

Celebrating Holy Week at Home - Friday, April 10

Read Mark 15:21-39

Jesus had not had any sleep, and the Roman soldiers had beaten him badly. He was tired, weak and hurting. However, he was carrying the cross, where He would die, up a very steep hill. Then, the Roman soldiers forced someone to help carry his cross.

Once they reached the top of the hill of Golgotha, they crucified Jesus. Pilate ordered that they put a sign on top of the cross that said, "The King of the Jews". The Jews were angry at this because they didn't want Jesus to be their king. The Roman soldiers were mocking Him or making fun of Jesus for claiming to be the King. They continued making fun of Him saying if He was so powerful then He should save Himself. However, Jesus was showing His great power in these moments.

The Bible says that when Jesus breathed His last breath, the curtain in the curtain of the temple was torn from top to bottom. This is very important. That curtain was part of the temple, and it was probably 8 feet tall or more. If you look back at Mark 14:58 Jesus said, "I will destroy this Temple made with human hands, and in thee days I will build another, made without human hands." The curtain ripping from top to bottom was Jesus doing exactly what He said He would do.

We needed Jesus' blood to cover our sins. There was no other way our sins could be forgiven. When Jesus died on a cross, He made a way for us to come to God. Jesus covers our sins and we can have a relationship with God.

Discuss these questions with your family:

- *What would you have done or said if you were chosen by the Roman soldier or ordered to carry Jesus' cross?
- *Talk about the ways Jesus was mocked. How does this make you feel? Why?
- *What are some of the ways Jesus showed His power from the passage today?
- *What are some of the ways God is powerful in your family's life?
- *What are some things that only God can do in your life?

Prayer: Thank God for paying the ultimate price for your sin. Thank the Lord for the many ways He shows His power in your family each day.

Activity: Write words on the cross that describe how you feel about Jesus coming to be the sacrifice for your sins.

