

# John 19:23-42

Saturday | May 30th

23 When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they divided his clothes among the four of them. They also took his robe, but it was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom. 24 So they said, "Rather than tearing it apart, let's throw dice for it." This fulfilled the Scripture that says, "They divided my garments among themselves and threw dice for my clothing." So that is what they did. 25 Standing near the cross were Jesus' mother, and his mother's sister, Mary (the wife of Clopas), and Mary Magdalene. 26 When Jesus saw his mother standing there beside the disciple he loved, he said to her, "Dear woman, here is your son." 27 And he said to this disciple, "Here is your mother." And from then on this disciple took her into his home.

## The Death of Jesus

28 Jesus knew that his mission was now finished, and to fulfill Scripture he said, "I am thirsty." 29 A jar of sour wine was sitting there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put it on a hyssop branch, and held it up to his lips. 30 When Jesus had tasted it, he said, "It is finished!" Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. 31 It was the day of preparation, and the Jewish leaders didn't want the bodies hanging there the next day, which was the Sabbath (and a very special Sabbath, because it was Passover week). So they asked Pilate to hasten their deaths by ordering that their legs be broken. Then their bodies could be taken down. 32 So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the two men crucified with Jesus. 33 But when they came to Jesus, they saw that he was already dead, so they didn't break his legs. 34 One of the soldiers, however, pierced his side with a spear, and immediately blood and water flowed out. 35 (This report is from an eyewitness giving an accurate account. He speaks the truth so that you also may continue to believe.) 36 These things happened in fulfillment of the Scriptures that say, "Not one of his bones will be broken," 37 and "They will look on the one they pierced."

## The Burial of Jesus

38 Afterward (Jesus died), Joseph of Arimathea, who had been a secret disciple of Jesus (because he feared the Jewish leaders), asked Pilate for permission to take down Jesus' body. When Pilate gave permission, Joseph came and took the body away. 39 With him came Nicodemus, the man who had come to Jesus at night. He brought about seventy-five pounds of perfumed ointment made from myrrh and aloes. 40 Following Jewish burial custom, they wrapped Jesus' body with the spices in long sheets of linen cloth. 41 The place of crucifixion was near a garden, where there was a new tomb, never used before. 42 And so, because it was the day of preparation for the Jewish Passover and since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

## Discussion questions

1. What stood out to you in today's reading?
2. Was there anything confusing or troubling that you read?
3. What does this passage tell you about God (Father, Jesus, Holy Spirit)?
4. How is this going to change your life this week?
5. Who does God want you to share this with today?

## Kidz Corner:

1. On Easter Sunday last month, we celebrated that Jesus came back to life! What a beautiful thing to be excited about! Did you do anything special on Easter day?
2. Jesus had to first suffer and die to carry out the plans of His Father. This was all part of God's big plan for the world and for you. Once He died, some people came to take special care of His body. They put oil and spices on Jesus and wrapped him in linen cloth. How do you think the people who loved Jesus were feeling at this time?
3. I think you know the next part of this story. What happened three days later? That's right! Jesus rose from the tomb and He was alive! This is the greatest celebration for all mankind. Take some time to thank Jesus for suffering so that we can live and be free. He wants to hear all the things on your heart right now.