



# **Life of Christ**

from the gospel of

# **John**

## **Lesson 13**

### **Jesus is Beaten, Crucified, and Buried**

**John 19:1-42**

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## Younger Verse

He was whipped, and we were healed! Isaiah 53:5 (NLT)

## Older Verse

He was wounded and crushed for our sins. He was beaten that we might have peace. He was whipped, and we were healed! Isaiah 53:5 (NLT)

## Bible Story

The following is a summary of the Bible story to help supplement your preparation. In your personal study time, use this summary as a guide, and make notes to help you remember your plans for the lesson. Please do **NOT** read to the children.

We ended our lesson last week talking about Pilate, the Roman leader in Jerusalem. After talking with Jesus, Pilate believed He had done nothing wrong. Pilate offered a choice to the crowd now gathered at the Praetorium. Pilate would free one prisoner. Jesus or Barabbas? Barabbas was a thief, but the crowd chose to free him! That seems so backwards. Jesus had done nothing wrong. But the more He taught and healed the people and talked about being from God, the more people followed Him. This angered the Jewish leaders. In their anger, all they could think of was making sure that Jesus die.

Pilate decided to try something before sending Jesus to die. Maybe the leaders would change their minds once they saw Jesus punished. Pilate sent Jesus away to be beaten. The Roman soldiers had special whips they used to beat prisoners with. These whips were made from many cords attached to one handle. Those cords would have very sharp things woven into them, like glass or stones or metal. The Roman soldiers used these whips to punish people who had disobeyed the law. They also used it to punish Jesus, who had done nothing wrong.

Pilate was sure that Jesus' beating would be enough for the crowd, but it wasn't. Pilate could have stopped Jesus' crucifixion, but He was scared of what the Jewish leaders might do. He sent Jesus away to be crucified. Crucifixion was how the Romans punished and killed people. To be crucified meant to be nailed to a cross. Jesus was to be crucified at a place called Golgotha, or Calvary. Jesus carried His own cross. He was nailed to the cross and hung there between two other men, one on either side.

While Jesus was hanging on the cross, the Roman soldiers took Jesus' robe and other clothes and each took a part. Jesus had one very nice, long robe, one that would have been very expensive. The soldiers decided not to tear this one. Instead, they rolled dice to see whose it would be. This seems like such a simple thing, but it really is amazing! Why? Because about a thousand years before Jesus was crucified, King David wrote a song about

### Teachers:

We have jumped ahead here in preparation for Easter. In Lesson 15 we return to John 4.

## Lesson Goals

To realize that Jesus suffered for us, the punishment we deserve.  
To see Jesus' crucifixion as something He knew about and came for.  
To understand that John wrote what He saw so that we might believe.

\*Psalm 22:18

Jesus' death on the cross. In that song it says, "They divide my clothes among themselves and throw dice for my garments!"\* Do you think that any of what happened that day on the cross, or even the days before, were a surprise to Jesus? They were not. Jesus even knew that almost everything had happened that needed to before He died. Because He knew this, He told the soldiers that He was thirsty. They lifted up to Jesus a leafy branch soaked with sour vinegar. When Jesus had wet His mouth with the vinegar, He said, "It is finished," then He died. Jesus had completed everything He came to do!

\*Psalm 34:20

The Jews were in a hurry to remove the bodies from the three crosses, but the other two men were still alive. To remove them faster, the Roman soldiers broke their legs! Jesus looked dead, but they wanted to be sure. The soldiers didn't break His legs. That is as amazing as the soldiers dividing Jesus' clothing because God had already said, many years before Jesus was crucified, that His legs would not be broken.\* Without knowing this, the soldiers took a long spear and pushed it into Jesus' side. They now knew that Jesus was also dead.

Jesus was taken down from the cross. A man named Joseph asked for Jesus' body so that he could bury it. Joseph followed Jesus, but secretly because he was afraid of the Jews. A man named Nicodemus helped Joseph. Does anyone remember who Nicodemus was? He visited Jesus at night. Jesus told him that you must be born again to see God. Jesus also told him, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life." Nicodemus and Joseph put nice smelling oils and spices on Jesus and wrapped him up in linen fabric. There was a garden close by. In that garden was a tomb, or burial cave, that had never been used. They placed Jesus there.

John, the disciple Jesus loved, was there at Jesus' crucifixion. John stood at the cross with Jesus' mother, Mary, her sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. John saw everything that happened to Jesus that day and he wrote it down. He tells the truth so that we can believe! Do you believe that God loved you so much that He gave His one and only Son, Jesus, to die for you? If you don't know, let's talk. If you do, are you telling others as John did or are you like Joseph and Nicodemus, keeping it a secret because you are afraid of what others will say and do? Who can you tell today?

