



The Passion of the King - 3

We have come to the last study in the Gospel of Matthew. Here we will see the greatest event in the history of mankind: the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

We have already seen how Jesus was betrayed by Judas. He was then taken for trial before Caiaphas the High Priest, and then to Pilate for a Roman trial. The sentence He received was death! So Jesus was taken out to be crucified. This took place at 9 o'clock in the morning on the day called, 'The day of preparation.'

1. THE DEATH OF THE KING Matthew 27:45-66

As we read through the story of the death of Jesus we see it was not the death of an ordinary man.



What amazing events took place as Jesus hung on the cross?
What do you think is the significance of these events?

- a.) V45 _____
- b.) V50 _____
- c.) V51 _____
- d.) V51 _____
- e.) V52 _____

The Roman Centurion and the other guards had been at the scene that day. What was their response to these amazing things?

V54 _____

2. THE RESURRECTION OF THE KING Matthew 28:1-20

Jesus died at 3 o'clock on the same day He was crucified. A man named Joseph from Arimathea asked Pilate for permission to bury Him. Joseph was a wealthy man and belonged to the Sanhedrin, but he had not agreed with what they did to Jesus. Although we read nothing else about Joseph, he had a part in God's wonderful purposes that were about to take place.

Early on the Sunday morning an even greater event took place. The tomb burst open and Jesus rose from the dead. Hallelujah!



If Jesus had remained in the tomb His death could not have saved us. What evidence is there in this story to prove that Jesus did rise from the dead? *(Imagine you are an inspector or special agent investigating the case.)*



What does the resurrection of Jesus mean in our lives?

The death and resurrection of Jesus is the greatest event in human history. It has changed our lives. Now that we have experienced this resurrection life, we need to do what the women in the story did. Jesus met them on that glorious Sunday morning and said, "Do not be afraid: Go and tell ..."

This is the same command that He later gave to His disciples, and to all who follow Him.

What is that command?

V19 _____

What is the promise?

V18 _____

V20 _____

Let's obey His command. When the gospel has been preached to all nations the end of the age will come. This is the time when our King will return, we will receive our new resurrection bodies, and His Kingdom will be established forever. Amen!