

Luke 23:26-56 **Crucifixion, Death, and Burial of Jesus**

Jesus is led away to be Crucified – Simon a Cyrenian carried the Cross

26 Now as they led Him away, they laid hold of a certain man, Simon a Cyrenian, who was coming from the country, and on him they laid the cross that he might bear it after Jesus. 27 And a great multitude of the people followed Him, and women who also mourned and lamented Him.

Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for Me

28 But Jesus, turning to them, said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. 29 For indeed the days are coming in which they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, wombs that never bore, and breasts which never nursed!' 30 Then they will begin 'to say to the mountains, "Fall on us!" and to the hills, "Cover us!" ' 31 For if they do these things in the green wood, what will be done in the dry?"

Two thieves crucified with Jesus

32 There were also two others, criminals, led with Him to be put to death. 33 And when they had come to the place called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on the right hand and the other on the left.

Father, forgive them

34 Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do." And they divided His garments and cast lots.

Mocking Crowd

35 And the people stood looking on. But even the rulers with them sneered, saying, "He saved others; let Him save Himself if He is the Christ, the chosen of God." 36 The soldiers also mocked Him, coming and offering Him sour wine, 37 and saying, "If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself." 38 And an inscription also was written over Him in letters of Greek, Latin, and Hebrew: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

Thieves on the crosses

39 Then one of the criminals who were hanged blasphemed Him, saying, "If You are the Christ, save Yourself and us." 40 But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, "Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation? 41 And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong." 42 Then he said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." 43 And Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

Darkness – Veil torn – Jesus died

44 Now it was about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour. 45 Then the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was torn in two. 46 And when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice, He said, "Father, 'into Your hands I commit My spirit.' " Having said this, He breathed His last.

Response of the Centurion and of the crowd

47 So when the centurion saw what had happened, he glorified God, saying, "Certainly this was a righteous Man!" 48 And the whole crowd who came together to that sight, seeing what had been

done, beat their breasts and returned. ⁴⁹ But all His acquaintances, and the women who followed Him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

Burial of Jesus

⁵⁰ Now behold, there was a man named Joseph, a council member, a good and just man. ⁵¹ He had not consented to their decision and deed. He was from Arimathea, a city of the Jews, who himself was also waiting for the kingdom of God. ⁵² This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁵³ Then he took it down, wrapped it in linen, and laid it in a tomb that was hewn out of the rock, where no one had ever lain before. ⁵⁴ That day was the Preparation, and the Sabbath drew near. ⁵⁵ And the women who had come with Him from Galilee followed after, and they observed the tomb and how His body was laid. ⁵⁶ Then they returned and prepared spices and fragrant oils. And they rested on the Sabbath according to the commandment. NKJV

Facts Revealed:

Abuse of Jesus

- ✚ The Jewish guard of the High Priest had arrested Jesus and brought Him to the court yard of the High Priest. [Matthew 26:47-57, Mark 14:43-53, Luke 22:47, John 18:3]
- ✚ Jewish soldiers of the High Priest were abusive toward Jesus. [John 18:22, Matthew 26:67-68, Mark 14:65]
- ✚ Now that Pilate has delivered Jesus to be crucified, the Roman Soldiers have their time at abusing Jesus.
 - ✧ Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the hall called the Praetorium and gathered the whole garrison around Him. And they stripped Him and put a scarlet robe on Him. When they had twisted a crown of thorns, they put it on His head, and a reed in His right hand. And they bowed the knee before Him and mocked Him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" Then they spat on Him, and took the reed and struck Him on the head. [Matthew 27:27-30, Mark 15:16-20, John 19:1-3]
- ✚ Pilate then went out again, and said to them, "Behold, I am bringing Him out to you, that you may know that I find no fault in Him." [John 19:4]
 - ✧ Then Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. And Pilate said to them, "Behold the Man!" [John 19:5]
 - ✧ Therefore, when the chief priests and officers saw Him, they cried out, saying, "Crucify Him, crucify Him!" [John 19:6]
 - ✧ Pilate said to them, "You take Him and crucify Him, for I find no fault in Him." [John 19:6]
 - ✧ The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to our law He ought to die, because He made Himself the Son of God." [John 19:7]
 - ✧ Therefore, when Pilate heard that saying, he was the more afraid, and went again into the Praetorium, and said to Jesus, "Where are You from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. Then Pilate said to Him, "Are You not speaking to me? Do You not know that I have power to crucify You, and power to release You?" [John 19:8-10]
 - ✧ Jesus answered, "You could have no power at all against Me unless it had been given you from above. Therefore the one who delivered Me to you has the greater sin." [John 19:11]
 - ✧ From then on Pilate sought to release Him, but the Jews cried out, saying, "If you let this Man go, you are not Caesar's friend. Whoever makes himself a king speaks against Caesar." [John 19:12]
 - ✧ When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus out and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called The Pavement, but in Hebrew, Gabbatha. Now it

was the Preparation Day of the Passover, and about the sixth hour. And he said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" [John 19:13-14]

