



# **WORKSHEET**

## **The Gospels: Episode 16**

The Crucifixion of Jesus

### **Quote**

“The very mention of the cross should be far removed not only from a Roman citizen’s body, but from his mind, his eyes, his ears.”  
(Cicero)

### **Summary**

We experience the horrible torture of Jesus and his agonizing execution just outside the walls of Jerusalem. We examine the nature of crucifixion and the importance of Jesus’ death. We explore Jesus’ seven statements from the cross. We investigate the locations for Golgotha and the tomb of Jesus. We experience the preparation of Jesus’ body and the security placed at the rolling stone tomb.

### **Discussion Questions**

1. What was a flagrum and how was it used?

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2. Discuss the evidence for the actual location of Golgotha—the place of crucifixion.

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3. Discuss the various prophecies fulfilled by Jesus on the cross.

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4. Discuss the evidence for the actual location of the tomb of Jesus, financed by Joseph of Arimathea.

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5. How did the authorities secure the tomb of Jesus?

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## **Scripture Readings**

Matthew 27:27-66

Mark 15:21-47

Luke 23:26-56

John 19:17-42

## **Side Road**

And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Mark 15:33-34) When Jesus cried this phrase from the cross, some Jewish onlookers realized that he was quoting from a 1,000-year-old prophecy about a suffering Messiah. "I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint. My heart has turned to wax; it has melted away within me. My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; you lay me in the dust of death. Dogs have surrounded me; a band of evil men has encircled me, they have pierced my hands and my feet." (Psalm 22:14-6)