

The Crucifixion

Lesson aim: To seek to understand the sufferings of Jesus in His crucifixion and to see how they fulfill OT Scripture.

Mockery by the Roman soldiers--Mt. 27:27-30; (Mk. 15:16-19)

1. To what indignities did the Roman soldiers subject Jesus?

Journey to Golgotha--Mt. 27:31-34; (Mk. 15:20-23; Lk. 23:26-33; Jn. 19:17)

1. Of what did Jesus warn the daughters of Jerusalem?

First three hours of crucifixion--Mt. 27:35-44; (Mk. 15:24-32; Lk. 13:33-43; Jn. 19:18-27)

1. What events during the period fulfilled OT prophecies of the Messiah's death?

2. What statements did Jesus make during this period and what do they tell us about Him?

Last three hours of crucifixion--Mt. 27:45-50; (Mk. 15:33-37; Lk. 23:44-46; Jn. 19:28-30)

1. Do you believe the darkness that occurred during this period was natural or supernatural? Of what would it be a sign or indicator?

2. How did Jesus' words fulfill OT Messianic prophecies?

Witnesses of Jesus' death--Mt. 27:51-56; (Mk. 15:38-41; Lk. 23:45, 47-49)

1. *Who were immediately present to witness the death of Jesus?*
2. *What testimony did the centurion give concerning Jesus? What was the basis for his conclusions?*
3. *What other signs occurred in connection with Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection as reported by Matthew? What was the significance of these?*

Certification of death and procurement of the body--Mt. 27:57-58; (Mk. 15:42-45; Lk. 23:50-52; Jn. 19:31-38)

1. *What facts certify without doubt that Jesus actually died on the cross?*
2. *How did the events of this section also fulfill the OT Scriptures?*

Jesus' body placed in a tomb--Mt. 27:59-60; (Mk. 15:46; Lk. 23:53-54; Jn. 19:39-42)

1. *What facts connected with Jesus burial help substantiate the claim that he was raised from the dead?*

Tomb watched by the women and guarded by the soldiers--Mt. 27:61-66; (Mk. 15:47; Lk. 23:55-56)

1. *Describe the efforts use to prevent the body of Jesus from being stolen from the tomb.*