- ✧ But they cried out, "Away with Him, away with Him! Crucify Him!" [John 19:15]
- ✧ The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar!" [John 19:15]
- ✧ Then he delivered Him to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus and led Him away. [John 19:16]
- ✧ And when they had mocked Him, they took the robe off Him, put His own clothes on Him, and led Him away to be crucified. [Matthew 27:31, Mark 15:20]

Simon Bears the Cross

- ✧ Jesus came out of Gabbatha the Pavement, judgment seat, bearing His cross. [John 19:17]
- ✧ Now as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. Him they compelled to bear His cross. [Matthew 27:32, Mark 15:21, Luke 23:26]

Those who followed

- ✧ And a great multitude of the people followed Him, and women who also mourned and lamented Him. [Luke 23:27]
- ✧ But Jesus, turning to them, said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For indeed the days are coming in which they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, wombs that never bore, and breasts which never nursed!' Then they will begin 'to say to the mountains, "Fall on us!" and to the hills, "Cover us!" ' For if they do these things in the green wood, what will be done in the dry?" [Luke 23:28-31]
- ✧ There were also two others, criminals, led with Him to be put to death. [Luke 23:32]

Crucifixion

- ✧ When they had come to the place called Calvary, there they crucified Him. With Him they also crucified two robbers, one on His right and the other on His left. [Matthew 27:38, Mark 15:27-28, Luke 23:33, John 19:18]
- ✧ So the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "And He was numbered with the transgressors." [Isaiah 53:12]
- ✧ The Third Hour they Crucified Him. [Mark 15:25]
- ✧ And when they had come to a place called Golgotha, that is to say, Place of a Skull, they gave Him sour wine mingled with gall to drink. But when He had tasted it, He would not drink. Then they crucified Him, and divided His garments, casting lots, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet: [Matthew 27:33-35, Mark 15:22-24, Luke 23:34, John 19:23-24]

"They divided My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots."

(The Tunic was without seam, woven from the top in one piece, which they did not want to tear, but cast lots for it). [John 19:23-24]

- ✧ Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do." [Luke 23:34]

Sign over the cross

- ✧ Now Pilate wrote a title and put it on the cross. And the writing was: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. Then many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin. [John 19:19-20, Matthew 27:37, Mark 15:26, Luke 23:38]
- ✧ Therefore the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'He said, "I am the King of the Jews." ' " [John 19:21]
- ✧ Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written." [John 19:22]

Jeering crowd

- ✧ And those who passed by blasphemed Him, wagging their heads and saying, "You who destroy the temple and build it in three days, save Yourself! If You are the Son of God, come down from the cross." [Matthew 27:39-40, Mark 15:29-30]
- ✧ Likewise the chief priests also, mocking with the scribes and elders, said, He saved others; Himself He cannot save. If He is the King of Israel, let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe Him. He trusted in God; let Him deliver Him now if He will have Him; for He said, 'I am the Son of God.' " [Matthew 27:41-43, Mark 15:31-32, Luke 23:35]
- ✧ Even the robbers who were crucified with Him reviled Him with the same thing. [Matthew 27:44, Mark 15:32, Luke 23:35]
- ✧ The soldiers also mocked Him, coming and offering Him sour wine, and saying, "If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself." [Luke 23:36-37]
- ✧ Then one of the criminals who were hanged blasphemed Him, saying, "If You are the Christ, save Yourself and us." But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, "Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong." Then he said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." And Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise." [Luke 23:39-43]

Women at the cross

- ✧ Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold your son!" Then He said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!" And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home. [John 19:25-27]

Final agony

- ✧ Now from the sixth hour until the ninth hour there was darkness over all the land. And 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?" Some of those who stood there, when they heard that, said, "This Man is calling for Elijah!" Immediately one of them ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine and put it on a reed, and offered it to Him to drink. The rest said, "Let Him alone; let us see if Elijah will come to save Him." [Matthew 27:45-49, Mark 15:33-36, Luke 23:44]

It is Finished

- ✧ After this, Jesus, **knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled**, said, "**I thirst!**" Now a vessel full of sour wine (**vinegar**) was sitting there; and they filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on hyssop, and put it to His mouth. So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "**It is finished!**" [John 19:28-30]
 - ✧ "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that **all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me.**" [Luke 24:44]
 - ✧ The drink of vinegar is the last thing to the point of His death that was to be fulfilled, when Jesus said "**I thirst**" and was given the **vinegar** to drink, it was **all fulfilled**, so He said, "**It is finished.**" [Psalm 69:21]
- ✧ And when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice, He said, "Father, 'into Your hands I commit My spirit.'" [Luke 23:46]
- ✧ And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and **yielded up His spirit.** [Matthew 27:50, Mark 15:37, Luke 23:46, John 19:30]
- ✧ His life was not taken from Him, He laid it down just as He said. [John 10:18]

