

## Good Friday Personal Devotional for Friday, April 3, 2026

### The Review of Christ's Death

#### Matt 27:27-60

- 27 Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him.
- 28 They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him,
- 29 and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand and knelt in front of him and mocked him. "Hail, king of the Jews!" they said.
- 30 They spit on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again.
- 31 After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.
- 32 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).
- 34 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.
- 38 Two robbers were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left.
- 39 Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads
- 40 and saying, "You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!"
- 41 In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him.
- 42 "He saved others," they said, "but he can't save himself! He's the King of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him.
- 43 He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, 'I am the Son of God.'"
- 44 In the same way the robbers who were crucified with him also heaped insults on him.
- 45 From the sixth hour until the ninth hour darkness came over all the land.
- 46 About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lama 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 stick, 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 and the rocks split.
- 52 The tombs broke open and the bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life.
- 53 They came out of the tombs, and after Jesus' resurrection they 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!"
- 55 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 Joses, and the mother of Zebedee's sons.
- 57 As evening approached, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus.
- 58 Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus' body, and Pilate ordered that it be given to him.
- 59 Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth,

60 and placed it in his own new tomb that he had cut out of the rock. He rolled a big stone in front of the entrance to the tomb and went away. NIV

## Did Almighty God forsake Jesus on the cross?

Ps 22:1-3

1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?

2 O my God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer, by night, and am not silent.

3 Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One; you are the praise of Israel.

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14 I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint. My heart has turned to wax; it has melted away within me.

15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; you lay me in the dust of death.

16 Dogs have surrounded me; a band of evil men has encircled me, they have pierced my hands and my feet.

17 I can count all my bones; people stare and gloat over me.

18 They divide my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing.

19 But you, O Lord, be not far off; O my Strength, come quickly to help me.

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23 You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you descendants of Jacob, honor him! Revere him, all you descendants of Israel!

24 For he has **not despised** or **disdained the suffering of the afflicted one**; he has not hidden his face from him but has listened to his cry for help.

25 From you comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly; before those who fear you will I fulfill my vows.

26 The poor will eat and be satisfied; they who seek the Lord will praise him — may your hearts live forever!

27 All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations will bow down before him, NIV

Pray

Thank God for the gift of His Son for you.