

Lesson 6

Trial and Crucifixion of Jesus

John
18:19

Memory Verse
For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life
(John 3:16)

Teachers Objective
At the end of the session, the students should be able to:

1. Define what betrayal and desertion mean
2. Locate Golgotha on a map
3. Describe in their own words the trial and crucifixion
4. Express how Jesus may have felt when He was taken away by the soldiers

Materials Needed
See Teaching Activities for specific activities

Teacher s Bible Study

In order to fulfill the divine master plan of salvation, Jesus Christ, this Great Being, divested Himself of all His power, might and majesty and took upon Himself the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men (Philippians. 2:7). As envisioned however darkly by Abraham and Moses, and as prophesied by Isaiah and others, God s Word was now incarnate, the son of God and the son of man. As a human being, Jesus led a perfect life, although He was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin (Hebrews. 4:15). He overcame Satan s temptations and qualified to replace him as ruler of this world. He was our example who learned obedience through suffering He became our Savior whose atoning death paid the death penalty for all the sins of mankind.

This great personal sacrifice of Christ s crucifixion is a perfect illustration of Jesus love and mercy toward us. In Christ s own words, the greatest love a man can have is to lay down his life for his friends (John 15:15). And Jesus sacrifice for us is even more powerfully poignant in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us (Romans 5:8), When we were [still] enemies (verse 10) and not yet friends, Jesus laid down His life for us. Certainly the giving of His life on the stake for all humanity was the greatest example of the greatest love which can be shown.

Prior to telling the story, you could discuss with your students the word punishment. Ask your students the following questions. When were you last punished? Have you ever been punished for something you did not do? Today s story is about how Jesus Christ was punished. Jesus was punished severely even though He was innocent. Give the definitions to the words betrayal and desertion.

Crown of Thorns: In Golgotha, there are two kinds of native plants from which the crown of thorns that was fashioned and put upon the head of Jesus may have been taken. One is called the Christ thorn. It grows to an approximate height of twelve feet. There are very sharp thorns at the bottom of its leaves. The other shrub is called by the same name, but only grows to a height of eight feet. The branches of this shrub are much easier to bend.

Reed: The soldiers put a reed in Jesus hand. This could have been one of many plants: (1) bulrush reed, (2) Jerusalem corn, (3) reed of Palestine, or (4) Papyrus reed.

Casting Lots Romans did have dice. The Roman soldiers may have used dice that look much like our dice today to gamble for Jesus cloak. Stones with different colors and symbols on them were Jewish lots

Myrrh and Aloe: When a branch is cut from certain trees in Arabia, a fra -

Presenting the Bible Story

John 18:1 11

These verses are the verses of betrayal by Judas who was a friend of Jesus. The temple guards and a mob of antagonistic people were led to Jesus by Judas. Remember that Judas was one of the twelve disciples. He had betrayed Jesus for thirty pieces of silver. Jesus did not resist the soldiers; He willingly submitted. Peter, on the other hand, cut off the ear of the high priest's servant, Malchus. This was certainly a brave act on the part of Peter. Read Luke 22:50,51.

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The other disciple may have been John. When the soldiers came to take Jesus away, Peter certainly displayed an act of bravery. Jesus was first taken to Annas. Annas was the former Jewish high priest. Caiphas was the reigning high priest. The servant girl asked a question: Art not thou also [one] of this man's disciples? He saith, I am not. It seems that this question received a negative answer. What happened to Peter's courage? He had an impulsive act of courage earlier, and now his courage was dwindling away.

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The court that Jesus was brought to was illegal. It was the Sanhedrin council that condemned Jesus to death. However, this council, by law, could not sentence Jesus. Read Matthew 27:2-5. When Judas found out that Jesus was condemned to death, he was so filled with remorse that he hung himself. Jesus was then sent to Pilate. Not much is known about Pontius Pilate. It is known that he was married, and that Tiberius appointed Pilate to the position of governor in A.D. 26.

John 18:28 38; 19:1 16

Caiphas allowed Jesus to be blindfolded, beaten, and mocked. Read Mark 15:16,20 and Luke 22:63-65. Ask your students why they think God allowed this to happen to His Son? Rehearse the memory verse John 3:16. The death of Christ, the Creator of everything, was designed from the foundation of the world (Revelation 13:8) and was able to pay the penalty for the sins of humanity, because His life was worth far more than the sum total of all the lives of all human beings who have ever lived or ever will live.

John 18:39, 40

Pilate was a weak ruler. He found no basis for the charges brought against Jesus, and yet he did as the Jews pressured him to do. He permitted Jesus' crucifixion. Pilate sent Jesus to Herod, who was another Roman ruler. Read Luke 23:6-12.

John 19:17 22

It was customary in those days to release a prisoner during the Passover festival. This is why Pilate offered the crowd a choice. Did they want Jesus or Barabbas to be released? Jesus was perfect and without sin or guilt; Barabbas was a sinner, robber, and murderer.

