

Religious Education

The Crucifixion

Lesson 5 of 14

Worksheet

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Read the information on the next slide about Jesus' crucifixion, then answer the questions.



On Good Friday, Jesus was flogged (whipped), mocked and beaten. He had to carry his own cross outside of Jerusalem to the place of crucifixion. They nailed Jesus to a cross, and put a sign above him saying, 'This is Jesus, King of the Jews.'

Darkness covered the land until Jesus cried out in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. Christians believe this shows that sin has been dealt with and that humans and God are no longer separated.



As the next day was the Sabbath, the Jews did not want the bodies to remain on the crosses overnight, and so the Roman soldiers broke the legs of the other people being crucified. But when they came to Jesus they found he was already dead. Instead, one soldier took a spear and thrust it into Jesus' side and blood and water came out. This shows he was definitely dead.

A man named Joseph who was a disciple of Jesus asked Pilate if he could bury him. Jesus was taken down from the cross and his body was hastily prepared for burial. They placed him in an unused tomb and a heavy stone was rolled in front of it. The Jewish leaders went to Pilate and asked that the tomb be guarded, as Jesus had claimed he would rise from the dead. They were concerned that the disciples would steal Jesus' body. Therefore, soldiers were sent to guard the tomb.



Answer the questions below in full sentences.

1) How was Jesus killed?

2) What evidence do the Gospels give to show that Jesus definitely died?

3) Where was Jesus buried?

4) Why was Jesus' tomb guarded?

5) How do you think Jesus' disciples would have been feeling?

(Remember, they travelled with him for three years – imagine if your leader was killed by the government!)



Answer the questions below in full sentences.

6) Do you think Jesus' followers would have still thought he was the Messiah after he was killed? Why?

7) How do you think the story of the crucifixion will influence a Christian who is experiencing suffering today?

Keyword: 'influence' means to affect how they act. For example, what will someone do because of the belief / story?

