

March 28, 2021 Our Savior Dies

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READ this week's story: [The Story Bible page 398](#) or in your Bible: **Matthew 27:45-54; Mark 15: 33-39; Luke 23:34, 39-47; John 19: 25-30**

This week we read the story of Jesus sacrifice on the cross for our sins. Even on the cross Jesus showed concern for others. He asked God to forgive those who crucified him. He promised eternal life to the repentant thief. And he made sure that his mother would be cared for. During three hours of darkness, Jesus suffered the pain of hell. When he had finished the work his Father had sent him to do, Jesus died. Miraculous signs occurred at his death, and a Roman captain confessed that Jesus was indeed the Son of God.

It was 9:00 o'clock on Friday morning when Jesus was crucified. Crucifixion was an extremely painful, horrible way to be put to death. But Jesus willingly allowed it to happen to him to carry out his father's plan of salvation for us. It was noon when the sun stopped shining and it remained dark for three hours. During this time Jesus was suffering the punishment for the sins of the whole world- all the sins that ever had been done or ever would be done in the future. At three o'clock Jesus cried out "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Jesus was feeling the pain of being forsaken from God. The worst part of hell is being separated from God. From Jesus' statement we know that during those hours of darkness, God the Father had turned away from Jesus and was not with him. Our human minds cannot understand how God could leave Jesus when Jesus is God, but we believe this because the Bible tells us it is so. Jesus felt all God's anger over sin and all the punishment of hell we deserve because of our sins. He was forsaken by God so we never would be. What love Jesus showed for us and how thankful we ought to be for all he did for us!

While Jesus was being crucified many prophecies were fulfilled. Jesus said "I am thirsty." This prophecy is recorded in Psalm 22:15 where a dying savior is pictured as being very thirsty. Why is it important that Jesus fulfilled every prophecy about the Savior? Because doing so was part of his work- part of his father's plan. It also shows that Jesus truly is the Savior. After Jesus drank the wine, he cried out, "It is finished." This was a cry of victory. He had won the victory over the devil and paid for the sins of the world. Jesus last words from the cross were "Father, into your hands I place my soul." Jesus was sure that his heavenly father was not with him again.

Why do we call the day that Jesus died Good Friday? What is good about Jesus dying a terrible death? Even though we are sad to think of all that our Savior suffered that day, it was a good day for us because he died to pay for our sins and to earn our salvation!

Cross-Words Worksheet Answers:

Part One, Across: 3. SOUL, 5. PARADISE, 6. FORGIVE, 7. IT IS FINISHED

Down: 1. FORSAKEN, 2. MOTHER, 4. I AM THIRSTY

Part Two: Answers may vary but children should disagree with the statement because Jesus' death was a victory over the devil. Jesus had done everything that was necessary to save all people.

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