

THE MINISTRY OF JESUS
The Day Jesus Dies
Matthew 27:27-56
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Jesus has been condemned to death by crucifixion.

THE SOLDIERS MOCK JESUS

Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him. ²⁸ They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹ and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand. Then they knelt in front of him and mocked him. "Hail, king of the Jews!" they said. ³⁰ They spit on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again. ³¹ After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

Matthew 27:27-32 NIV

In mock worship they hail Him king of the Jews. They are not wrong.

JESUS IS HUNG ON THE CROSS

As they were going out, they met a man from Cyrene, named Simon, and they forced him to carry the cross. ³³ They came to a place called Golgotha (which means "the place of the skull"). ³⁴ There they offered Jesus wine to drink, mixed with gall; but after tasting it, he refused to drink it. ³⁵ When they had crucified him, they divided up his clothes by casting lots. ³⁶ And sitting down, they kept watch over him there. ³⁷ Above his head they placed the written charge against him: THIS IS JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS.

Matthew 27:32-37 NIV

The place of crucifixion is called the place of the skull. We call it Calvary.

When the religious leaders objected Pilate would not relent.

THEY CONTINUE TO MOCK JESUS

Two rebels were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁹ Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads.

Matthew 27:38-39 NIV

Accusation #1 – You were going to rebuild the Temple in 3 days.

Accusation #2 – Save yourself

Accusation #3 – As the Son of God you would not suffer

If Jesus had come down and not died on the cross:

There would be no blood covenant for the forgiveness of sins

No ransom paid

No salvation from our sin

No theological basis for our healing

No gospel of the kingdom to proclaim to the nations

No fulfillment of scripture

JESUS DIES

From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land. ⁴⁶ About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" (which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?") ⁵⁰ And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up His spirit. Matthew 27:45-46, 50

NIV

Darkness in scripture is often a sign of judgment.

AT THAT MOMENT...

And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, He gave up his spirit. He died.

At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split ⁵² and the tombs broke open. The bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. ⁵³ They came out of the tombs after Jesus' resurrection and went into the holy city and appeared to many people. Matthew 27:51-53

The curtain represented, our separation because of sin.

Those coming out of the tombs are just a few that Jesus resurrected and took to Heaven.

THE FINAL SCENE AT THE CROSS

When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, "Surely he was the Son of God!" Matthew 27:54 NIV

Matthew has been trying to communicate to the Jews and to us that Jesus is the Messiah.

There is no bigger turning point in history than God coming to earth and living with us to explain who He is and then He sacrifices Himself so we can again walk in His presence.

Will you accept His offer of life?