

The Crucifixion—[Mark 15:21–32](#)

Topics:

Atonement, Endurance, Giving Up, Insults, Jesus Christ, Pain, Sacrifice, Salvation, Suffering, Temptation

Open It

1. What is one of your favorite symbols? Why?
2. *What do people mean when they say that someone “did not die in vain”?
3. When you see a cross in or on a church building, what usually comes to mind?

Explore It

1. Who was Simon of Cyrene? ([15:21](#))
2. What role did Simon of Cyrene play in Jesus’ life? ([15:21](#))
3. *Why did Jesus not carry the cross Himself? ([15:21](#))
4. What did the soldiers offer Jesus once they reached the place where He would be crucified? ([15:23](#))
5. What offer of help did Jesus refuse? ([15:23](#))
6. What did the soldiers do with Jesus’ clothes? ([15:24](#))

7. What was significant about the notice that was placed on the cross above Jesus? ([15:26](#))
8. Who was crucified with Jesus? ([15:27](#))
9. *How did the people insult Jesus when He was on the cross? ([15:29–30](#))
10. What did the teachers of the law say about Jesus while He was dying? How? ([15:31–32](#))
11. *What challenge did Jesus ignore? ([15:31–32](#))

Get It

1. Why do you think Jesus refused to accept a drink that could deaden His pain?
2. *What kind of suffering did Jesus endure for us?
3. What emotions do you think Jesus felt as He was led away and crucified?
4. Simon's encounter with Jesus was very unusual; how did you first "encounter Christ"?
5. When have you ever experienced apparently "random" events in your life, that upon later reflection showed God's sovereign will being worked out in you?
6. How can you thank the Lord for the hidden ways He works in your life?

7. Jesus was closely identified with criminals during His death; what significance does this have to you?
8. How would your life be different if Jesus had taken up the challenge of the religious leaders and come down off the cross?
9. What emotions do you feel when you think about the crucifixion of Christ?
10. Why is this tragic story about Christ called “good news”?
11. What has Christ’s sacrifice accomplished for you?
12. What did Jesus do for every person with His death on the cross?
13. *What did Jesus do for you with His death on the cross?

Apply It

1. *What is one way you can say thank you to Jesus for paying for your sins?
2. With what one person can you share the good news of Christ’s sacrifice? How?