
Lesson 16: Jesus Dies on the Cross

BIG IDEA

On the cross Jesus was under the judgement of God and separated from God, so that we do not have to be separated from God.

 **Mark 15:25, 33-39**
(paraphrase)

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At three o'clock in the afternoon, Jesus called out loudly, 'My God, my God, why have you left me alone?'. Then Jesus cried out and died.

The curtain inside the temple of God tore into two parts from the top to the bottom.

The captain of the soldiers was standing in front of Jesus. He saw how Jesus died and said, 'It must be true! This man was the son of God.'

 **Teacher Preparation****Read Scripture**

- Mark 15:25, 33-39 in your Bible
- Mark 15:25, 33-39 paraphrase (on page 2)

Read *Meet Jesus* Book

- Chapter 16 – Jesus Dies on the Cross

Print Resources

- APPENDIX 16.1 – Print 1 for the whole group.
- APPENDIX 16.2 – Print 1 for each pair (or small group) of students.
- APPENDIX 16.3 – Print the passage for each student. There are 4 per page.
- APPENDIX 1.5 - Reuse print from lesson one.

Other Equipment

- Whiteboard / table
- Whiteboard markers

Activate Prior Knowledge

APPENDIX 16.1 – Print 1 for the whole group.

Recap the meaning of 'symbol' from the last week - a thing or action that points to something else.

Ask, 'What does the symbol of the cross mean to you?'

You can show the picture or you may want to bring in a cross charm or other cross symbol you have from home.

NB make sure it is just the cross and nothing else (i.e. don't bring a cross with Jesus on it).

Predict the Content

Ask, 'This text is about the death of Jesus. What details do you think will be in it?'

Read and Comprehend

Depending on the level of your students you might:

- Read the passage of scripture to them;
- Direct them to read the passage of scripture in English;
- Direct them to read the passage of scripture in their heart language; or
- Read the passage of scripture later in the lesson.

Activities

Activity 1: Timeline activity

APPENDIX 16.2 – Print 1 for each pair (or small group) of students.

Give out the timeline and the pre-cut strips to each pair or small group. Students read them together and put them in order against the timeline.

Teacher reads the text. Students check their timelines and make changes as they listen.

OWN HEART LANGUAGE

Depending on the level of your students, you might like to invite them to read the passage in their heart language.

Visit bible.com or biblegateway.com to find a number of international translations.

Activity 2: Read and retell

APPENDIX 16.3 – Print the passage for each student.
There are 4 per page.

Give out the text to pairs. Students read it to each other.

Invite one pair to retell the story.

Invite other students to contribute missed details.

Invite Curiosity

APPENDIX 1.5 - Reuse print from lesson one.

Place the ? on the table and ask:

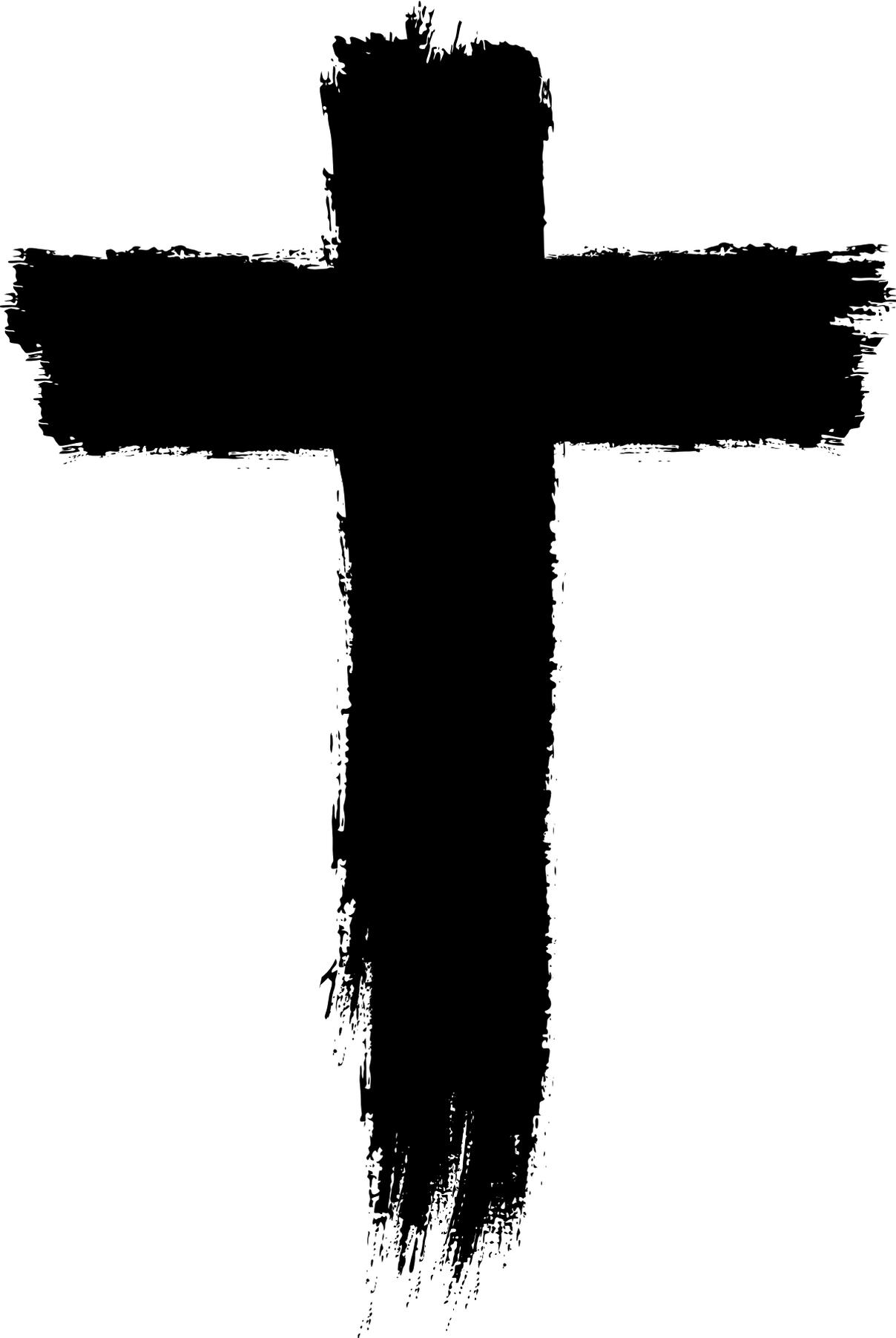
- Are there any new words?'
- What questions might someone have about this text?
- What comments might someone have about the text?

An Important Question

Ask, 'What does this text say about the death of Jesus?'

Concluding Statement

When Jesus died, *he* was separated from God so that we do not have to be separated from God.



16.2.a Appendix

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(or small group) of students.

Timeline Activity

Put the text next to the timeline in the order you think it might happen.

The soldiers put Jesus on the cross

The sky became dark for three hours

Jesus shouted, 'My God, my God, why have you left me alone?'

Jesus cried out and died, and the curtain in the temple tore in two

A soldier said, 'It must be true! This man really was the son of God'

Timeline

~ 9am

~ Midday

~ 3pm

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Timeline answer key (for teachers)

1. 9am - the soldiers put Jesus on the cross
2. Midday - the sky became dark for three hours
3. 3pm - Jesus shouted, 'My God, My God, why have you left me alone?'
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