

## LESSON 19: JESUS GIVES HIS LIFE FOR US

After the Last Supper, Jesus went out to pray in the Garden of Olives. He saw all of our sins and thought of all the suffering He would accept to make up for them. He asked God the Father, "if it is possible take this suffering away from Me." But then He told Him, "your will, not Mine, be done."

Later in the night, the soldiers arrested Jesus and took him to the High priest and Jewish leaders. Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor of Judea knew that Jesus was innocent but sentenced Him to death as His enemies wanted. The soldiers treated Jesus like a criminal. They beat Him with whips and pushed a crown of sharp thorns on His head. They made Him carry a heavy cross, nailed His hands and feet to the wood and left Him to die.

Jesus was God and He had full power to escape the pain of the Cross but He freely chose to suffer and die because He loved us so much. He wanted to redeem us so we could go to Heaven. Jesus' sacrifice was so complete and so perfect that His dying conquered death for ever.

Words to know:

Calvary: the hilltop where Jesus died.

Sacrifice: something that is offered to God. At Mass we offer Jesus to God the Father as a sacrifice for our sins.

Passion: the suffering and death of Jesus to free us from sin.

Redeem: to buy back; to free someone by buying freedom for him.

### Questions and Answers

1	Why did the Son of God become man? The Son of God became man to save us, that is, to redeem us from sin and to regain Heaven for us.
2	What did Jesus Christ do to save us? To save us, Jesus Christ made satisfaction for our sins by suffering and sacrificing Himself on the Cross, and He taught us how to live according to God.
3	Did Jesus Christ die as God or as man? Jesus Christ died as man, because as God He could neither suffer nor die.
4	What is a sacrifice? Sacrifice is the public offering to God of a thing which is destroyed to profess that God is the Creator and Supreme Master to Whom everything belongs.
5	What were the Seven words of Jesus from the Cross? 1. Words of Forgiveness 2. Words of Salvation 3. Words of Affection 4. Words of Anguish. 5. Words of Suffering. 6. Words of Victory. 7. Words of Contentment.

6	According to Gospel of Luke, what type of animal were the two disciples asked to collect and bring to Jesus for his procession into Jerusalem? A colt.
7	Who was enlisted by the Roman soldiers to help Jesus carry his cross to Calvary? Simon of Cyrene helped Jesus carry His cross.
8	Name the servant whose ear Peter cut off during Jesus' arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane? The servant's name was Malchus.
9	Roman Governor offered to release a prisoner. Name the criminal who was freed in preference to Jesus? Barabbas was chosen by the crowd over Jesus.

### The Seven Words of Jesus from the Cross

1. "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." (Lk 23:34)
2. "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise." (Lk 23:43)
3. "Woman, here is your son." (Jn 19:26)
4. "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Matt 27:46)
5. "I am thirsty." (Jn 19:28)
6. "It is finished." (Jn 19:30)
7. "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." (Lk 23:46)

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Leader: We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You,

All: Because by your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world

1. Jesus is condemned to death
2. Jesus carries His Cross
3. Jesus falls the first time
4. Jesus meets His Mother
5. Jesus is helped by Simon
6. Veronica wipes the face of Jesus
7. Jesus falls a second time
8. Jesus speaks to the women
9. Jesus falls a third time
10. Jesus is stripped of His clothes
11. Jesus is nailed to the Cross
12. Jesus dies on the Cross
13. Jesus is taken down from the Cross
14. Jesus is placed in the tomb