

The Cross of Jesus

Matthew 27:27-37

²⁷ Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the governor's residence and gathered the whole company around him. ²⁸ They stripped him and dressed him in a scarlet robe. ²⁹ They twisted together a crown of thorns, put it on his head, and placed a staff in his right hand. And they knelt down before him and mocked him: "Hail, king of the Jews!" ³⁰ Then they spat on him, took the staff, and kept hittling him on the head. ³¹ After they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe, put his own clothes on him, and led him away to crucify him.

³² As they were going out, they found a Cyrenian man named Simon. They forced him to carry his cross. ³³ When they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of the Skull), ³⁴ they gave him wine mixed with gall to drink. But when he tasted it, he refused to drink it.

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35 After crucifying him, they divided his clothes by casting lots. 36 Then they sat down and were guarding him there. 37 Above his head they put up the charge against him in writing: This Is Jesus, the King of the Jews.

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Matthew 27:45-54

**From noon until three in the afternoon, darkness came over the whole land. **A about three in the afternoon Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Ell, Ell, lemá sabachtháni?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?"

**Twhen some of those standing there heard this, they said, "He's calling for Elijah." **B Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and offered him a drink. **B But the rest said, "Let's see If Elijah comes to save him." **D But Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and gave up his spirit.

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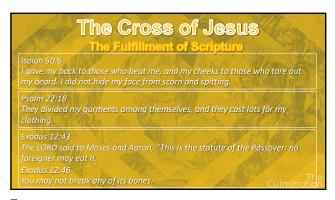
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51 Suddenly, the curtain of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom, the earth quaked, and the rocks were split. 52 The tombs were also opened and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. 53 And they came out of the tombs after his resurrection, entered the holy city, and appeared to many. 54 When the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and the things that had happened, they were terrified and said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!"

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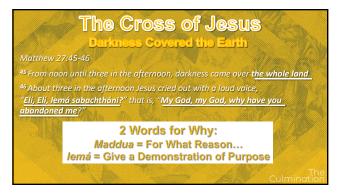
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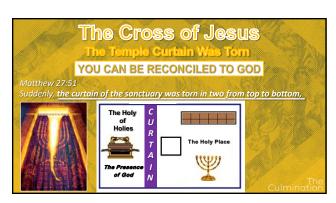
John 19:33-36

33 When they came to Jesus, they did not break his legs since they saw that he was already dead. 34 But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. 35 He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows he is telling the truth. 36 For these things happened so that the Scripture would be fulfilled:

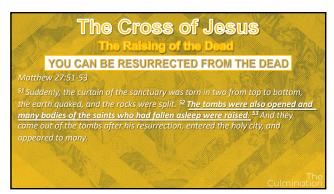
Not one of his bones will be broken.

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2 Corinthians 5:21
He made the one who did not know sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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