### Memory Verse Activities

Braid three cords of equal length into bracelets. Explain that each cord represents what happened to Jesus. He was **wounded and crushed** (1st cord) . . . for our sins. He was **beaten** (2nd cord) . . . that we might have peace. He was **whipped** (3rd cord) . . . and we were healed!

### Prayer Time

Be sensitive to those students who are unusually attentive or who have lots of questions. If possible, pull them aside now for questions and prayer. Pray with the larger group, thanking God for sending His One and Only Son to take our punishment.

### Preparing for Next Week—EASTER LESSONS

Lesson 14  
The Tomb is Empty  
John 20:1-18

# Preschool Lesson

## Jesus is Nailed to a Cross

Last week we talked about the Roman leader in Jerusalem. His name was Pilate. After He talked with Jesus, Pilate believed Jesus had done nothing wrong. A big crowd was waiting to see what Pilate would do. He had an idea! Pilate would free one prisoner. Who would it be, Jesus or Barabbas? Remember, Barabbas was a thief. Even though Jesus had done nothing wrong, the crowd chose to free Barabbas instead of Jesus!

Pilate did not want to send Jesus to die so he decided to try something. Pilate sent Jesus away to be hurt. Maybe the leaders would change their minds once they saw Jesus had been punished. The Roman soldiers had special whips, or handles with long cords, that they used to hit their prisoners with. The Roman soldiers used these whips to punish people who had disobeyed the law. They also used it to punish Jesus. But, Jesus had done nothing wrong.

Pilate hoped that Jesus' beating would be enough for the crowd. The crowd didn't care what Pilate thought. All they wanted was for Jesus to be nailed to a cross! Pilate did not want Jesus to go to the cross, but he did not stop it when he could have. He sent Jesus away to be nailed to a cross. Jesus carried His own cross. He was nailed to His cross and left to hang there.

As Jesus hung on the cross, He got thirsty. He told the soldiers that He was thirsty and they lifted a leafy branch up to Him that had been soaked with sour vinegar. After Jesus wet His mouth with the vinegar, He said, "It is finished," and then He died. Jesus had finished everything He came to do!

John, one of Jesus' disciples, was there when Jesus was nailed to the cross. John saw everything that happened to Jesus that day and he wrote it down. He tells the truth so that we can believe! Do you believe that God loves you so much that He gave His one and only Son, Jesus, to die for you?

Jesus did not deserve to be beaten. Jesus did not deserve to be nailed to a cross. Jesus never did anything wrong, but He loves you so much that He was ready to be punished for all the bad things you have done. He did this so that you can be His friend!

Pray: Thank you, God, for Jesus. Thank you for loving me enough to want to be my friend.

# Activities

- Provide coloring pages and word puzzles that will enhance what you have taught today.
- We have talked about the events of the last week of Jesus' life. Much of it took place amidst Roman officials. Make calendars. For a twist, use the Latin names of the months when you label them and write them in Roman style letters. (January - Januarius, February - Februarius, March - Martius, April - Aprilis, May - Maius, June - Junius, July - Julius, August - Augustus, and September, October, November, and December, which have not changed)
- Jesus wore a crown of thorns for us! Make crowns like Jesus should have been wearing. Decorate them with jewels, sequins, glitter, etc.
- Make a chart on poster board or a chalk board by dividing it in two. Label one side "Jesus was . . ." and the other "I . . ." Review Isaiah 53:5, giving your students an opportunity to hear and read the verse several times. Help your students understand that Jesus was "pierced" (side one) because I "had sinned" (side two). Continue until you have exhausted the verse.
- Cut out squares of linen with pinking sheers. Apply a drop of perfume to each linen square. Pin one to each student or staple them to colored index cards. Talk with your students about Jesus' burial. Review with them how Joseph and Nicodemus came and prepared Jesus' body for burial. They put perfumed oil on His body and wrapped Him in linen.
- Make craft stick crosses.
- Make "God's Eyes" or "Ojo de Dios." You might want to make this with the colors of the salvation bracelets and use it to review the plan of salvation with your students. (Black for our sin, red for the blood of Jesus, white for purity, blue for baptism, green for growth, and gold for eternal life.)
- Dig Deeper: Talk about John 1:29, 36. Jesus is the "Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" God gave John the Baptist understanding of this three years before Jesus' crucifixion. Let students tell you how this was accomplished in Jesus' death.

