

Story 6 : The Crucifixion

Main Bible verse
[Luke 24:7]

He said, 'The Son of Man must be handed over to sinful people.
He must be nailed to a cross. On the third day he will rise from the dead.'

One day, Jesus went with His disciples to Gethsemane. Jesus kneeled with His face to the ground and prayed. While Jesus prayed, an angel from heaven appeared to Him and strengthened Him. Not long after Jesus had finished praying, Judas, one of the twelve disciples, came with soldiers carrying swords. Judas had approached the chief priests and the officers of the temple guard and had agreed to betray Jesus for 30 pieces of silver. Judas said to the soldiers, "The man that I kiss is Jesus!" Judas kissed Jesus and at once the soldiers arrested Jesus. Jesus was questioned by the high priest. The high priest and the leaders of the Israelites decided to condemn Jesus to death. The people began to spit at Him and mocked and beat Him. The next morning, the chief priests, with the elders, the teachers of the law and all the Jewish rulers bound Jesus and handed Him over to Pilate. They testified falsely against Jesus but he did not say anything. However, Pilate knew that Jesus was innocent. In those days, it was customary to release one prisoner during the Passover festival. So Pilate asked the people, "Who do you want me to release? Barabbas or Jesus?" The crowd all shouted for Barabbas to be released.

Barabbas had been imprisoned for murder. Pilate was afraid that a riot would break out.

Finally, Pilate released Barabbas and handed Jesus over to be beaten and crucified.

The soldiers put a scarlet robe on Jesus, then twisted together a



crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in His right hand, then knelt in front of Him and mocked Him. Then the soldiers took off the scarlet robe and put His own clothes on Him and led Him to the place where he would be crucified. Jesus carried His cross to Golgotha but the cross was too heavy and Jesus fell under the weight of it. A man from Cyrene, Simon, was passing by and the soldiers forced him to carry the cross. Jesus finally reached Golgotha. The soldiers stripped off His clothes. Then they crucified Him by nailing His hands and feet to the cross. The soldiers divided up His clothes and gambled to see what each would get. Above the cross was a written notice of the charge against Jesus, which read "The King of Jews". Jesus spoke through the pain. "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." Then darkness came over the whole land. Jesus suddenly cried out in a loud voice. "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Jesus knew that His time on earth had come to an end. Quietly He spoke His last words. "It is finished." With that, Jesus bowed His head and gave up His spirit and at that moment, the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split and the tombs broke open. Jesus, the Son of God died for the sins of the world.

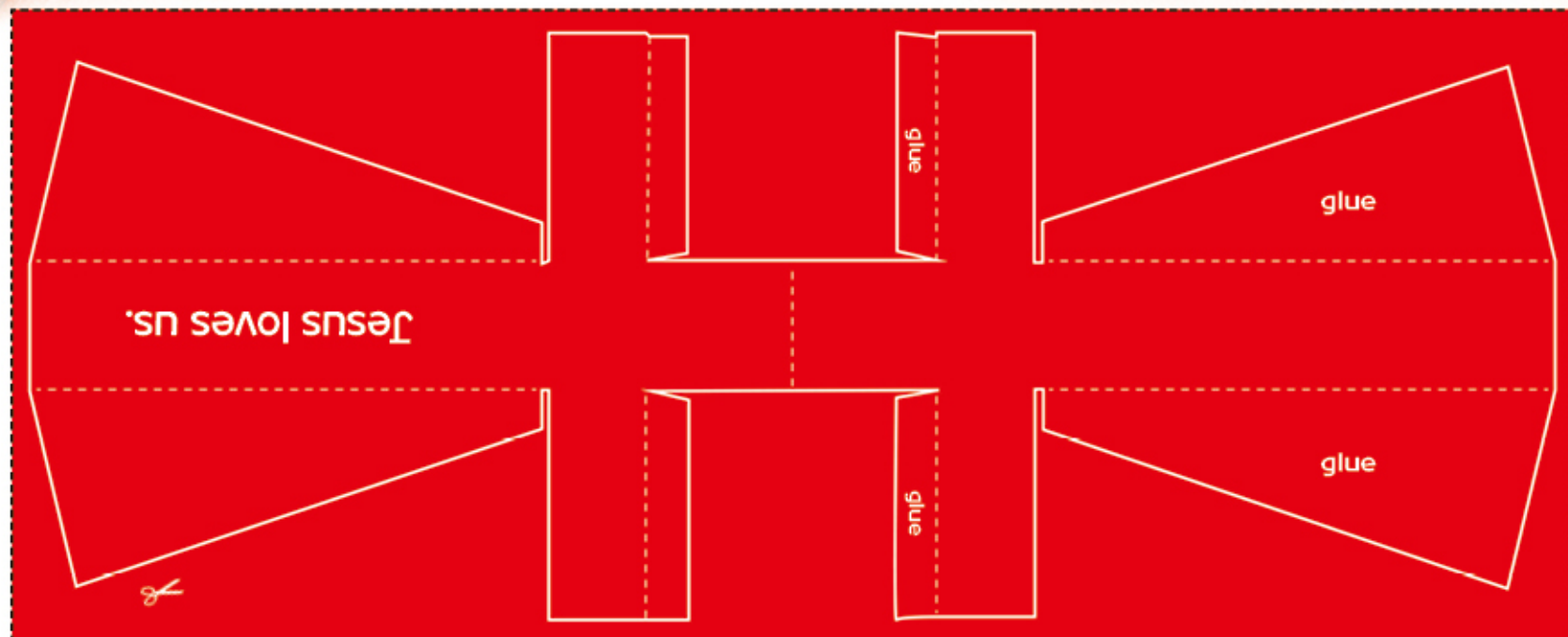




Activity 1.

Make the cross Jesus carried for us and take the time to thank Jesus for his love.

Materials: scissors, glue.



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Activity 2.

Answer the following questions.

a. How much did Judas sell Jesus for?

b. Why did Pilate want to release Jesus?

c. Read Matthew 27:32-44 and answer: What was the written charge that had been placed above Jesus' head on the cross?

● Read and memorize the Bible verse. (Luke 24:7)

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