

WHAT HAPPENED ON THE CROSS?

Matthew 27:1 (NIV) *Early in the morning, all the chief priests and the elders of the people made their plans how to have Jesus executed.*

John 1:11 (NIV) *He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.*

Matthew 27:2 (NIV) *So they bound him, led him away and handed him over to Pilate the governor.* ³ *When Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he was seized with remorse and returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders.* ⁴ *"I have sinned," he said, "for I have betrayed innocent blood."* *"What is that to us?" they replied. "That's your responsibility."* ⁵ *So Judas threw the money into the temple and left. Then he went away and hanged himself.*

Why did Satan lead Judas to betray Jesus?

*Satan puts his thoughts into our minds and convinces us that they're OURS!

Peter and Judas: 2 different responses:

- Peter's failure
- Judas' failure

Matthew 27:11 (NIV) *Meanwhile Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" "You have said so," Jesus replied.*

Matthew 27:12 (NIV) *When he was accused by the chief priests and the elders, he gave no answer.* ¹³ *Then Pilate asked him, "Don't you hear the testimony they are bringing against you?"* ¹⁴ *But Jesus made no reply, not even to a single charge—to the great amazement of the governor.* ¹⁵ *Now it was the governor's custom at the festival to release a prisoner chosen by the crowd.* ¹⁶ *At that time they had a well-known prisoner whose name was Jesus Barabbas.* ¹⁷ *So when the crowd had gathered, Pilate asked them, "Which one do you want me to release to you: Jesus Barabbas, or Jesus who is called the Messiah?"*

Barabbas: "Son of Abba." We are Barabbas.

Matthew 27:18 (NIV) *For he knew it was out of self-interest that they had handed Jesus over to him.* ¹⁹ *While Pilate was sitting on the judge's seat, his wife sent him this message: "Don't have anything to do with that innocent man, for I have suffered a great deal today in a dream because of him."* ²⁰ *But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus executed.* ²¹ *"Which of the two do you want me to release to you?" asked the governor. "Barabbas," they answered.* ²² *"What shall I do, then, with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" Pilate asked. They all answered, "Crucify him!"*

Matthew 27:23 (NIV) *"Why? What crime has he committed?" asked Pilate. But they shouted all the louder, "Crucify him!"* ²⁴ *When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that instead an uproar was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. "I am innocent of this man's blood," he said. "It is your responsibility!"* ²⁵ *All the people answered, "His blood is on us and on our children!"* ²⁶ *Then he released Barabbas to them. But he had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified.*

Matthew 27:32 (NIV) *As they were going out, they met a man from Cyrene, named Simon, and they forced him to carry the cross.* ³³ *They came to a place called **Golgotha** (which means "the place of the skull").*

Matthew 27:34 (NIV) *There they offered Jesus wine to drink, mixed with gall; but after tasting it, he refused to drink it.* ³⁵ *When they had crucified him, they divided up his clothes by casting lots.* ³⁶ *And sitting down, they kept watch over him there.* ³⁷ *Above his head they placed the written charge against him: this is Jesus, the king of the Jews.*

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NIV) *God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

Matthew 27:45 (NIV) *From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land.* ⁴⁶ *About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" (which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?").* ⁴⁷ *When some of those standing there heard this, they said, "He's calling Elijah."* ⁴⁸ *Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink.* ⁴⁹ *The rest said, "Now leave him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to save him."* ⁵⁰ *And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit.* ⁵¹ *At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split* ⁵² *and the tombs broke open. The bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life.* ⁵³ *They came out of the tombs after Jesus' resurrection and went into the holy city and appeared to many people.* ⁵⁴ *When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, "Surely he was the Son of God!"*

What was happening:

- The Father has forsaken the Son
- The curtain of the Temple was torn in two when He died
- Bodies from the grave came out of the tombs and rose to life
- Guards said, *"Surely this man was the Son of God"*

Matthew 27:55 (NIV) *Many women were there, watching from a distance. They had followed Jesus from Galilee to care for his needs. ⁵⁶ Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of Zebedee's sons.*

Matthew 27:61 (NIV) *Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were sitting there opposite the tomb.*

Matthew 27:65 (NIV) *"Take a guard," Pilate answered. "Go, make the tomb as secure as you know how." ⁶⁶ So they went and made the tomb secure by putting a seal on the stone and posting the guard.*

So what actually happened on the cross?

There was an **EXCHANGE**.

WE ARE LIKE:

- **Judas:** we exchange Jesus for money
- **Peter:** we exchange Jesus for security and safety
- **Pilate:** we exchange Jesus for power and control
- **The Crowd:** we exchange Jesus the moment that following Him would cost us something.
- **Barabbas:** we are worthy of death for our sins.