Signs accompanying death of Jesus

- ✧ Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split, and the graves were opened; [Matthew 27:51, Mark 15:38, Luke 23:45]
- ✧ and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many. [Matthew 27:52-53]
(The graves were opened at the death of Jesus, but the saints did not come out of the graves until after Jesus was raised from the dead. Afterward when Jesus ascended they followed Him fulfilling the scriptures that said, He led captivity captive in His train and gave gifts to men). [Psalm 68:18, Ephesians 4:8]

Response of the Centurion and the Crowd

- ✧ So when the centurion and those with him, who were guarding Jesus, saw the earthquake and the things that had happened, they feared greatly, saying, "Truly this was the Son of God!" [Matthew 27:54, Mark 15:39, Luke 23:47]
- ✧ And the whole crowd who came together to that sight, seeing what had been done, beat their breasts and returned. But all His acquaintances, and the women who followed Him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things. [Luke 23:48-49]
- ✧ And many women who followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to Him, were there looking on from afar, among whom were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joses, and the mother of Zebedee's sons. [Matthew 27:54-56]
- ✧ There were also women looking on from afar, among whom were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James the Less and of Joses, and Salome, who also followed Him and ministered to Him when He was in Galilee; and many other women who came up with Him to Jerusalem. [Mark 15:40-41]
- ✧ Therefore, because it was the Preparation Day, that the bodies should not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who was crucified with Him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out. And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you may believe. For these things were done that the Scripture should be fulfilled, "Not one of His bones shall be broken." And again another Scripture says, "They shall look on Him whom they pierced." [John 19:31-37]
 - ✧ The Law for the Passover Lamb says: "You shall not break one of its bones." [Exodus 12:46, Numbers 9:12]
 - ✧ They shall look on Me whom they have pierced. [Zechariah 12:10]

Burial of Jesus

- ✧ Joseph from Arimathea and Nicodemus were both members of the Sanhedrin which is the Jewish ruling Council, Joseph was a prominent member. [Matthew 27:57, Mark 15:43, Luke 23:50]
- ✧ Both were secret disciples of Jesus having been convinced by the evidence displayed in the things Jesus did, which were not possible except by God's enablement. [Matthew 27:57, Mark 15:43, John 19:38, 3:1-2]
- ✧ Joseph had not consented with the Council members in their decision to put Jesus to death. [Luke 23:50]
- ✧ In the evening, because it was the Preparation Day before the Sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. [Mark 15:42-43, Matthew 27:57-58, Luke 23:50-52, 54, John 19:38, 42]

- ✧ Pilate marveled that He was already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him if He had been dead for some time. [\[Mark 15:44\]](#)
- ✧ And when he found out from the centurion, he granted the body to Joseph. [\[Mark 15:45, Matthew 27:58, John 19:38\]](#)
- ✧ Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds. Then they took the body of Jesus, and bound it in strips of linen with the spices, as the custom of the Jews is to bury. [\[John 19:39-40\]](#)
- ✧ When Joseph and Nicodemus had taken the body, they wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and laid it in Joseph's new tomb which he had hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a large stone against the door of the tomb, and departed. [\[Matthew 27:59-60, Mark 15:46, Luke 23:53\]](#)
- ✧ Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. So there they laid Jesus, because of the Jews' Preparation Day, for the tomb was nearby. [\[John 19:41-42\]](#)
- ✧ Then they returned and prepared spices and fragrant oils. And they rested on the Sabbath according to the commandment. [\[Luke 23:56\]](#)
- ✧ And Mary Magdalene was there, and the other Mary the mother of Joseph, sitting opposite the tomb observed where He was laid. [\[Matthew 27:61, Mark 15:47, Luke 23:55\]](#)

Sealing and guarding the Tomb

- ✧ On the next day, which followed the Day of Preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees gathered together to Pilate, saying, "Sir, we remember, while He was still alive, how that deceiver said, 'After three days I will rise.' "Therefore command that the tomb be made secure until the third day, lest His disciples come by night and steal Him away, and say to the people, 'He has risen from the dead.' So the last deception will be worse than the first." Pilate said to them, "You have a guard; go your way, make it as secure as you know how." So they went and made the tomb secure, sealing the stone and setting the guard. [\[Matthew 27:62-66\]](#)
- ✧ The Chief Priests and Pharisees knew very well that Jesus had predicted His resurrection on the third day. [\[Matthew 16:21, 17:23, 20:19, Mark 9:31, 10:34, Luke 9:22, 18:33\]](#)
- ✧ Thus they did everything they could do to prevent it, or to know what really happened. With the guard there they were keeping eyes on the situation to know the truth.