The Death of Jesus

We love Him because He first loved us.
1 John 4:19

Matthew 27:33-54 - *The Death of Jesus*

33 And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), 34 they offered Him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when He tasted it, He would not drink it.

35 And when they had crucified Him, they divided His garments among them by casting lots. 36 Then they sat down and kept watch over Him there. 37 And over His head they put the charge against Him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

38 Then two robbers were crucified with Him, one on the right and one on the left. 39 And those who passed by derided Him, wagging their heads 40 and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save Yourself! If You are the Son of God, come down from the cross."

41 So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked Him, saying, 42 "He saved others; He cannot save Himself. He is the King of Israel; let Him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in Him. 43 He trusts in God; let God deliver Him now, if He desires Him. For He said, 'I am the Son of God.'"

44 And the robbers who were crucified with Him also reviled Him in the same way.

45 Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. 46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My God, why have you

forsaken me?” 47 And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, “This man is calling Elijah.”

48 And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to Him to drink. 49 But the others said, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save Him.”

50 And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up His spirit.

51 And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. 52 The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, 53 and coming out of the tombs after His resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many.

54 When the centurion and those who were there with Him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, “Truly this was the Son of God!”

(Read also: Mark 15:16-41, Luke 23:26-49, John 19:17-30)

A Closer Look: *The Crucifixion of Jesus*

1. How did Jesus die? *(He gave His life on the cross)*

2. Where was Jesus crucified? *(Golgotha or Calvary)*

3. Who did Jesus pray for while on the cross? *(His enemies)*

4. The church leaders mocked Him. What did they tell Jesus to do? *(Save Yourself. Come down from the cross and we will believe.)*

5. What did the sign above Jesus head say? *(He was King of the Jews)*

6. Why did Jesus die? *(He loved us so much that He died to pay the price for our sins)*

7. A centurion was an officer in the Roman army. What did he say as he watched the crucifixion of Jesus? *(This was the Son of God)*

8. When did Jesus rise from the dead? (Three days later, Easter)

9. Some very unusual things happened when Jesus died. Name them. *(The curtain in the temple tore, there was an earthquake, some of the dead rose.)* **How do these events help you to see that Jesus truly is the Son of God?**