John 19:23 30

Jesus was then crucified along with two other criminals. These criminals were put on either side of Jesus. It is interesting to note that the same crowd that cheered Hosanna a few days earlier when Jesus entered Jerusalem is now the same crowd that demanded His death and the release of a murderer.

John 19:31 37

While the soldiers continued to mock Jesus on the stake and gamble for His clothing, Jesus prayed for His murderers. Read Luke 23:34.

John 19:38-4

Prior to reading these scriptures, remind your students about how the Passover lamb in Exodus was not to have its bones broken. Likewise, Scripture was fulfilled when not a bone of Christ's was broken.

Art and Activities

Joseph of Arimathea received permission from Pilate to prepare Jesus' body for burial. Who was this Joseph of Arimathea? He was a wealthy man, and a member of the Jewish council, the Sanhedrin. He did not take part in condemning Jesus to death.

Teaching Activities

Young Children

On white paper make copies of the memory verse pattern. Have students write the memory verse on the lines ending with chapter and verse where the scripture is found in the Bible. On the book marker have the students write their name followed by loves Jesus. Example: Sue loves Jesus.

Word Search puzzle.

Older Children

Provide either an ice cream stick or tongue depressor for each student. Using a felt tip pen, write "God so loved the world..." on one side of the stick. On the other side of the stick write John 3:16. Use 1/2-inch satin ribbon and 1/4 inch satin ribbon (use two different colors). Cut the ribbon 6 inches long. Glue the ribbon to the top of the stick. Put the 1/4-inch ribbon in the middle of the 1/2-inch ribbon. The students may put the stick part of their bookmark in the back of their Bible and place the ribbons between the pages. You could use more than one ribbon, or all the same size ribbon. Use your imagination.

Explore with your students the following topics

Answer the questions to find the names of Jesus' friends and enemies.

Explore the Subject

Always close your class with prayer

1. Give reasons why Jesus allowed men to treat him poorly and back it up with scripture. (John 3:16).

2. What do the actions of Judas, Peter, and the crowd tell us about the nature of sin?

3. Explain how Judas betrayed Jesus, and Peter deserted Him

Respond and Reinforce

1. Would you agree that the crucifixion of Jesus is a dark topic?

2. Do you respond in a positive manner while under pressure?

3. Discuss the memory verse.

Activity Page

Trial and Crucifixion of Jesus

John 18, 19

There were many people involved in the trial and crucifixion of Jesus Christ. Jesus had both friends that loved Him and enemies that wanted to kill Him. Unscramble the letters below to find the names of Jesus' friends and enemies. There are Bible-verse clues to help you.

Names

Clues

N H J O

He helped Peter prepare the Passover
(Luke 22:8).

A A H A P C S I

He was Israel's high priest (John 18:24).

H J P E S O O F A E R I H T A M A A

He prepared Christ's body for burial
(John 19:38-42).

D A U S J

He betrayed Jesus. (John 18:2-5).

E E P R T

He denied he knew Jesus
(John 18:25-27).

N E M O W

They followed Jesus as He was led away
to be crucified (Luke 23:27).

E P I T L A

To please the crowd, he allowed Jesus
to be crucified (Luke 23:13-26).

S A B B B R A A B

The crowd wanted him released instead
of Jesus (Luke 23:13).

V T I H E S E

They were crucified beside Jesus
(Matthew 27:38).

G L E N A

He said, "He is risen!"(Matthew 28:2-6).

Y M R A

She was the mother of Jesus. (Matthew
19:25).

