## **FORCUS** A 21 DAY BIBLE READING PLAN PREPARING HEARTS FOR EASTER

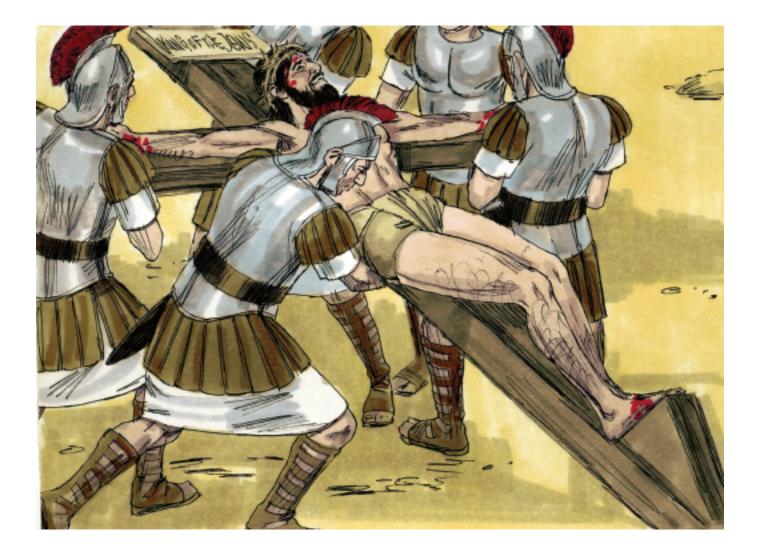
## DAY 18: The Crucifixion and Death of Jesus John 19:16-37

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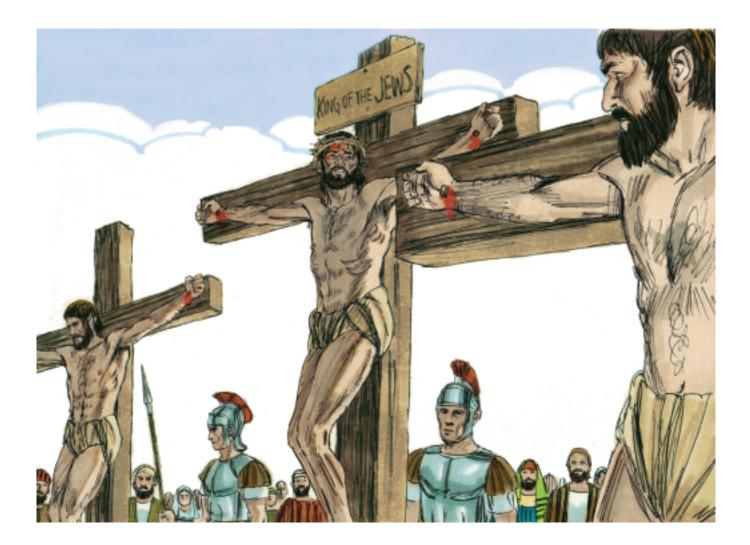


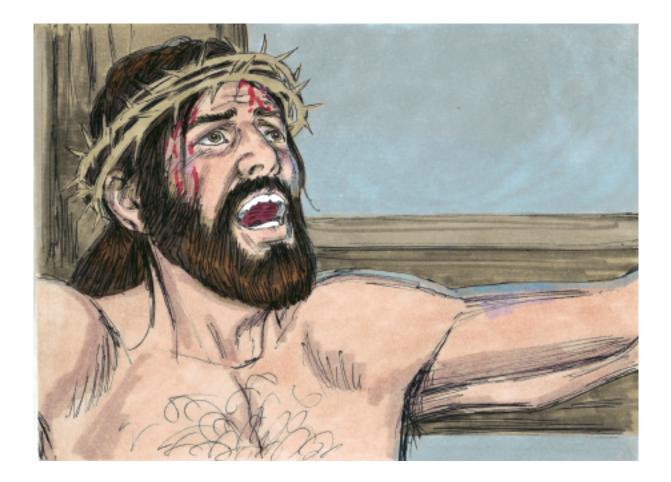
Finally, Pilate handed Jesus over to the people to be crucified.

The soldiers took Jesus and made him carry heavy wood that would be used to make his cross to the horrible place where he was going to be crucified. There, the soldiers spread Jesus' arms and laid him on the wood of the cross. Then, they used large nails and a hammer to nail his hands and feet to the wood of the cross.



Jesus's friends and disciples were there by the cross and they were so sad and confused. Why was Jesus dying? Were they wrong about him being the Messiah? They didn't understand yet that even this was part of God's plan to save the world.





Later, knowing that he had finished the work he had started, Jesus said, "It is finished!" Then he bowed his head and died.

One of the soldiers came to see if Jesus was still alive, so pierced Jesus's side with a spear. Immediately they could tell that Jesus had died.