

## Jesus—Matthew 27:32-66; Jn 19:23-24

### Jesus is Crucified, Buried, and Guarded

#### I. Additional Scriptures/Notes...

1. Parallels: Mk 15:21-41; Lk 23:26-49; Jn 19:17-22
2. **Mt 27:32...** “To maximize the deterrent value of crucifixion, an execution squad usually traveled the busiest streets in order that the greatest number of people might see the condemned and be reminded of the fact that crime doesn’t pay” [Kenneth Chumbley, *The Gospel According to Matthew*, p. 497].
3. **Mt 27:34...** “Vinegar (*oxos*, sour wine) mixed with gall (*chole*, a vague word for drugs with a bitter taste) is offered Christ. It is not known whether this was done because the drink had a stupefying effect which made it easier for the executioners to handle condemned persons or whether it was part of the soldiers’ abuse” [Chumbley, p. 498].
4. **Mt 27:35...** “One of the most amazing features about the Gospel accounts of the crucifixion is their brevity. The writers are content to state the fact of crucifixion without going into detail or playing upon the sympathy of their readers” [Chumbley, p. 499]. ... “Crucifixion was the most degrading form of capital punishment, reserved for rebels, mutinous slaves and other unspeakable enemies of society; and it was also the most prolonged and painful” ... “Having noted the horror of crucifixion, it is important to again note where Matthew places the emphasis in his recounting of Christ’s death. ... Physically, Jesus’ suffering was indistinguishable from that of untold millions. But in His soul he alone endured the hell imposed upon Him by the guilt of the world (26:37-44)” ... “Mark places the time of the crucifixion at the ‘third hour’ (9 AM). According to John 19:23 the soldiers (a crucifixion detail usually included four guards) each took one article of Christ’s clothing (probably a belt, sandals, head covering, and outer garment) and cast lots for His seamless tunic” [Chumbley, pp. 500-01].
5. **Mt 27:37...** “According to John 19:19-20, Pilate wrote in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin (the languages of religion, culture, and politics) the words, ‘This is Jesus the King of the Jews’ [Chumbley, p. 501].
6. **Mt 27:40...** Cf., Jn 2:18-21.
7. **Mt 27:44...** “Luke records that one of them ultimately had a change of heart and asked Christ to remember him when He came into His kingdom. To this he received the promise, ‘Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise’ (23:40-43; Jn 12:32). A criminal thus entered the kingdom before the religious elite (21:31). Matthew focus, however, is not on the thief, but on the fact that Jesus was surrounded by hatred as He died” [Chumbley, p. 503].
8. **Mt 27:45...** “The three hours of darkness (from the sixth hour [noon] to the ninth hour [3 PM]) is the first of four phenomena that occurred in connection with Christ’s death 9v 51-53). It is impossible to determine from the expression ‘all the land’ the area affected (24:30; see Ex 10:22 where darkness covered ‘all the land of Egypt’)” [Chumbley, p. 504].
9. **Mt 27:46...** “And why did God forsake His Son? Because the Son became a curse for us (Gal 3:13); He who knew no sin was made to be sin for us (2 Cor 5:21) and God cannot fellowship sin (Isa 59:2)” [Chumbley, p. 504].
10. **Mt 27:50...** “Uttering His final words—either, ‘Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit’ (Lk 23:46) or ‘It is finished’ (Jn 19:30), Jesus dies. None of the Evangelists uses any of the usual ways of saying that Jesus died, and this may be part of the way they

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- bring out the truth that there was something in his death that set it apart from all other deaths” [Chumbley, p. 506].
11. **Mt 27:51...** “At this point a second phenomenon (v. 45) occurs: the veil separating the Holy Place from the Holy of Holies in the Temple is torn from top to bottom. This act was in fact a Divine statement about the significance of Christ’s death (Hebrews 6:19-20; 10:19-20). What it symbolized was that a way of access had been opened to God by the death of Jesus. ... Since Jesus died about 3 PM (v 45), near the time of the evening sacrifice, it is likely that the incident was known almost immediately and was possibly even witnessed by the officiating priests. The third phenomenon was an earthquake that shook the earth and split rocks” [Chumbley, p. 506].
  12. **Mt 27:52-53...** “The fourth phenomenon, mentioned only by Matthew, is the opening of graves (which may have resulted from the earthquake) and the resurrection of many saints. ... There is no information concerning what happened to them after this event, but their resurrection dramatically illustrated the truth that Christ destroyed death by His death (1 Cor 15:20; Heb 2:14-15)” [Chumbley, p. 507].
  13. **Mt 27:56...** “From John 19:26 we learn that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was also at the cross—possibly standing apart from these 3, who were ‘looking on from afar’ (v. 55), as if they could not bear to watch His sufferings, but neither could they bear to leave Him” [*The MacArthur Study Bible*, p. 1450].
  14. **Mt 27:57...** “Joseph is described in the Gospels as being: wealthy (1 sa 53:9), good and righteous (Lk 23:50), one who waited for the coming of the kingdom (Mk 15:43), and a member of the Sanhedrin who had not consented to Christ’s condemnation (Mk 15:43; Lk 23:51). Until now he had kept his discipleship secret out of fear (Jn 19:38), but that which sent most of Jesus’ followers into hiding had the opposite effect on Joseph and brought him out into the open” [Chumbley, p. 509].
  15. **Mt 27:60...** “To protect the bodies from animals and grave robbers the entrance would be barricaded with a closing stone: either a rough boulder or a circular stone that rolled in a groove cut in the rock. This groove was on an incline, making the grave easy to seal but difficult to open: several men might be needed to roll the stone back up the incline... Extant closing stones weigh between five and six hundred pounds” [Chumbley, p. 509-10].

