CAMPUS
BIBLE CHURCH

"The Death of the King"
Matthew 27:45–54
The Crucifixion of the King

How does a good and loving Father sacrifice His Son? Because He is good and loving, as is His Son.

Seven Events at Golgotha:

1. **The Darkness (v. 45)**

   "*Now from the sixth hour darkness fell upon all the land until the ninth hour.*"

2. **The Cry (v. 46)**

   "*About the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, 'Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?' that is, 'My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?'*"

3. **The Misunderstanding (vv. 47–49)**

   "*And some of those who were standing there, when they heard it, began saying, 'This man is calling for Elijah.' Immediately one of them ran, and taking a sponge, he filled it with sour wine and put it on a reed, and gave Him a drink. But the rest of them said, 'Let us see whether Elijah will come to save Him.'*"

4. **The Death (v. 50)**

   "*And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit.*"

5. **The Split of the Veil and the Earth (v. 51)**

   "*And behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth shook and the rocks were split.*"

6. **The Resurrection of the Dead (vv. 52–53)**

   "*The tombs were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; and coming out of the tombs after His resurrection they entered the holy city and appeared to many.*"

7. **The Confession of Faith (v. 54)**

   "*Now the centurion, and those who were with him keeping guard over Jesus, when they saw the earthquake and the things that were happening, became very frightened and said, 'Truly this was the Son of God!'*"

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:
1. If a non-believer asked you why Jesus died, what would your response be?
2. How do the events studied demonstrate the love of the Father and the Son?
3. How does knowing the extent of Jesus' sacrifice increase your love for Him?
4. The reality of what Jesus endured should protect us from viewing evangelism as an obligation. How so?
5. Why is it important to talk about sin when sharing the good news?