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 Break the ice

Write down what God is saying to you in today's message:

TOPIC: Gospel of John – week 40



Let's hear your story

1. Tell of a time when you had to explain to a friend or family member that Jesus really did die on the cross?
2. What happened to the temple when Jesus died in Matthew 27:51? **(Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom...)**
3. How did Pilate respond when he heard Jesus was dead in Mark 15:44? **(Pilate marvelled that He "Jesus" was already dead.)**
4. What came out of Jesus' side when the soldiers pierced Him in John 19:34? **(Blood and water came out.)**



Let's go deeper

5. Who asked for Jesus' body in John 19:38? **(After this, Joseph of Arimathea...asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus.)**
6. Where was Jesus' body laid according to John 19:41? **(In a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid.)**
7. What was placed in front of the entrance to the tomb according to Matthew 27:60? **(A large stone.)**
8. How was the tomb made secure according to Matthew 27:66? **(They went and made the tomb secure, sealing the stone and setting the guard.)**



Let's apply this

9. **John 19:30**; So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, **'It is finished!'** And bowing His head, He **gave up His spirit**.

Jesus died as a substitute (in place of), for the sins of the whole world.

- Jesus bled and died, because He loves you.
- Jesus paid the ultimate price for you to live for Him.
- Ask Jesus today to forgive your sins, shame, and guilt.

SUMMARY:

Gospel of John: Week 40 (The death of Jesus Christ).

Read: John 19:1 – 42 and 1 Corinthians 15:1 – 4 and Isaiah 52:14

v.1; Jesus was flogged / scourged. flogging or scourging took the life of many men. Many did not even make it to their place of crucifixion. **Scourging had 3 purposes:** To punish prisoners, and to gain confessions of crimes from prisoners. In crucifixion scourging was used to weaken the victim to die more quickly on the cross.

v.15 – 20; Death by crucifixion could come from many sources: Shock from blood loss, being too exhausted to breathe any longer; dehydration, stress-induced heart attack, or heart failure leading to a cardiac rupture. If the victim did not die quick enough, the legs were broken and the victim was unable to breathe.

v.28 – 30; The temple curtain was torn in two from top to bottom – see **Matthew 27:50 – 51**. The veil was what separated the holy place from the most holy place in the temple. It was a demonstration of the separation between God and man. The veil was torn from top to bottom, and it was God who did the tearing.

v.32 – 33; Jesus was found dead by the soldiers. These soldiers supervised many executions on the cross. They knew when a man had died and when he was still alive. See **Mark 15:44 – 45**.

v.34; Blood and water came out of Jesus' side. The executioner whose job was to ensure His death declared Him dead. To make sure He was dead, they took a spear. They ran it under His ribcage, puncturing His heart sack so that water and blood flowed from His side.

v.35 – 37; John's eyewitness account

v.38 – 39; Joseph of Arimathea with Nicodemus took Jesus' dead body off the cross.

v.40; Jesus' body was wrapped in linen cloths. Before the body was wrapped it had to be prepared. One of the customs of the Jews in preparing a body for burial is to wash it. They examined His entire body.

v.41 – 42; Jesus' body was laid in a new tomb.

Luke 23:55, tell us that women saw the tomb and how Jesus' body was laid in it.

Matt. 27:60, tell us that a big stone was rolled in front of the entrance to the tomb.

Matthew 27:66, tell us that the tomb was secured by sealing the stone.

Matthew 27:66, tell us that the tomb was secured by a guard.