



## “The Crucifixion” Hours:3-0

“And they brought Jesus to a place called Golgotha (which means ‘Place of the Skull’).”  
Mark 15:22

### A. Hour 3...Time: Noon

“By this time it was about noon, and darkness fell across the whole land until three o’clock.” Luke 23:44

1. Darkness falls on the whole land for three hours.  
“At noon, darkness fell across the whole land until three o’clock.”  
Mark 15:33

2. Jesus gives 7 final words on the cross.

1<sup>st</sup> “Father, forgive them, for they don’t know what they are doing.” Luke 23:34a

2<sup>nd</sup> “And Jesus replied, ‘I assure you, today you will be with Me in paradise.’” Luke 23:43

3<sup>rd</sup> “...‘Dear woman, here is your son.’ And He said to this disciple, ‘Here is your mother.’” John 19:26

“The light from the sun was gone.” Luke 23:45a

### B. Hour 2...1...0...Time: 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

“Jesus knew that His mission was now finished...” John 19:28a

1. Jesus cries out that He is forsaken.

4<sup>th</sup> “...Jesus called out with a loud voice, ‘Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?’ which means ‘My God, My God, why have You abandoned Me?’” Matthew 27:46

“My God, My God, why have You abandoned Me? Why are You so far away when I groan for help?” Psalm 22:1

2. Jesus cries out that He is thirsty.

5<sup>th</sup> “...and to fulfill Scripture He said, ‘I am thirsty.’” John 19:28b

“My strength has dried up like sunbaked clay. My tongue sticks to the roof of My mouth. You have laid Me in the dust and left Me for dead.”  
Psalm 22:15

3. They offer Jesus sour wine on a sponge.

“A jar of sour wine was sitting there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put it on a hyssop branch, and held it up to His lips.” John 19:29

“But instead, they give Me poison for food; they offer Me sour wine for My thirst.” Psalm 69:21

### C. Hour 1...0...Time: 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

“Then Jesus uttered another loud cry and breathes His last.”

Mark 15:37

1. Jesus cries out after the sour wine is placed against His lips.

6<sup>th</sup> “When Jesus had tasted it, He said, ‘It is finished!’” John 19:30a

2. Jesus gives his last cry and breathes His last.

7<sup>th</sup> “Then Jesus shouted, ‘Father, I entrust my spirit into Your hands!’ And with those words He breathed His last.” Luke 23:46

3. When Jesus finished His work on the cross, the Holy of Holies is now open to all!

“And the curtain in the sanctuary of the Temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.” Mark 15:38

4. Jesus’ death closes the Old Covenant and opens the New Covenant. The tearing of His body tears the curtain and opens all of us to salvation through Jesus.

“And so, dear brothers and sisters, we can boldly enter heaven’s Most Holy Place because of the blood of Jesus. By His death, Jesus opened a new and life-giving way through the curtain into the Most Holy Place. And since we have a great High Priest who rules over God’s house, let us go right into the presence of God with sincere hearts fully trusting Him. For our guilty consciences have been sprinkled with Christ’s blood to make us clean, and our bodies have been washed with pure water.” Hebrews 10:19-22

### D. Hour 0...Time: 3:00 p.m.

“Then He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.” John 19:30b

1. Immediately at His death, there is an earthquake, tombs open, godly men and women are raised from the dead. These men and women appear to many people.

2. Jesus’ death impacts all who are there, including the Roman officer.

“The Roman officer and the other soldiers at the crucifixion were terrified by the earthquake and all that had happened. They said, ‘This man truly was the Son of God!’” Matthew 27:54

3. The Jewish leaders don’t want the bodies hanging on their crosses on the Sabbath of Passover week.

“It was the day of preparation, and the Jewish leaders didn’t want the bodies hanging there the next day, which was the Sabbath (and a very special Sabbath, because it was Passover week).” John 19:31a

4. They request their legs be broken to hasten their deaths.

“So they asked Pilate to hasten their deaths by ordering that their legs be broken. Then their bodies could be taken down. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the two men crucified with Jesus. But when they came to Jesus, they saw that He was already dead, so they didn’t break His legs.” John 19:31b-33

“For the LORD protects the bones of the righteous; not one of them is broken!” Psalm 34:20

5. Jesus is pierced in His side with a spear to insure His death.

“One of the soldiers, however, pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water flowed out. (This report is from an eyewitness giving an accurate account. He speaks the truth so that you also may continue to believe.) These things happened in fulfillment of the Scriptures that say, ‘Not one of His bones will be broken,’ and ‘They will look on the one they pierced.’” John 19:34-37  
“Then I will pour out a spirit of grace and prayer on the family of David and on the people of Jerusalem. They will look on Me whom they have pierced and mourn for Him as for an only son. They will grieve bitterly for Him as for a firstborn son who has died.” Zechariah 12:10

