

WHERE DO I STAND WITH GOD? Lesson 9: Jesus is Crucified



Definitions

casting lots - a form of gambling used to make decisions

crucify - to kill someone by nailing them to two wooden boards that have been put together in the form of a cross

elders - the leading group of older men in Jewish society

Elijah - an Old Testament prophet of God famous for not dying but rather being taken straight to heaven by God

envy - to be jealous of someone; to wish you were someone else because of what wealth or blessings they have in their life

forsake - to renounce or turn away from entirely; to abandon

gall - a bitter, poisonous herb (plant)

insurrectionist - one who rebels against the existing government

mock - to make fun of someone or something; to insult

resurrection - being raised from the dead; to come back to life

scourge - (noun) a whip used to punish people; (verb) to be whipped (also called flogging)

Directions: Read each passage of Scripture and answer the questions in the space provided.

Matthew 27:11-14 When Pilate asked Jesus if He was the king of the Jews, what was Jesus' reply? (vs. 11) _____

How did Jesus answer the people who accused Him? _____

Matthew 27:15-26 What would Pilate normally do for the people during this feast? (vs. 16) _____

Read **Mark 15:7**. What kind of man was Barabbas? _____

(Back to **Matthew 27:15-26**) Why did the people deliver Jesus to Pilate in the first place? (vs. 18) _____

Whom did the people ask Pilate to free? (vs. 21) _____

What did the people want done to Jesus? (vss. 22 & 23) _____

What did Pilate have done to Jesus before he was crucified? (vs. 26) _____

Matthew 27:27-31 What evil things did the soldiers do to Jesus before he was crucified? _____

Matthew 27:32-44 Who carried Jesus' cross for him? _____

What did the name "Golgotha" mean? _____

What did the soldiers do with Jesus clothes? (vs. 35) _____

What did the inscription (the sign) say written above Jesus' head? _____

Who else was crucified with Jesus? (vs. 38) _____

What were some of the things that the people who were mocking Jesus were saying to Him? (vss. 42-43) _____

Matthew 27:45-50 Although it was daytime, what happened for three hours? (vs. 45) _____

What question did Jesus ask of God? (vs. 46) _____

Matthew 27:51-56 What unusual things happened after Jesus died? (vss. 51-53) _____

What did the centurion (the Roman soldier) say about Jesus when he saw all the things that had happened? (vs. 54)

Matthew 27:57-61 Who asked Pilate for Jesus' body? _____

What did he do with Jesus' body? _____

What was put in front of the tomb? _____

Who else witnessed the burial? _____

Matthew 27:62-66 What did the chief priests and Pharisees tell Pilate that Jesus had predicted about Himself? _____

What did they tell Pilate that Jesus' disciples were likely to do? _____

How did they make the tomb secure? _____

Romans 3:23 What do we all do? _____

Romans 6:23 What is the price we have to pay for sin? What do we earn by sinning? _____

Two men, Mark and his older brother David, break into a bank. In the process of robbing the bank, they each kill three people. Later Mark is caught by the police and then David. Mark is tried first, found guilty and sentenced to death by lethal injection. Now David loves his younger brother and so he writes a letter to the judge asking that they put him to death in his brother's place. What do you think the judge will say in response to such a letter? *Think about the answer before continuing to read.*

The judge could very easily write David back and say something like "What do you mean die for him? You're next in line!" Why? Because David had committed the same crime as Mark. Only an innocent person could die on Mark's behalf. We are like Mark and David. We have all committed crimes called *sins* that are worthy of death in God's eyes. David could not die in Mark's place because he was guilty of the same crime as Mark. The only person who could die on our behalf, who could take our punishment, was someone who had **never** sinned!

Hebrews 4:14-15 Did Jesus ever sin? _____ So did Jesus qualify to die on our behalf? _____

Dying on our behalf is exactly what Jesus did in being crucified! He could have saved Himself, but instead He chose to die and take the punishment we deserved. Later we will see how, because of what Jesus did, we can have God's gift of eternal life.

End of lesson 9

For further reading: Isaiah 53 (*a prophecy about the death of Jesus*); Luke 23; John 18:28 – 19:16; 1 Peter 2:21-25

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