

Read Mark 15:21-32

**21** A passerby named Simon, who was from Cyrene, was coming in from the countryside just then, and the soldiers forced him to carry Jesus' cross. (Simon was the father of Alexander and Rufus.)

**22** And they brought Jesus to a place called Golgotha (which means "Place of the Skull"). **23** They offered him wine drugged with myrrh, but he refused it.

**24** Then the soldiers nailed him to the cross. They divided his clothes and threw dice to decide who would get each piece. **25** It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him.

**26** A sign announced the charge against him. It read, "The King of the Jews." **27** Two criminals were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left.

**29** The people passing by shouted abuse, shaking their heads in mockery. "Ha! Look at you now!" they yelled at him. "You said you were going to destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days. **30** Well then, save yourself and come down from the cross!"

**31** The leading priests and teachers of religious law also mocked Jesus. "He saved others," they scoffed, "but he can't save himself! **32** Let this Messiah, this King of Israel, come down from the cross so we can see it and believe him!" Even the men who were crucified with Jesus ridiculed him.

**Who was Simon and what did they make him do (v. 21)?** He was a man from Cyrene and was just walking by. They singled him out and made him carry Jesus' Cross to the place where they would crucify Him.

**Where did they take Jesus (v. 22)?** To a place called Golgotha (or Calvary). **What does Golgotha mean?** The Place of the Skull.

**What did they offer Jesus (v. 23)?** Wine mixed with myrrh. **Why did they offer Him that?** To get rid of His pain.

**When they crucified Him, what did the soldiers do (v. 24)?** They divided up His clothes among themselves. **Why was that important?** It was prophesied hundreds of years before that they would do exactly that (Psalm 22:18).

**What time was it when Jesus was crucified (v. 25)?** 9 o'clock in the morning.

**What was the sign they posted above His head (v. 26)?** The "King of the Jews." They were still making fun of Him.

**Who else was crucified with Jesus (v. 27)?** Two robbers (Read Luke 23:39-43)

**What did the people who were walking by say (vv. 29-30)?** They insulted Jesus and mocked Him. They made fun of Him. They said – if you're such a powerful person Jesus, why don't you just come down from the Cross and save yourself. **What did the Jewish religious leaders do (vv. 31-32)?** The same thing. They mocked Him.

**Doesn't that make you sad the way they treated Jesus, the Savior of the world?**