

# The Crucifixion

## Matthew 27

Jesus Christ changed a symbol of failure and shame into a symbol of hope and faith!

### 1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Cross

*“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know—this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.” (Acts 2:22–23)*

Jesus’ death was not an \_\_\_\_\_ event.

Jesus was not a \_\_\_\_\_; He was a \_\_\_\_\_!

### 2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Cross

- His \_\_\_\_\_ suffering
- His \_\_\_\_\_ suffering
- His \_\_\_\_\_ shout

*“After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.” A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.” (John 19:28–30)*

- It is finished – “Tetelestai”

A. Servant to a master: I have \_\_\_\_\_ the work assigned to me.

B. Merchants: The \_\_\_\_\_ is paid in full.

### **3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Cross**

- God \_\_\_\_\_ what it is to suffer
- God \_\_\_\_\_ us how much He loves us
- God \_\_\_\_\_ the stranglehold of sin in our lives
- God \_\_\_\_\_ us from the fear of death

### **4. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Cross**

*“For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God...For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.” (1 Corinthians 1:18, 22–24)*

- The message of the cross is sometimes \_\_\_\_\_
- The message of the cross is sometimes \_\_\_\_\_
- The message of the cross is always \_\_\_\_\_

**What have you decided about the Cross of Jesus Christ?**