Jewish law, which fixed the maximum number of blows to 40 for flogging (Deuteronomy 25:3).
- A person sentenced to scourging was stripped and fastened to a pole or frame. The blows were applied to the backside but sometimes even to the face and abdomen. Most people who were scourged lost consciousness, and many died.
- After Jesus was scourged, He was forced to carry His own cross (John 19:17).

Catechism Corner

1. When was the suffering of Christ greatest? (Q. 179)

In the night before His death and on Good Friday, when He was delivered into the hands of His enemies, and was bound, beaten, scourged, crowned with thorns, and finally nailed to the cross.

2. What did Christ accomplish for us by His death on the cross? (Q. 183)

By His death He has paid the wages of sin, which is death.

3. According to Romans 5:8, how did God show His love for us? _____

4. Besides salvation, how else does Jesus' death give us hope for tomorrow? Romans 8:32
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29 A.D.

Start of Jesus' public ministry

33 A.D.

Jesus' death & resurrection