

Good Friday: Jesus The Great and Sympathetic High Priest  
Hebrews 4:14-16

I. He sympathizes (14-15)

a. What are the offices of Christ? (14)

3 offices of Christ:

Prophet: Represents God before the people

Priest: Represents the people before God

King: Reigns over the people

b. How does Christ execute the office of the great high priest? (15)

c. What is the implication for us? – Jesus is able to sympathize with us

II. He sacrifices (15)

A. How did Christ sacrifice?

With his life (15)

Hebrews 2:17

With his death (15)

Hebrews 10:12

B. What is the implication for us? – Because of Jesus' sacrifice, he still intercedes for us

III. He secures (16)

"with confidence" – bold openness

"draw near" – to approach again and again

"throne of grace" – the place of God's presence

"receive mercy and find grace" – to receive God's love

"to help in time of need" – to receive God's power

What is the implication for us? –

Because of the sympathy and sacrifice of Christ, he gives us security to draw near to God to receive his presence, love and power

## **Meditation during the communion**

### **4:00 to 6:00 a.m.**

Jesus's trial before Annas and Caiaphas.

([Matthew 26:57–68](#); [Mark 14:53–65](#); [Luke 22:66–70](#); [John 18:12–28](#))

### **6:00 to 8:00 a.m.**

Jesus's trial before Pontius Pilate and Herod. Jesus appears before Pilate, is sent over to Herod, and then back to Pilate where he is sentenced to be crucified.

([Matthew 27:1–26](#); [Mark 15:1–15](#); [Luke 23:1–25](#); [John 18:28–19:16](#))

### **8:00 to 8:30 a.m.**

Jesus carries his cross, with Simon of Cyrene's help, to Golgotha.

([Matthew 27:27–32](#); [Mark 15:16–22](#); [Luke 23:26–33](#); [John 19:16–17](#))

### **9:00 a.m. (Crucifixion)**

Jesus is crucified: "It was the third hour" ([Mark 15:25](#)). For the Jewish people, the first hour of the day was 6:00 a.m.

([Matthew 27:35](#); [Luke 23:33](#); [John 19:18–22](#))

### **9:00 to 9:30 a.m.**

The soldiers divide Jesus's clothing. He prays for them.

([Matthew 27:35](#); [Mark 15:24](#); [Luke 23:34](#); [John 19:23–24](#))

### **9:30 to 11:00 a.m.**

The soldiers watch over the crucifixion and mock Jesus: "He can't save himself. Come down from there, Son of God."

([Matthew 27:36–43](#); [Mark 15:29–32](#); [Luke 23:35–38](#))

### **11:00 a.m. to Noon**

Jesus speaks from the cross to the thieves on either side. The repentant thief asks Jesus to remember him, and Jesus promises, "Today you will be with me in paradise." And to his mother, Mary, and to John, Jesus says, "Woman, here is your son. . . . John, here is your mother."

([Matthew 27:38–44](#); [Luke 23:39–43](#); [John 19:25–27](#))

### **Noon**

A three-hour darkness descends upon the land: "When the sixth hour had come, there was a darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour."

([Matthew 27:45](#); [Mark 15:33](#))

### **Noon to 3:00 p.m.**

The earth quakes, the temple curtain is torn, and Jesus thirsts.

([Matthew 27:51–54](#); [Mark 15:38](#); [Luke 23:45](#); [Matthew 27:46–50](#); [Mark 15:33–37](#); [Luke 23:35–38](#); [John 19:29](#))

### **3:00 p.m.**

Jesus dies: "At the ninth hour, Jesus cried out, 'My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?'" "Jesus said, 'It is finished,' and he gave up his spirit."

([Matthew 27:46](#); [Mark 15:34–39](#); [Luke 23:46](#); [John 19:30](#))

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After this, before night set in, the soldiers thrust a spear into Jesus side to make sure he was dead. They then permitted Joseph of Arimathea to take down Jesus's body and bury him in a nearby grave.

They sealed the grave with a large round stone built to roll like a giant wheel into place, covering the mouth of the tomb.

Everyone expected he would remain in that tomb, because that's what happens with those who are dead and buried. They stay dead and they stay buried.