

BSF Scripture for Matthew Lesson #28

FIRST DAY:

1. Read the lesson notes and References

SECOND DAY:

Read Matthew 27:32-37

The Crucifixion of Jesus

[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.

Question 3b

Leviticus 4:12, 21; [12] that is, all the rest of the bull—he must take outside the camp to a place ceremonially clean, where the ashes are thrown, and burn it there in a wood fire on the ash heap.

[21] Then he shall take the bull outside the camp and burn it as he burned the first bull. This is the sin offering for the community.

Hebrews 13:11-13; [11] The high priest carries the blood of animals into the Most Holy Place as a sin offering, but the bodies are burned outside the camp. [12] And so Jesus also suffered outside the city gate to make the people holy through his own blood. [13] Let us, then, go to him outside the camp, bearing the disgrace he bore.

Question 4

Psalms 69:19-21; [19] You know how I am scorned, disgraced and shamed; all my enemies are before you.

[20] Scorn has broken my heart

and has left me helpless;
I looked for sympathy, but there was none,
for comforters, but I found none.

[21] They put gall in my food
and gave me vinegar for my thirst.

Question 5a

Romans 5:6-8; [6] You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. [7] Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. [8] But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

2 Corinthians 5:21; [21] God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

1 Peter 1:18-19; [18] For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, [19] but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

1 Peter 2:24; [24] “He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.”

1 John 4:10-11; [10] This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. [11] Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

THIRD DAY

Read Matthew 27:38-44

[38] Two rebels 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

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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 rebels who were crucified with him also heaped insults on him.

Question 7a

Psalm 22:

For the director of music. To the tune of “The Doe of the Morning.” A psalm of David.

[22:1] My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of anguish?

[2] My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer, by night, but I find no rest.

[3] Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One; you are the one Israel praises.

[4] In you our ancestors put their trust; they trusted and you delivered them.

[5] To you they cried out and were saved; in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

[6] But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by everyone, despised by the people.

[7] All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads.

[8] “He trusts in the LORD,” they say, “let the LORD rescue him.

Let him deliver him, since he delights in him.”

[9] Yet you brought me out of the womb; you made me trust in you, even at my mother's breast.

[10] From birth I was cast on you; from my mother's womb you have been my God.

[11] Do not be far from me, for trouble is near

and there is no one to help.

[12] Many bulls surround me; strong bulls of Bashan encircle me.

[13] Roaring lions that tear their prey open their mouths wide against me.

[14] I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint. My heart has turned to wax;

it has melted within me.

[15] My mouth 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 surround me, a pack of villains encircles me; they pierce my hands and my feet.

[17] All my bones are on display; people stare and gloat over me.

[18] They divide my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment.

[19] But you, LORD, do not be far from me. You are my strength; come quickly to help me.

[20] Deliver me from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dogs.

[21] Rescue me from the mouth of the lions; save me from the horns of the wild oxen.

[22] I will declare your name to my people; in the assembly I will praise you.

[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 scorned 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 I will fulfill my vows.

[26] The poor will eat and be satisfied; those 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,

[28] for dominion belongs to the LORD and he rules over the nations.

[29] All the rich of the earth will feast and worship; all who go down to the dust will kneel before him—those who cannot keep themselves alive.

[30] Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord.

[31] They will proclaim his righteousness, declaring to a people yet unborn:

He has done it!

FOURTH DAY

Read Matthew 27:45-56

The Death of Jesus

[45] From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land. [46] About three in the

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afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “*Eli, Eli, lema 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 staff, 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, the rocks split [52] and the tombs broke open. The bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. [53] They came out of the tombs after Jesus’ resurrection and 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 Joseph, and the mother of Zebedee’s sons.

Question 8

Isaiah 13:9-10; [9] See, the day of the LORD is coming—a cruel day, with wrath and fierce anger—to make the land desolate and destroy the sinners within it.

[10] The stars of heaven and their constellations will not show their light. The rising sun will be darkened and the moon will not give its light.

Acts 2:20; [20] The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

FIFTH DAY

Read Matthew 27:57-66

The Burial of Jesus

[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. [61] Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were sitting there opposite the tomb.

The Guard at the Tomb

[62] The next day, the one after Preparation Day, the chief priests and the Pharisees went to Pilate. [63] “Sir,” they said, “we remember that while he was still alive that deceiver said, ‘After three days I will rise again.’ [64] So give the order for the tomb to be made secure until the third day. Otherwise, his disciples may come and steal the body and tell the people that he has been raised from the dead. This last deception will be worse than the first.”

[65] “Take a guard,” Pilate answered. “Go, make the tomb as secure as you know how.” [66] So they went and made the tomb secure by putting a seal on the stone and posting the guard.

Question 13

John 38-42;

The Burial of Jesus

[38] Later, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus. Now Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly because he feared the Jewish leaders. With Pilate’s permission, he came and took the body away. [39] He was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night. Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds. [40] Taking Jesus’ body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen. This was in accordance with Jewish burial customs. [41] At the place where Jesus was crucified, there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had ever been laid. [42] Because it was

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the Jewish day of Preparation and since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

SIXTH DAY

Review Matthew 27:32-66

See above days 2-5

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