

JESUS DIED FOR US

Matthew 27:1-66.

LESSON 64 -- Primary Course

MEMORY VERSE: "We love him, because he first loved us" (I John 4:19).

BIBLE TEXT

Matthew 27:1-66

1 When the morning was come, all the chief priests and elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death:

2 And when they had bound him, they led him away, and delivered him to Pontius Pilate the governor.

3 Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders,

4 Saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What is that to us? see thou to that.

5 And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and

departed, and went and hanged himself.

6 And the chief priests took the silver pieces, and said, It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood.

7 And they took counsel, and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in.

8 Wherefore that field was called, The field of blood, unto this day.

9 Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him that was valued, whom they of the children of Israel did value;

10 And gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord appointed me.

11 And Jesus stood before the governor: and the governor asked him, saying, Art thou the King of the Jews? And Jesus said unto him, Thou sayest.

12 And when he was accused of the chief priests and elders, he answered nothing.

13 Then said Pilate unto him, Hearest thou not how many things they witness against thee?

14 And he answered him to never a word; insomuch that the governor marvelled greatly.

15 Now at that feast the governor was wont to release unto the people a prisoner, whom they would.

16 And they had then a notable prisoner, called Barabbas.

17 Therefore when they were gathered together, Pilate said unto them, Whom will ye that I release unto you? Barabbas, or Jesus which is called Christ?

18 For he knew that for envy they had delivered him.

19 When he was set down on the judgment seat, his wife sent

unto him, saying, Have thou nothing to do with that just man: for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him.

20 But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitude that they should ask Barabbas, and destroy Jesus.

21 The governor answered and said unto them, Whether of the twain will ye that I release unto you? They said, Barabbas.

22 Pilate saith unto them, What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ? They all say unto him, Let him be crucified.

23 And the governor said, Why, what evil hath he done? But they cried out the more, saying, Let him be crucified.

24 When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it.

25 Then answered all the people, and said, His blood be on us, and on our children.

26 Then released he Barabbas unto them: and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

27 Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the common hall, and gathered unto him the whole band of soldiers.

28 And they stripped him, and put on him a scarlet robe.

29 And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon 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!

30 And they spit upon him, and took the reed, and smote him on the head.

31 And after that they had mocked him, they took the robe off from him, and put his own raiment on him, and led him away to crucify him.

32 And as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name: him they compelled to bear his cross.

33 And when they were come unto a place called Golgotha, that is to say, a place of a skull,

34 They gave him vinegar to drink mingled with gall: and when he had tasted thereof, he would not drink.

35 And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots.

36 And sitting down they watched him there;

37 And set up over his head his accusation written, THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

38 Then were there two thieves crucified with him, one on the right hand, and another on the left.

39 And they that passed by reviled him, wagging their heads,

40 And saying, Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days, save thyself. If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross.

41 Likewise also the chief priests mocking him, with the scribes and elders, said,

42 He saved others; himself he cannot save. If he be the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him.

43 He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God.

44 The thieves also, which were crucified with him, cast the same in his teeth.

45 Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour.

46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

47 Some of them that stood there, when they heard that, said, This man calleth for Elias.

48 And straightway one of them ran, and took a sponge, and filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink.

49 The rest said, Let be, let us see whether Elias will come to save him.

50 Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost.

51 And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;

52 And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose,

53 And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.

54 Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God.

55 And many women were there beholding afar off, which followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering unto him:

56 Among which was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joses, and

the mother of Zebedee's children.

57 When the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathaea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple:

58 He went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered.

59 And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth,

60 And laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed.

61 And there was Mary Magdalene, and the other Mary, sitting over against the sepulchre.

62 Now the next day, that followed the day of the preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate,

63 Saying, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, After three days I will rise again.

64 Command therefore that the sepulchre be made sure until the third day, lest his disciples come by night, and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead: so the last error shall be worse than the first.

