



“The Crucifixion: The First Three” Hours:6-4

“Whoever wants to be My disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow Me.” Matthew 16:24 (NIV)

A. Hour 06...The Plight

1. The green mile with Jesus

a. Simon of Cyrene

“As they led Jesus away, a man named Simon, who was from Cyrene, happened to be coming in from the countryside. The soldiers seized him and put the cross on him...” (Luke 23:26) (NLT)

b. The women

“A large crowd trailed behind, including many grief-stricken women. But Jesus turned and said to them, ‘Daughters of Jerusalem, don’t weep for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children.’” Luke 23:27-28 (NLT)

2. Fastening the King

“When they came to a place called The Skull, they nailed Him to the cross.” (NLT)

“Two revolutionaries were crucified with Him, one on the right and one on the left.” Luke 23:33b (NLT)

3. Casting lots

“After they had nailed Him to the cross, the soldiers gambled for His clothes by throwing dice.” Matthew 27:35 (NLT)

“They divided My garments among themselves and cast lots for My robe. Psalm 22:18 (NLT)

4. The King’s heart

“Father, forgive them, for they don’t know what they are doing.” Luke 23:34 (NLT)

“The soldiers mocked Him too, by offering Him a drink of sour wine.” Luke 23:36 (NLT)

“They put gall in My food and gave Me vinegar for My thirst.” Psalm 69:21 (NLT)

B. Hour 05... The Players (of mockery)

1. The two thieves

“Even the revolutionaries who were crucified with Him ridiculed Him in the same way.” Matthew 27:44 (NLT)

2. The mob

“The people passing by shouted abuse, shaking their heads in mockery. ‘Look at You now!’ they yelled at Him. ‘You said You were going to destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days. Well then, if You are the Son of God, save Yourself and come down from the cross!’” Matthew 27:39-40 (NLT)

3. The religionists

“The leading priests and teachers of the law also mocked Jesus. ‘He saved others,’ they scoffed, ‘but He can’t save Himself.’” Mark 15:31 (NLT)

“Then the leading priests objected and said to Pilate, ‘Change it from “The King of the Jews” to “He said, I am King of the Jews”.’ Pilate replied, ‘No, what I have written, I have written.’”

John 19:21-22 (NLT)

C. Hour 04...The Plans

1. For the thieves

“Jesus replied, ‘I assure you, today you will be with Me in paradise.’” Luke 23:43 (NLT)

2. For Mary and the disciple

“When Jesus saw His mother standing there beside the disciple He loved, He said to her, ‘Dear woman, here is your son.’ And He said to this disciple, ‘Here is your mother.’ And from then on this disciple took her into his home.” John 19:26-27 (NLT)

3. For you and me

“I assure you...” Luke 23:43a (NLT)

“Truly I tell you...” Luke 23:43a (NIV)

D. What is your hour with Jesus?

1. What emotions are stirred when reading about this brutally passionate death?

2. How are you motivated to teach the greatest tragedy/love story of all time? What do you need to change?

3. Are you willing to “take up your cross and follow” Jesus?

“Then Jesus said to His disciples, ‘Whoever wants to be My disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow Me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for Me will find it. What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?’” Matthew 16:24-26 (NIV)

To begin a relationship with Jesus...

Text: I Choose Jesus to 88202

6 Jesus is beaten and begins His ascent to Mount Calvary.

Jesus is crucified. Time: Approximately 9:00 a.m.
Matthew 27:27-34; Mark 15:16-26; Luke 23:26-34; John 19:17-24

5 Jesus hangs on the cross, along with two thieves.

Jesus is insulted and mocked. Time: Approximately 10:00 a.m. Matthew 27:35-44; Mark 15:27-32; Luke 23:35-38

4 Jesus hangs on the cross and interacts with the criminal. Jesus speaks to Mary and John. Time: Approximately 11:00 a.m. Luke 23:39-43; John 19:25-27

End of Week 4

Next week: Hours 3-0

