



# CRUCIFIXION

1. Crucifixion was a form of punishment known in Palestine from the time of the Greeks. It caused torture, humiliation and eventually death for the victim.
2. Once Jesus had been found guilty of blasphemy by the Jewish Council, he was handed over to the Roman Governor Pontius Pilate for execution. Pilate examined Jesus and declared him to be guilty of treason. The punishment for this charge was crucifixion. Mark 15:1-5.
3. All the gospels seem to indicate that Pilate was reluctant to put Jesus to death. Mark and others tell how Pilate attempted to get the crowd to ask for the release of Jesus. Instead they chose to have released a criminal called Barabbas. Mark 15:6-14.
4. According to Matthew, Matt 27:27-31, Jesus was beaten up by the Roman soldiers, Mark tells us that he was scourged (whipped). This seems to have been the practice in the first century AD.
5. Mark tells us that Simon of Cyrene carried the beam of Jesus' cross, Mark 15:21. John's gospel states that Jesus carried his own cross, Jn 19:17.

<b>TIMETABLE OF THE CRUCIFIXION</b>	
9.00am	Jesus was placed on the cross.
12.00 noon	Darkness came over the land. Just before his death some of the gospels record words spoken by Jesus. In Luke Jesus speaks to one of the thieves alongside him. In John he speaks to his mother Mark records the final words of Jesus in Aramaic 15:34.
3.00pm	Jesus died

<b>SEVEN LAST WORDS FROM THE CROSS</b>	
1	Luke 23:34 Father forgive them for they know not what they do.
2	Luke 23:43 Truly today you shall be in paradise with me <i>words said to the thief</i>
3	John 19:26-27 Woman behold your son...behold your mother <i>said to Mary and John</i>
4	Mark 15:34 Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? (my God, my God, why have you forsaken me?)
5	John 19:28 I thirst.
6	John 19:30 It is finished.
7	Luke 23:46 Father into thy hands I commit my spirit.
The words come from the four gospels. The order here is the traditional one.	

6. Jesus was buried in a tomb given by Joseph of Arimathea Mark 15:43 Matt 27:57 Luke 23:50 and John 19:38.