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Word Search  
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Find the missing words from the memory verse in the puzzle above.

He was \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_.

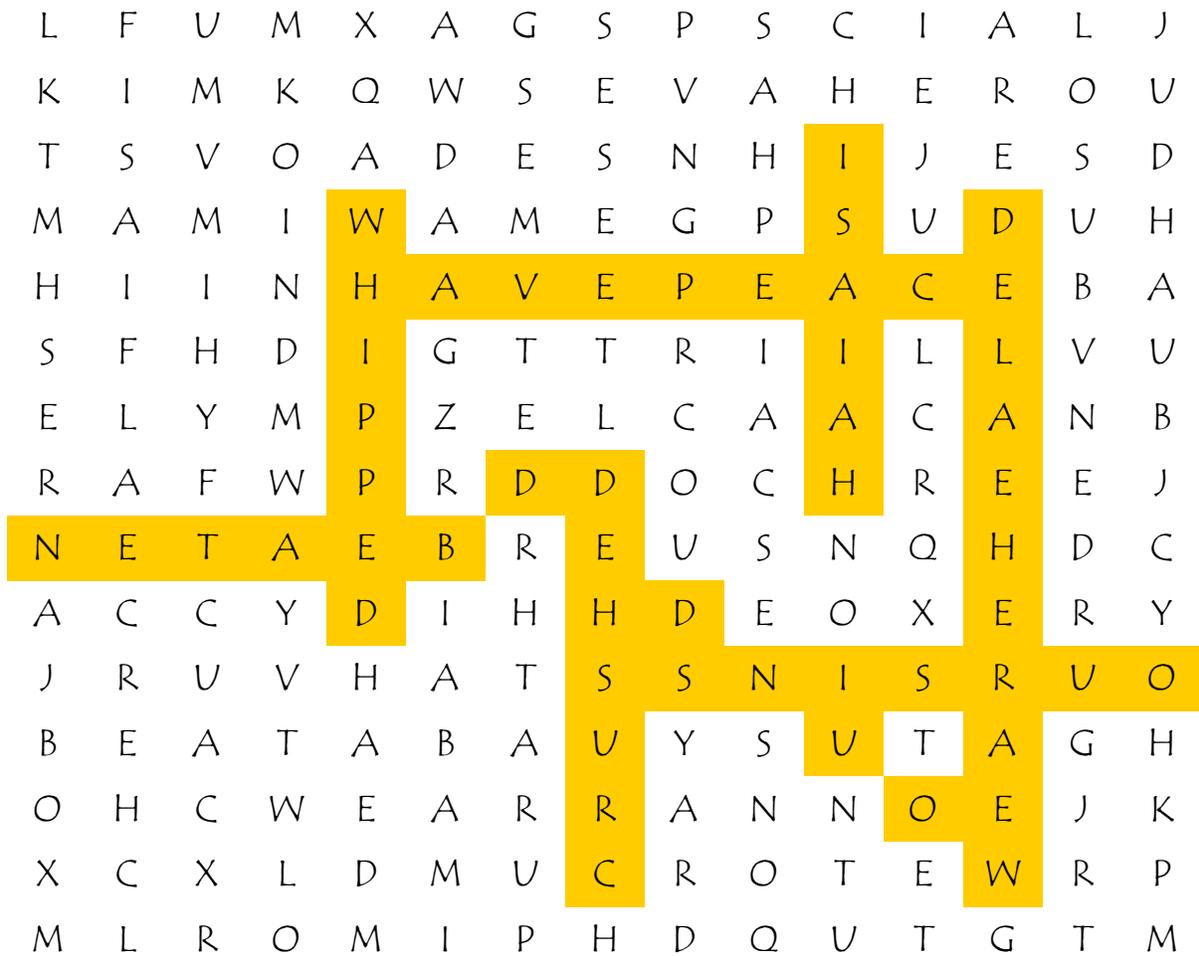
He was \_\_\_\_\_ that we might \_\_\_\_\_.

He was \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_!

\_\_\_\_\_ 53:5

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Jesus is Nailed to a Cross

H E C A I A P W A S  
Y U W H I P P E D C  
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F A N D A E D M U N  
Z Y O M A L W E U S  
S U H C L A M L E O  
P U W E R E M E N T  
S S P V F J U D A S  
U T U N O W R O N G  
W H P E H E A L E D

Find all the words from your memory verse in the puzzle above.

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