

Seven Days

Matthew 26 & 27

March 29, 2026

82% of unchurched people would come to church if invited.

Only **2%** of Christians actually invite the unchurched.

This **Resurrection Sunday, April 4th** let's change that!

Think of one person in your life...

- Send the ***Text***
- Make the ***Invite***
- Save them a ***Seat***

- The Betrayal and Temptation

Matthew 26:56 (NLT)

⁵⁶ But this is all happening to fulfill the words of the prophets as recorded in the Scriptures." At that point, all the disciples deserted him and fled.

Matthew 26:75 (NLT)

⁷⁵ Suddenly, Jesus' words flashed through Peter's mind: "Before the rooster crows, you will deny three times that you even know me." And he went away, weeping bitterly.

Matthew 26:31-35 (NLT)

³¹ On the way, Jesus told them, "Tonight all of you will desert me. For the Scriptures say, 'God will strike the Shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' ³² But after I have been raised from the dead, I will go ahead of you to Galilee and meet you there."

³³ Peter declared, "Even if everyone else deserts you, I will never desert you." ³⁴ Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, Peter—this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny three times that you even know me." ³⁵ "No!" Peter insisted. "Even if I have to die with you, I will never deny you!" And all the other disciples vowed the same.

Matthew 26:40-41 (NLT)

⁴⁰ Then he returned to the disciples and found them asleep. He said to Peter, "Couldn't you watch with me even one hour? ⁴¹ Keep watch and pray, so that you will not give in to temptation. For the spirit is willing, but the body is weak!"

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- Judas Guilt

Matthew 27:3-4 (NLT)

³When Judas, who had betrayed him, realized that Jesus had been condemned to die, he was filled with remorse. So he took the thirty pieces of silver back to the leading priests and the elders. ⁴“I have sinned,” he declared, “for I have betrayed an innocent man.” “What do we care?” they retorted. “That’s your problem.”

Remorse - to regret, be sorry, change one’s mind. *Lexham’s Theological Wordbook*

- The Flogging

Matthew 27:26 (NLT)

²⁶So Pilate released Barabbas to them. He ordered Jesus flogged with a lead-tipped whip, then turned him over to the Roman soldiers to be crucified.

Isaiah 53:5 (NLT)

⁵But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed.

Luke 9:23-25 (NLT)

²³Then he said to the crowd, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me. ²⁴If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it. ²⁵And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but are yourself lost or destroyed?”

Skull in Greek is ***Kranion***.

Skull in Aramaic is ***Golgotha***.

Skull in Latin is ***Calvariae*** (Calvary)



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- The Crucifixion

This is Jesus, the King of the Jews!

- Abandoned

Matthew 27:45-46 (NLT)

⁴⁵At noon, darkness fell across the whole land until three o'clock. ⁴⁶At about three o'clock, Jesus called out with a loud voice, "*Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?*" which means "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?"

2 Corinthians 5:21 (ESV)

²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

- Death

John 19:30 (NLT)

³⁰When Jesus had tasted it, he said, "It is finished!" Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

It is finished – this phrase is one word in the Greek – Tetelesti – means complete, execute, conclude, discharge (a debt)

The Triumphant Declaration signaled that Jesus had:

- a. Fulfilled His ***earthly mission*** given by the Father.
- b. Fulfilled OT prophecy about the ***Messiah's suffering***.
- c. Completed the work of spiritual rescue and restoration by providing the perfect ***sacrifice for sin***.
- d. Secured the ***decisive victory*** over Satan and his network of demons.
- e. Achieved the means of ***restoring God's relationship*** with his creation and sinful humanity.

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Matthew 27:50-52 (NLT)

⁵⁰Then Jesus shouted out again, and he released his spirit. ⁵¹At that moment the curtain in the sanctuary of the Temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, rocks split apart, ⁵²and tombs opened. The bodies of many godly men and women who had died were raised from the dead.

***Jesus is... the King of the Jews—
and the Gentiles, and the whole world.***