Art Activity

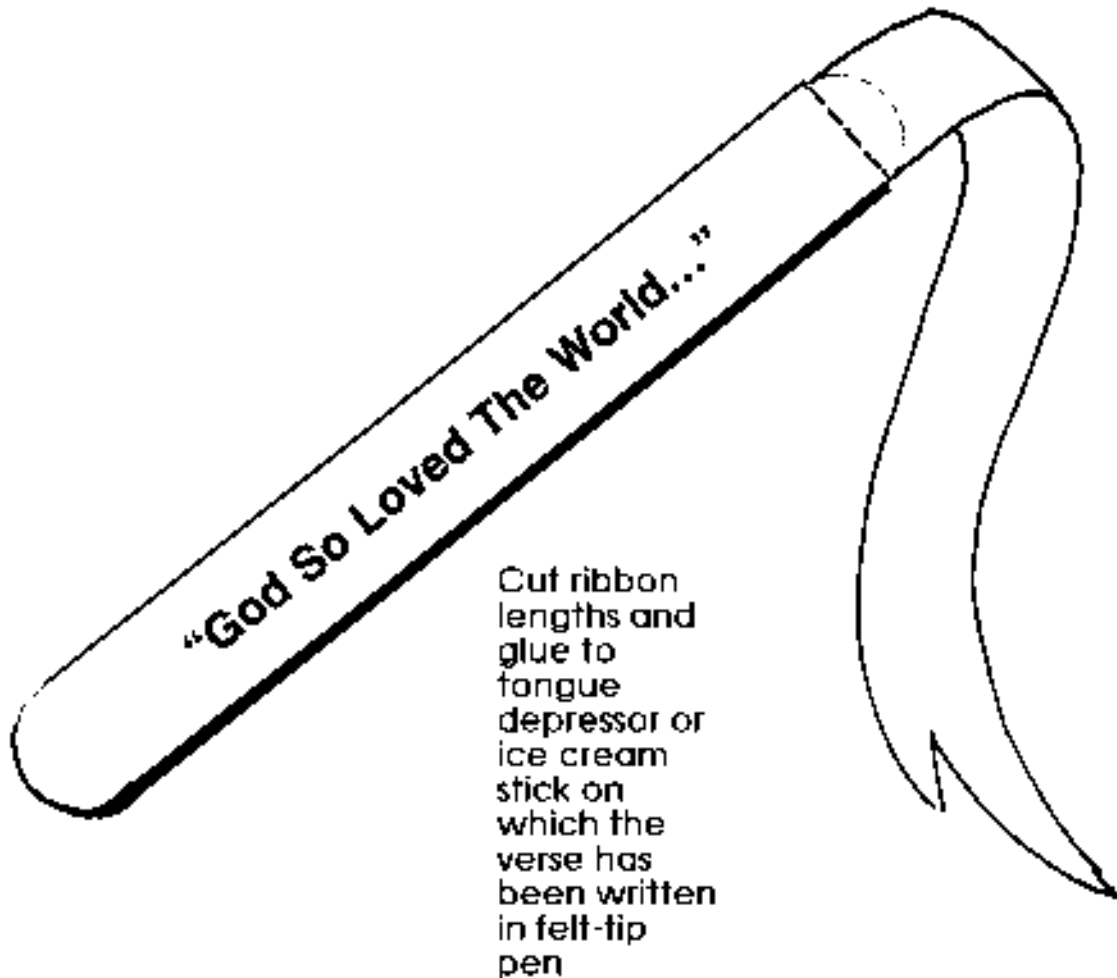
Memory Verse Bookmark

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John 3:16

Materials Needed:

Ice cream stick or tongue depressor
Satin ribbon in different colors and widths
Felt-tip pens
Glue



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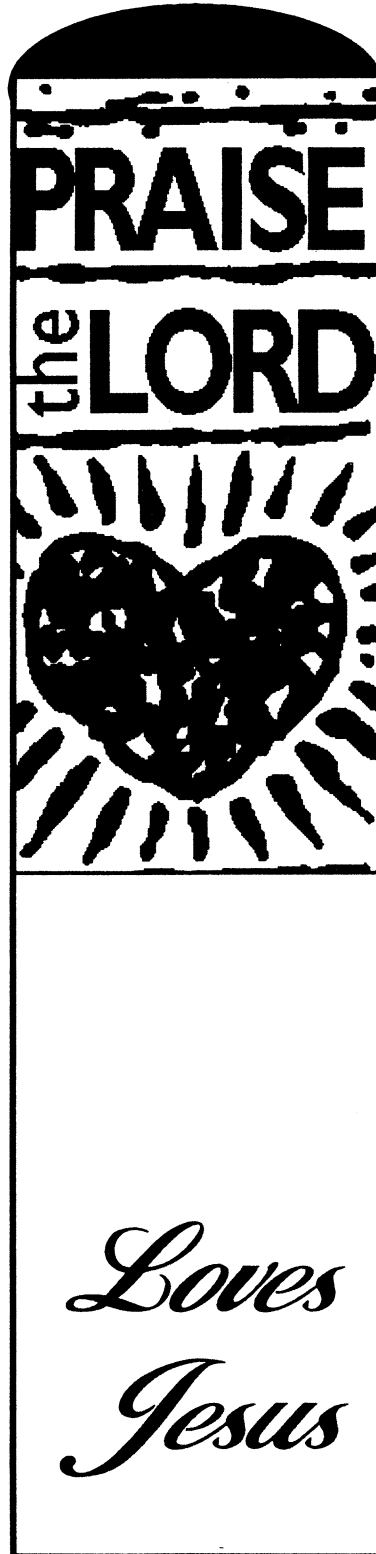
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Friends and Enemies

Angel	Barabbas	Herod	Joseph	Mary	Thieves
Annas	Caiaphas	John	Judas	Peter	Woman
Arimathaea	Centurion	Judas	Malchus	Pilate	

Art Activity

Book Marker
Memory Verse Pattern



Activity

Color Sheet

Psalm 23:1-3

