

STORY 6. LORD REMEMBER ME  
LUKE 23: 32-43

BACKGROUNDS/OVERLAYS USED IN THIS STORY

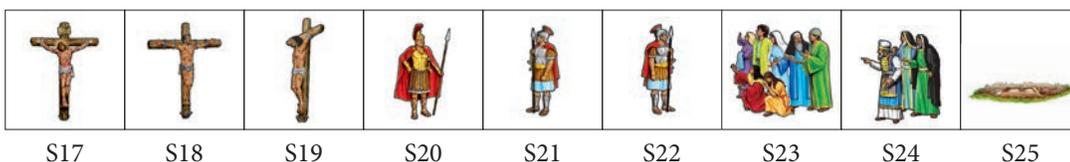


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Background: After leaving Jericho, Jesus made his way to Bethany, just outside of Jerusalem. Bethany was the hometown of Jesus' friends Martha and Mary. Jesus had recently raised their brother Lazarus from the dead after he had been in the tomb for four days.

The following day Jesus rode into Jerusalem, seated on a donkey His disciples had brought to Him. The Jewish multitude that had seen His miracles in Galilee spread their cloaks on the road and waving palm branches, they began crying out "blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!" Then the Jews who had seen Lazarus raised from the dead and others joined in the celebration. The Messianic shouts continued as Jesus entered the city and came into the temple. This infuriated the Jewish leaders, but they were powerless to stop it.

Following a week of constant challenges and attempts to trap Jesus in His words, the hatred of the Jewish leadership for Jesus finally found a tragic partner in the person of Judas Iscariot—one of Jesus own disciples. We will never know what turned Judas against his Master—but for thirty pieces of silver he agreed to betray Jesus and lead a Jewish mob to their secret hideout in the garden of Gethsemane.

After a night of constant beatings and a mock trial, the High Priest and the other Jewish leaders accused Jesus of blasphemy and condemned Him to death. However, only Pilate, the Roman governor had the authority to crucify Jesus. Pilate examined Jesus repeatedly but could not find any reason to condemn Him. Finally, in an effort to satisfy the Jews thirst for blood, he had his soldiers whip Jesus nearly to death. However, even this would not satisfy the Jews hatred and they continued to scream for Jesus crucifixion. In the end, Pilate called for a basin of water—washed his guilty hands and sent Jesus to the cross.

So the plan to redeem mankind that God hinted at in the Garden of Eden and demonstrated in the near sacrifice of Isaac on Mount Moriah was finally carried out. Only now, the mountains of Moriah hold a city—Jerusalem, the city of David.

God stopped Abraham from sacrificing Isaac, his one and only son. However, there was no one to stop God from sacrificing His Son. But, the Deceiver was deceived and Satan's greatest triumph resulted in his crushing defeat! But Jesus was not the only one crucified that day. Listen to the words of this story—conversations from the cross! Here is the story.

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Two arrows ➡ ➡ indicate a scene change.

➡ (SKM, R, S25) Then the soldiers led Jesus out to be crucified, along with two criminals. ➡ (S20)

When they came to the place called Calvary, ➡ (S17) the soldiers crucified Him along with the two criminals ➡ (S18) —one on Jesus right ➡ (S19) —the other on Jesus left.

Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them—they do not know what they are doing!”

➡ (S23) While the people watched, the soldiers divided Jesus clothes between them by casting lots.

➡ (S24) But the Jewish leaders in the crowd mocked Jesus saying, “He saved others—let Him save Himself, if He really is the Christ—the chosen One of God!” ➡ (S22)

The soldiers also mocked Him. ➡ (S21) They came and offered Him sour wine saying, “If you are the King of the Jews—save Yourself!

For there was an inscription above Jesus—written in Greek, Latin, and Hebrew letters—which read “THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.”

Then one of the criminals crucified beside Jesus blasphemed Him, saying, “If You really are the Christ—save Yourself—save us!”

But the other criminal answered—rebuking him. “Do you not fear even God? You are under the same sentence of death—which we rightly deserve—because of what we did? This man has done nothing wrong!”

Then the second criminal said to Jesus, “Lord, when You come into Your kingdom—remember me!” Jesus answered him, “I tell you—today—you will be with Me in Paradise!” ➡