6. The crowd goes home sorrowful, while John and many women watch from a distance.

“And when all the crowd that came to see the crucifixion saw what had happened, they went home in deep sorrow.” Luke 23:48

“Some women were there, watching from a distance, including Mary Magdalene, Mary (the mother of James the younger and of Joseph), and Salome. They had been followers of Jesus and had cared for Him while He was in Galilee. Many other women who had come with Him to Jerusalem were also there.” Mark 15:40-41

## E. The burial...and waiting...

*“This all happened on Friday, the day of preparation, the day before the Sabbath. As evening approached, Joseph of Arimathea in Judea, a good and righteous man, who had become a follower of Jesus, took a risk and went to Pilate and asked for Jesus’ body. (Joseph was an honored member of the high council, and he was waiting for the Kingdom of God to come.) He did not agree with the decision and actions of the other religious leaders. Pilate couldn’t believe that Jesus was already dead, so he called for the Roman officer and asked if He had died yet. The officer confirmed that Jesus was dead, so Pilate told Joseph he could have the body. Joseph bought a long sheet of linen cloth. Then he took Jesus’ body down from the cross, wrapped it in the cloth. With him came Nicodemus, the man who had come to Jesus at night. He brought about seventy-five pounds of perfumed ointment made from myrrh and aloes. Following the Jewish burial custom, they wrapped Jesus’ body with the spices in long sheets of linen cloth. The place of crucifixion was near a garden where there was his new tomb, had never been used, that had been carved out of the rock. Then he rolled a great stone in front of the entrance and left. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph were sitting across from the tomb and watching where Jesus’ body was laid. Then they went home and prepared spices and ointments to anoint His body. But by the time they were finished the Sabbath had begun, so they rested as required by the law. The next day, on the Sabbath, the leading priests and Pharisees went to see Pilate. They told him, ‘Sir, we remember what that deceiver once said while he was still alive: ‘After three days I will rise from the dead.’ So we request that you seal the tomb until the third day. This will prevent His disciples from coming and stealing His body and then telling everyone He was raised from the dead! If that happens, we’ll be worse off than we were at first.’ Pilate replied, ‘Take guards and secure it the best you can.’ So they sealed the tomb and posted guards to protect it.”*  
*Matthew 27:57-66; Mark 15:42-47; Luke 23:50-56; John 19:38-42*

## F. What is your hour with Jesus?

1. Where would you have been in those hours with Jesus? Would you have been brave enough to stand at the cross? Would you have been brave enough to risk your reputation, your friends, your associates, your possessions, your life...as the women at the cross, as John, as Joseph, or Nicodemus??

2. I can only imagine that Jesus was thinking of why He was doing all this...and had each of us on His mind? “I am doing this for you”....don’t miss the opportunity of experiencing all He has for you!!

*“You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed.” Psalm 139:16*

*“Even before He made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in His eyes.” Ephesians 1:4*

*“For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things He planned for us long ago.” Ephesians 2:10*

*“God chose Him as your ransom long before the world began, but now in these last days He has been revealed for your sake.” 1 Peter 1:10*

*“For God saved us and called us to live a holy life. He did this, not because we deserved it, but because that was His plan from before the beginning of time—to show us His grace through Christ Jesus.” 2 Timothy 1:9*

*To begin a relationship with Jesus...*

*Text: I Choose Jesus to 88202*

**3** Jesus faces His darkest hours and darkness covers the land. Time: Approximately Noon  
Matthew 27:45; Mark 15:33; Luke 23:44-45

**2** Jesus cries out to the Father and is thirsty.  
Time: Approximately 1:00 p.m.  
Matthew 27:46-49; Mark 15:34-36; John 19:28

**1** Jesus cries out, “It is finished” and commits His Spirit.  
Time: Approximately 2:00 p.m.  
Matthew 27:50-53; Mark 15:37-39; Luke 23:46-49; John 19:29-30

Jesus dies on the cross. Time: Approximately 3:00 p.m.  
Matthew 27:54-56; Mark 15:37; Luke 23:46-49;  
John 19:31-37

Burial of Jesus. Matthew 27:57-61; Mark 15:42-47; Luke 23:50-56; John 19:38-42

**0**...and waiting...

**End of Week 5....Resurrection Is Coming!**

