

# THE LIFE OF CHRIST

## LESSON 12: MATTHEW 27



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# REVIEW

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- Tension between the ruling Jews and Jesus continued to grow higher
- Jesus was in Jerusalem to be betrayed, crucified, and then resurrected (last week)
- Jesus had been betrayed by his apostle, Judas, and given over to the ruling Jews
- Jesus was condemned to death
- Jesus' disciples had fled from the scene

# TODAY'S KEY TAKEAWAYS

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- The events of Jesus' crucifixion fulfilled many prophecies from the Old Testament
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# MATTHEW 27:1-10

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- In the morning, the Jewish rulers came together to formalize Jesus' condemnation
- Jesus was then delivered to Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor of the region
- When Judas saw what had been done, he was remorseful, ultimately killing himself
- **Prophecies of Jeremiah and Zechariah were fulfilled by these events**

# MATTHEW 27:11-26

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- Pilate asked Jesus if he was the King of the Jews (as he was accused by the Jews)
- Jesus told Pilate that he was, as he had said
- **As Jesus was accused by the Jews, he did not answer them a word**
- Pilate knew that the Jews had only handed Jesus over out of envy
- Pilate's wife urged him not to get involved

# MATTHEW 27:11-26

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- The governor would release a prisoner to the Jews each year: Pilate offered a choice between Barabbas (a “terrorist”) and Jesus
- The people clamored for Barabbas’ release
- The Jews called for Jesus to be crucified
- **Pilate washed his hands of the trial, not wishing for a riot to start; he later handed Jesus over to be scourged and crucified**

# MATTHEW 27:27-44

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- The Roman soldiers mocked Jesus as king
- When they finished, they led him away to be crucified at Calvary/Golgotha
- The Roman soldiers forced Simon to bear Jesus' cross to the site of the crucifixion
- The soldiers gave Jesus wine and gall; Jesus refused it after tasting it
- They divided his clothes and cast lots

# MATTHEW 27:27-44

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- The soldiers crucified Jesus at 9:00 AM
- They put his “crime” above his head
- **People walked by and mocked him, telling him to save himself**
- **The ruling Jews came by and mocked him also, inviting God to come and save him**
- Even the robbers alongside Jesus were saying the same things to him

# MATTHEW 27:45-56

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- From noon to 3:00 PM, it was dark
- At about 3:00 PM, Jesus cried out, “My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?”
- Some standing by thought he was calling for Elijah and offered him some sour wine
- **Eventually, Jesus cried out again, and yielded up his spirit**
- Many miracles occurred when Jesus died

# MATTHEW 27:57-66

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- A rich disciple of Jesus, Joseph of Arimathea, requested the body of Jesus and buried it in a tomb sealed by a large stone
- **The ruling Jews remembered Jesus prophecy regarding his resurrection; they feared that someone would steal the body**
- Pilate commanded the Jews to guard the tomb as well as they could; they did so

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