65 Pilate said unto them, Ye have a watch: go your way, make it as sure as ye can.

66 So they went, and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch

NOTE

The City of Jerusalem

On the map is a little strip of land that is loved more than any place on earth, and by more people, because it is the land where Jesus was born, where he grew up, where He died on the cross, and where He rose again from the grave.

When Jesus was just a baby His mother took Him in her arms to the Temple in Jerusalem. When He was 12 years old, His parents took

Him there; and we know He went there several times after He had grown up. He loved Jerusalem, but He did not love the sin he saw there. One time He said he would like to have protected the people as a hen protects chicken by gathering them under her wings, but the people would not believe Him and obey Him, and he could not protect them from the sad things that were coming to them.

“Blessed be the King”

Hundreds of people went to Jerusalem to great feasts when they brought offerings to God and worshiped Him. One day as Jesus was nearing Jerusalem He told some of the disciples to bring Him a colt they would find in another village. When the owner saw them taking the colt, he wanted to know why they were taking it. They said that Jesus wanted it. The owner must have loved Jesus, because he seemed willing to let them take the colt to Jesus. Those who love Jesus are glad to give Him whatever He asks them for, or do whatever He asks them to do.

The people had heard of the great things Jesus had done – healed the sick, made the blind see, and raised the dead – and they were glad to see Him. When he came riding along they threw their clothes on the ground for Him to ride over. This was to show Him that they honoured Him as a King. The people shouted with joy when they saw Him. Those who did not love Him tried to make them stop; but Jesus said that if the people did not shout for joy the stones would cry out.

Jesus Crucified

Not long after this wonderful day, the bad people who hated Jesus told lies about Him to the rulers. Jesus was taken before Pilate -- the ruler -- but Pilate said that he could find nothing wrong with Jesus. Pilate wanted to let Jesus go, but the people who did not

love Him wanted to put Him on the cross to die. They cried out, “let him be crucified.” Finally Pilate took a basin of water and washed his hands and said that he was innocent; but he was not! He was more afraid of the people than of God, and he let them hang Jesus on the cross.

The soldiers came and took Jesus away; they took off His robe and put a scarlet robe on Him; they made a crown of thorns and pressed it on His head and bowed their knee before Him, and laughed at Him. They spit in His face and struck Him. Then they took the robe off Him again and put His own clothes on Him and led Him away to die on the cross.

All this Jesus suffered without a word of murmur or complaint. He suffered it all so that you and I might be saved from our sins. Why shouldn't we love Him! Why shouldn't we obey Him and serve Him with all our hearts!

Laid in a Tomb

A kind friend, called Joseph, asked Pilate, the governor, if he might have the body of Jesus. Pilate gave the body to Joseph, who lovingly wrapped it in a beautiful linen cloth. Then Joseph laid Jesus in a new tomb hewn out of rock, and rolled a stone before the door.

A Loving Mother

“Mama,” said a little child to her mother when she was being put to bed at night — “Mama, what makes your hand so scarred and twisted, and not like other people's hands?” “Well,” said the mother, “my child, when you were younger than you are now, years ago, one night after I had put you to bed, I heard a cry upstairs. I came up, and found that the bed was on fire, and you were on fire.

I took hold of you, and I tore off the burning garments; and while I was tearing them off and trying to get you away I burned my hand, and it has been scarred and twisted ever since, and hardly looks like a hand. I got that, my child, in trying to save you.”

Jesus had five wounds in His body: in His hands, in His feet, and in His side. He got those wounds dying to save us. How much we would love Jesus and thank Him for what He has done for us!

Salvation Through Jesus

This mother saved her child from death. But the saving of our soul is far more important than the saving of our life. Many people have done brave deeds in their life, and some have lost their life in trying to spare the life of a friend. But only through Jesus’ death and the precious Blood He shed, can people be saved from their sins.

