

**Scripture for Lesson 6**

April 5, 2020

# Jesus Dies on a Cross

**Focal Passage: Mark 15:22-39**

**Background Text: Mark 15:1-47**

**Purpose: To recall the unprecedented sacrifice of Jesus on the cross**

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<sup>22</sup> They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, which means Skull Place. <sup>23</sup> They tried to give him wine mixed with myrrh, but he didn't take it. <sup>24</sup> They crucified him. They divided up his clothes, drawing lots for them to determine who would take what. <sup>25</sup> It was nine in the morning when they crucified him. <sup>26</sup> The notice of the formal charge against him was written, "The king of the Jews." <sup>27</sup> They crucified two outlaws with him, one on his right and one on his left.

<sup>29</sup> People walking by insulted him, shaking their heads and saying, "Ha! So you were going to destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, were you?" <sup>30</sup> Save yourself and come down from that cross!"

<sup>31</sup> In the same way, the chief priests were making fun of him among themselves, together with the legal experts. "He saved others," they said, "but he can't save himself." <sup>32</sup> Let the Christ, the king of Israel, come down from the cross. Then we'll see and believe." Even those who had been crucified with Jesus insulted him.

<sup>33</sup> From noon until three in the afternoon the whole earth was dark. <sup>34</sup> At three, Jesus cried out with a loud shout, "*Eloi, eloi, lama sabachthani*," which means, "My God, my God, why have you left me?"

<sup>35</sup> After hearing him, some standing there said, "Look! He's calling Elijah!" <sup>36</sup> Someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, and put it on a pole. He offered it to Jesus to drink, saying, "Let's see if Elijah will come to take him down." <sup>37</sup> But Jesus let out a loud cry and died.

<sup>38</sup> The curtain of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. <sup>39</sup> When the centurion, who stood facing Jesus, saw how he died, he said, "This man was certainly God's Son."