

## John 19: 16-27

**16** Finally Pilate handed him over to them to be crucified. So the soldiers took charge of Jesus. **17** Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). **18** Here they crucified him, and with him two others-- one on each side and Jesus in the middle. **19** Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. **20** Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Aramaic, Latin and Greek. **21** The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate, "Do not write 'The King of the Jews,' but that this man claimed to be king of the Jews." **22** Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written." **23** When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom. **24** "Let's not tear it," they said to one another. "Let's decide by lot who will get it." This happened that the scripture might be fulfilled which said, "They divided my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing." So this is what the soldiers did. **25** Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. **26** When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Dear woman, here is your son," **27** and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

1. In verse 21, how could Jesus claim to be king?
2. According to verse 24, why didn't the soldiers tear Jesus garment? What does this show?

In verse 18 it says that two others were crucified with Jesus. The Gospel of Luke gives more detail about their interaction with Jesus.

**Luke 23:39** One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!" **Lu 23:40** But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? **Lu 23:41** We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong." **Lu 23:42** Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." **Lu 23:43** Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise." **Lu 23:44** It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, **Lu 23:45** for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. **Lu 23:46** Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last. **Lu 23:47** The centurion, seeing what had happened, praised God and said, "Surely this was a righteous man."

3. According to this section, did both criminals believe in Jesus?
4. According to verse 39, why was the one criminal insulting Jesus?
5. According to verse 43, what did Jesus promise the one who believed?
6. In verse 43, how could Jesus say that this man would be in heaven if he was a bad man? What does this teach about salvation?
7. In verse 45, it talks about the curtain in the temple. What was the purpose of the curtain?
8. Why is it significant that the curtain was ripped in two?
9. In verse 47, why was the centurion who watched Jesus convinced that he was righteous?

During the time when Jesus was on the cross Matthew records some other words that Jesus said:

**Matthew 27:45** From the sixth hour until the ninth hour darkness came over all the land. **Mt 27:46** About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, <"Eloi, Eloi, lama> <sabachthani?">-- which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

10. Why did Jesus say that God had forsaken him?

**Deuteronomy 21:23** you must not leave his body on the tree overnight. Be sure to bury him that same day, because anyone who is hung on a tree is under God's curse. You must not desecrate the land the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance.

**Galatians 3:13** Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree."

11. According to these verses, what did Jesus become in God's eyes?

12. Was Jesus viewed as a curse because of His own actions or behavior?

13. Why did Jesus become a curse?