QUESTIONS

1. Did the people want to release Barabbas or Jesus?
Matthew 27:20, 21.
2. Did they want Jesus to be crucified? Matthew 27:22.
3. What kind of crown did they place on Jesus head?
Matthew 27:29.
4. Who else was crucified with Jesus? Matthew 27:38.
5. For whom did Jesus suffer all this? Isaiah 53:3–10.

LESSON RESOURCES

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Wounded For Me

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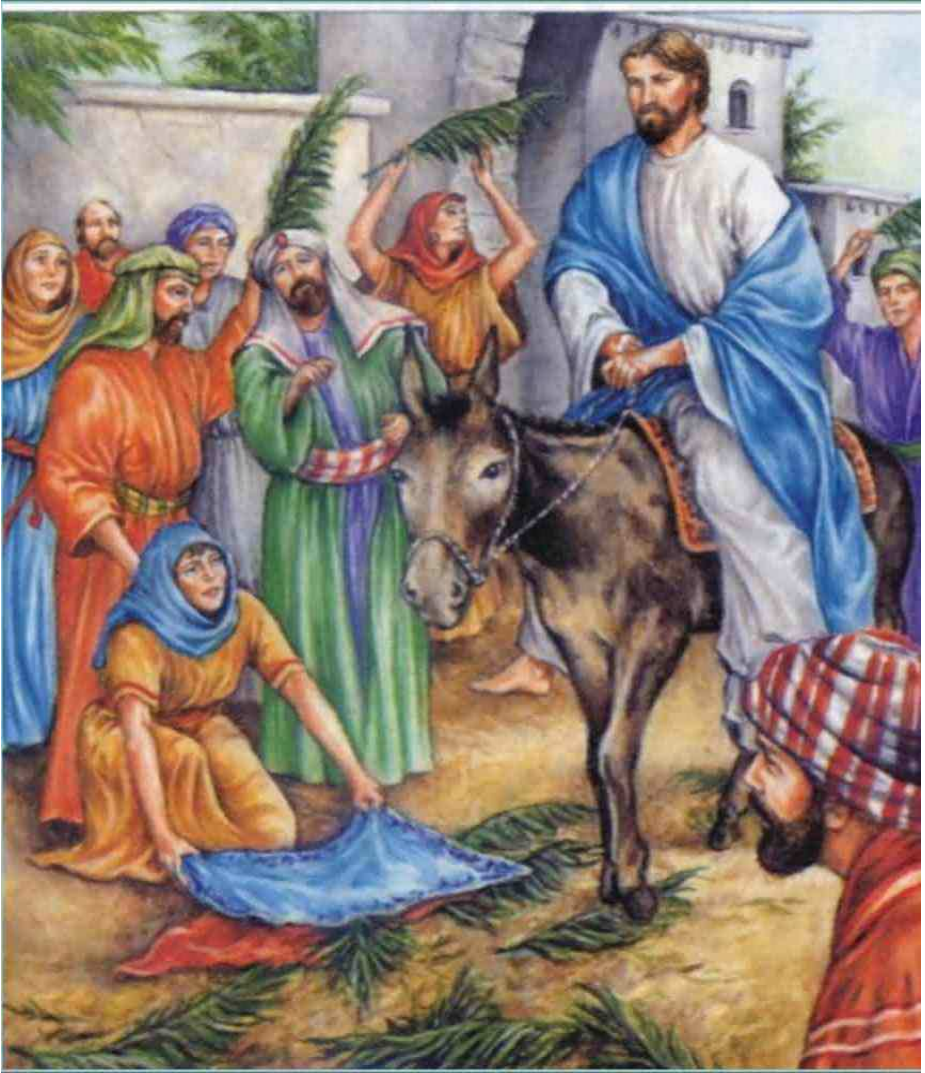
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Wounded For Me

Wounded for me, wounded for me,
There on the cross He was wounded for me;
Gone my transgressions, and now I am free,
All because Jesus wounded for me.

PICTURE 1



PICTURE 2



PICTURE 3



PICTURE 4

