

Journal Page

- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- Why did the people want to kill Jesus?
- How do you think Jesus' disciples felt when Jesus was arrested and killed?
- How do you think they felt when they saw Jesus alive?



Jesus' Crucifixion and Resurrection

Matthew 26:36–28:10; John 18:1–20:18

MAIN POINT: JESUS DIED ON THE CROSS TO SAVE PEOPLE FROM SIN, AND HE IS ALIVE.

Jesus prayed to God, "Father! If it is possible, take this suffering away from Me. But only if it is part of Your plan." Suddenly Judas arrived with a large crowd. The crowd arrested Jesus. Jesus was led to the high priest. The high priest asked, "Are You the Messiah, the Son of God?"

Jesus replied, "Yes, that's right."

The high priest said, "He has spoken against God. He deserves to die!"

When morning came, the religious leaders led Jesus to Pilate, the governor. "Are You the King of the Jews?" Pilate asked. "Yes, that's right," Jesus replied.

Pilate asked the crowd what he should do. "Crucify Him!" they said.

The governor's soldiers put a scarlet robe on Jesus. They made a crown of thorns and put it on His head. Then they mocked Him, beat Him, and led Him away to be killed.

The soldiers nailed Jesus to a cross. Two criminals were crucified next to Him. Jesus cried out, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" Then Jesus died. His body was buried in a tomb.

On the third day, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to the tomb. Suddenly there was an earthquake. An angel of the Lord rolled back the stone and sat on it. The angel spoke to the women, "Don't be afraid! Jesus is not here. He has been resurrected."

The women ran to tell the disciples the good news. Just then Jesus met them. "Don't be afraid," He told them. "Go tell My disciples to meet Me in Galilee."

Christ Connection: The crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus is the center of the gospel. We deserve to die because of our sin, but Jesus died in our place. He was the blood sacrifice made once and for all for the forgiveness of sin. God was pleased with Jesus' sacrifice and raised Jesus from the dead to reign as King over all creation. We are forgiven only through Jesus. (Acts 4:12)

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Once and for All

For each blank, begin at the cross and follow the instructions. Write the letter in the blank. (Example: Right 2, Down 1 = R)

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C	G	H	A	T
Q	O	+	U	W
E	P	U	L	R
Z	I	M	X	N

† UP 2, LEFT 1 _____ † RIGHT 1, UP 2 _____

† RIGHT 1, UP 1 _____ † LEFT 1, DOWN 2 _____

† LEFT 2, UP 1 _____ † UP 1, LEFT 2 _____

† RIGHT 2, DOWN 1 _____ † LEFT 2, DOWN 1 _____

† DOWN 2, LEFT 1 _____

Jesus' Last Days

Number the events in the order they happened.

Jesus was buried in a tomb. Soldiers stood guard at the tomb.

Jesus rose from the dead and appeared to His disciples.

The crowd grabbed Jesus and arrested Him.

While Jesus prayed, His disciples fell asleep.

Jesus died on the cross. Two criminals were crucified next to Him.