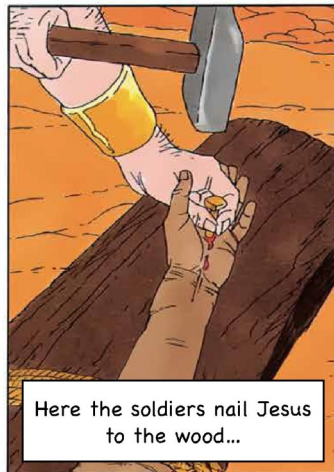
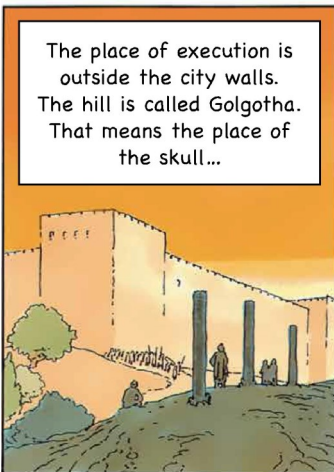
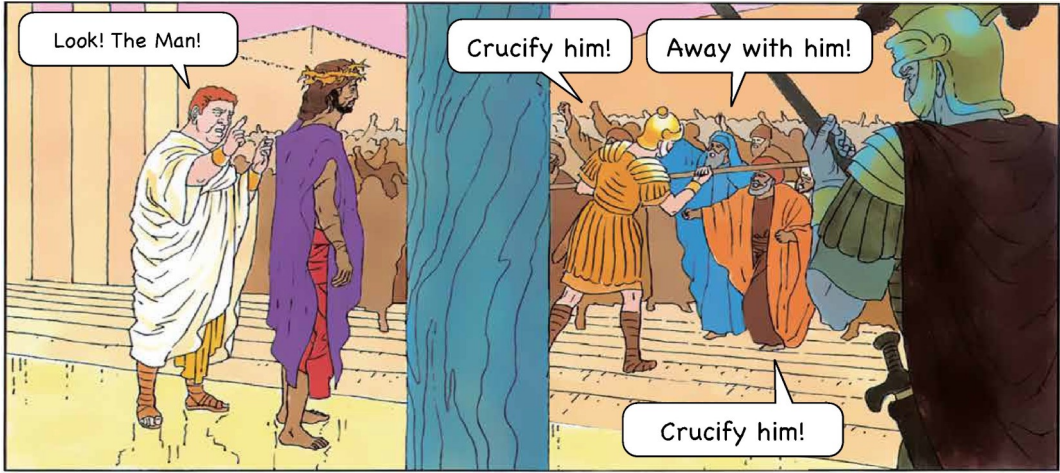


TO THE CROSS

READ FOR YOURSELF: John 19:1-18



TO THE CROSS

Look at that man! What has become of Him?
He's standing there all alone, the only one who is silent in
the chaos. Why?

He gave people joy by turning water into wine. But now
He is causing anger among the crowd. He healed the
sick and made friends with sinners and played with the
kids. But now everyone is turning against Him. He said
that you first had to seek God's kingdom, without worry-
ing about tomorrow. But despite that kingdom all of the
sins of the world are being put on Him. He quieted the
storm. But now He is silent while the crowd rants and
raves. The man, who was hailed into Jerusalem last
week as a king, is now being carried away. See the man!
He is being written off as dead.

Jesus is going the way of the cross. He will do what no
other man is able to do. He will bring restoration between
God and the people. You and I need peace with the Lord
God. We need redemption from the curse of sin. Jesus
will take care of that. On this crossroad of history Jesus
opens the way to God.

MEMORY VERSE

*"Certainly not God, who
did not even keep back
his own Son, but offered
Him for us all! He gave us
his Son - will He not also
freely give us all things?"
(Romans 8:32b)*

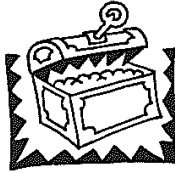
WHO IS JESUS?

Mediator

*"For there is one God,
and there is one who
brings God and human
beings together, the man
Christ Jesus."
(1 Timothy 2:5)*

Jesus came to bring the
people back to God. He
mediated between God
and mankind. He vouched
for us with His own blood.
He brought peace.

Jesus stands up for us.
No one can stand in for us
between God and the
people as He. Because
He is a person. And He is
also the Son of God. He is
completely good. And He
has carried all the evil of
all the people. He is the
perfect mediator.



GOD PROVIDES

Even if you watched the news all day, you still wouldn't understand the terrible things people do to each other. Nobody can fully understand how terrible sin actually is. But when you see what Jesus had to go through, you understand it a little bit. The best, purest Person was so humiliated by people! Amaze of God's grace, that He wanted to go that far for us!

OLD TREASURES

Abraham has finally received what the Lord God has promised, a son. But then God asks the impossible: that Abraham would offer that only son. Abraham continues to believe that God will keep his promise. And that's just how it happens. There on the mountain, Moriah, God gives a lamb to be offered in the place of Abraham's son. God will provide.

Abraham named that place "The Lord Provides." And even today people say, "On the Lord's mountain He provides." (Genesis 22:14)

God provides on the mountain Moriah an offer for Abraham, who trusts in God. Later on God provides, on the same mountain, an offer that takes the place for all the people who trust in Him. He gives there His only Son, Jesus the lamb as an offering.



EXTRA INFORMATION

Golgotha

Jerusalem is built on seven mountains. One of them is mount Moriah, where Abraham received the lamb as an offering. Jesus is crucified just outside of the city on mount Golgotha. That is the Armenian word for 'skull'. Golgotha lies at the crossing of two roads: the road from Samaria to Jerusalem and the road from Joppa to Jerusalem. The Romans cause terror to passersby by crucifying convicts along the sides of that busy intersection.

The condemned must walk 600 meters from the Roman palace to the mountain. That crossing, via the streets of the capital city and through the city gates attracts many spectators. The crossing itself is a horrible event. The convict is undressed and his hands are nailed to the crossbeam and tied on with rope. On top of the hill a wooden pole has been erected. The crossbeam is raised with the man on it to the pole and nailed together. Then the feet of the convict get nailed on as well.



DO YOU KNOW...?

1. Look at the picture story. How is Jesus appearance when He appears before the people in front of the palace?

2. Look up what Jesus is named in John 19:1-7:

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b

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3. What is another name for 'Golgotha' (John 19:17)?

4. How are the hands of the convict fastened to the crossbeam of the cross?

5. What does God provide when Abraham has to offer his only son?

6. What does Abraham name the place where he receives the lamb of offering? (Genesis 22:14)

7. Why is Jesus the perfect mediator between God and the people:

- a) He is the Son of God and He is man.
- b) He always looks for the middle way.
- c) He is acknowledged by everyone.

BIBLE READING

Sun	John 19:1-18
Mon	Luke 23:26-31
Tue	Genesis 22:1-14
Wed	1 Peter 2:21-25
Thu	Hebrews 13:1-16
Fri	1 Timothy 2:1-7
Sat	Romans 8:31-37



ACTION POINT!

If God gave Jesus to us; Will He not also provide in all our daily needs?

You can trust that you will never be too short with God as your father. No, you will have enough for yourself and will be able to share and give away to others. He provides!