## II. Chronology.

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## III. Summary.

Because of exhaustion from the trials and beatings and horrible mistreatment, Jesus did not have the physical strength to carry His cross alone, thus Simon was compelled to bear it. Jesus was taken to Calvary where he was crucified. It is amazing that there is no attempt to elaborate greatly on the fact, but rather just the simple statement He was crucified. Each Lord’s Day our minds go back to this event as we observe the Lord’s Supper. The cross is a central focus of our worship assemblies. The suffering endured at Calvary was suffered for you and me.

## IV. Outline.

1. The crucifixion (Mt 27:22-44).
2. The death of Jesus (Mt 27:45-56).
3. The burial of Jesus (Mt 27:57-61).
4. A guard is posted (Mt 27:62-66).

**V. Questions.****True or False**

01. \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus was buried in Joseph's own tomb.
02. \_\_\_\_\_ A seal was put on the sepulchre where Jesus was laid.
03. \_\_\_\_\_ There were six hours of darkness as Jesus hanged on the cross.
04. \_\_\_\_\_ On the cross, Jesus called for Elijah.
05. \_\_\_\_\_ Even people who passed by the cross reviled Jesus.

**Fill in the Blanks**

06. "Pilate said unto them, Ye have a \_\_\_\_\_: go your way, make it as \_\_\_\_\_ as ye can."
07. The centurion, and they that were with him, \_\_\_\_\_.
08. "And they \_\_\_\_\_ him, and parted his garments, casting lots..."
09. "The \_\_\_\_\_ also, which were \_\_\_\_\_ with him, cast the same in his teeth."
10. The vail of the temple was rent in twain from the \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_.
11. A place of a skull is also called Calvary or \_\_\_\_\_.
12. The Simon who carried Jesus' cross was from \_\_\_\_\_.
13. Joseph of Arimathaea is described as a \_\_\_\_\_ man.
14. Joseph of Arimathaea was a \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus.
15. Joseph wrapped the body of Jesus in a \_\_\_\_\_ cloth.

*Each Question is worth 7 Points*

**My Score is:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Answers will be found on next week's handout*

**ANSWERS to Lesson 01-104...** [01—Luke, turned, looked, remembered; 02—afar, went, sat, Mt 26:58; 03—wept, Mt 26:75; 04—guilty, Mt 26:66; 05—Caiaphas, high, priest, Mt 26:57; 06—three, Mt 26:69-75; 07—16, 16, Christ, Son; 08—answerest, nothing, Mt 26:62; 09—put, death, Mt 26:59; 10—sitting, power, heaven, Mt 26:64; 11—not, Mt 26:64; 12—they, speech, Mt 26:73; 13—bound, Jn 18:12; 14—father-in-law, Jn 18:13; 15—known, Jn 18:15.]

**VI. Lessons & Applications.**

Meditation for the Lord's Supper...

1. There is ONE Lord (Jn 14:6). Who is the Lord (ruler) of your life?
2. There were TWO thieves beside Christ (Lk 23:39-43). This was in fulfillment of prophecy (Isa 53:12).
3. There were THREE crosses.
  - 1) One thief a REBELLER (Lk 23:39).
  - 2) One thief a REPENTER (Lk 23:40).
  - 3) Jesus, the REDEEMER (1 Pet 1:18-19).
4. There were FOUR parts of Jesus' garment (Jn 19:23, 34; Ps 22).
5. There were FIVE wounds--2 hands, 2 feet, and side (Jn 19:34).
6. There were SIX hours (our time) of crucifixion (Mk 15:25, 34, 37). Remember the suffering.
7. There were SEVEN things He said on the Cross: (1) Forgiveness, Lk 23:34; (2) Salvation, Lk 23:43; (3) Compassion, John 19:26-27; (4) Human Suffering, Jn 19:28; (5) Loneliness, Mt 27:46; (6) Victory, Jn 19:30; (7) Tremendous trust, Lk 23:46.

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VII. Seek-A-Word Puzzle.

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[The highlighted words can be found above. They may be backwards, diagonal, upside down, etc. See if you can find them all. The more you use the words of the Bible, the greater blessed you will be! You might be surprised at how much this little exercise will help you retain important truths. THANK YOU for the good effort you are putting forth in Bible study. DRL]

**Matthew 27:46-50...** <sup>46</sup>And about the **ninth hour** Jesus cried with a **loud** voice, saying, **Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?** that is to say, **My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?** <sup>47</sup>Some of them that stood there, when they heard *that*, said, This *man* calleth for Elias. <sup>48</sup>And straightway one of them ran, and took a **sponge**, and filled *it* with **vinegar**, and put *it* on a **reed**, and gave him to **drink**. <sup>49</sup>The rest said, **Let be**, let us see whether Elias will come to **save** him. <sup>50</sup>Jesus, when he had **cried again** with a loud voice, **yielded** up the **ghost**.