

Easter 2023

Discovery Bible Study

Let's start by asking the LORD to open His Word to us and open our hearts/minds to Him. **Next**, we'll take turns reading from **Luke 23**.

33 When they came to a place called The Skull, they nailed him to the cross. And the criminals were also crucified—one on his right and one on his left.

34 Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they don’t know what they are doing.” And the soldiers gambled for his clothes by throwing dice.

35 The crowd watched and the leaders scoffed. “He saved others,” they said, “let him save himself if he is really God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.” **36** The soldiers mocked him, too, by offering him a drink of sour wine. **37** They called out to him, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” **38** A sign was fastened above him with these words: “This is the King of the Jews.”

39 One of the criminals hanging beside him scoffed, “So you’re the Messiah, are you? Prove it by saving yourself—and us, too, while you’re at it!”

40 But the other criminal protested, “Don’t you fear God even when you have been sentenced to die? **41** We deserve to die for our crimes, but this man hasn’t done anything wrong.” **42** Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.”

43 And Jesus replied, “I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

The Death of Jesus

44 By this time it was about noon, and darkness fell across the whole land until three o’clock. **45** The light from the sun was gone. And suddenly, the curtain in the sanctuary of the Temple was torn down the middle. **46** Then Jesus shouted, “Father, I entrust my spirit into your hands!” And with those words he breathed his last.

47 When the Roman officer overseeing the execution saw what had happened, he worshiped God and said, “Surely this man was innocent.”

The Discovery Bible Study method encourages group participation

1. **GOD** - What does this story want us to know about GOD/Jesus?
2. **BELIEVE** - What does this story expect us to believe?
3. **OBEY** - What does this story expect us to obey?
4. **SHARE** - Who else would benefit from hearing this story?