

The suffering or passion of our Lord Jesus Christ was prophesied throughout the Old Testament. Read Psalm 22 and Isaiah 53. There is a beautiful description of Jesus' suffering in the Belgic Confession, Article 21. Read this article carefully.

A. Fill in the blanks.

1. When did Jesus suffer? \_\_\_\_\_ but especially \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Name the chief events of Christ's suffering by reading these passages and then giving the event a short title or description.

a. Matthew 26:36-46 — \_\_\_\_\_

b. Matthew 26:47-56 — \_\_\_\_\_

c. Mark 14:52-65 — \_\_\_\_\_

d. Mark 14:66-72 — \_\_\_\_\_

e. John 18:28 - 19:16 — \_\_\_\_\_

f. Luke 23:26-32 — \_\_\_\_\_

g. Matthew 27:33-50 — \_\_\_\_\_

3. What did the cross sign say? \_\_\_\_\_ In what languages was this sign written? \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_

4. List the seven cross words, or short sayings of Jesus from the cross. You can refer to Matthew 23, Mark 15, Luke 23, and John 19.

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_\_

d. \_\_\_\_\_

e. \_\_\_\_\_

f. \_\_\_\_\_

g. \_\_\_\_\_

5. Who was Pilate? \_\_\_\_\_ What was Herod? \_\_\_\_\_ Luke 23:12 tells us they were enemies before the trial of Jesus, but after this they were friends. Quote the verse from Psalm 2 that is the prophecy of this friendship. " \_\_\_\_\_ ."

6. How did it become plain that Jesus was perfectly innocent? \_\_\_\_\_

How could God punish if Jesus were innocent? (See II Cor. 5:21.) \_\_\_\_\_

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7. The death of the cross was the \_\_\_\_\_ death. That is, God had declared that the death on the cross (or tree) was cursed by Him. See Deuteronomy 21:23 and Galatians 3:13. The picture of a man on the cross is a terrible one: the earth would not have him, neither would heaven receive him. That man was utterly alone.
- Jesus had to die on the cross; hence, He was sent to \_\_\_\_\_ because the death of the cross was a Roman death.
  - The curse that was due \_\_\_\_\_ has been laid upon \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Answer 37 uses the words, "the wrath of God against the sins of all mankind." In John 1:29 we read, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world."
    - Can these statements mean that Jesus paid for the sins of every single person in the world or in the human race? \_\_\_\_\_ Explain. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
    - How are such statements to be explained? \_\_\_\_\_  
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B. Matching: There were many persons associated with the death of Jesus on the cross. Match the name with the identifying statement.

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| ___ 1. Pilate                | a. Was compelled to carry the cross of Jesus.                 |
| ___ 2. Herod                 | b. Was the father-in-law of the high priest.                  |
| ___ 3. Peter                 | c. Was chosen to be freed instead of Christ.                  |
| ___ 4. Judas                 | d. Was given to John to be cared for by him.                  |
| ___ 5. Annas                 | e. Went to Paradise with Jesus that very day.                 |
| ___ 6. Caiaphas              | f. Thought he was strong in himself.                          |
| ___ 7. Joseph                | g. Presided at Jesus' trial before the Sanhedrin.             |
| ___ 8. Simon                 | h. Reviled Jesus even though he was in the same condemnation. |
| ___ 9. Barabbas              | i. Declared Jesus' innocence three different times.           |
| ___ 10. Mary                 | j. Thought more of money than of Christ.                      |
| ___ 11. Elect malefactor     | k. Gave Jesus a gorgeous robe and mocked Him.                 |
| ___ 12. Reprobate malefactor | l. Buried Jesus in his own tomb.                              |