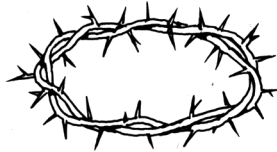




The Last Supper happened on a Thursday. That night, after the Supper was over, Jesus went out to a garden to pray. He knew that soon He would be killed, but He wanted to give His life to save us. When soldiers came and took Jesus away the Apostles were afraid, but Jesus was brave. The next day, on Friday, they beat Him with whips. And they pressed a crown of thorns onto His head and made fun of Him.



Because Jesus was God He could have stopped them from hurting Him. But He didn't. That is because He wanted to suffer for us, because He loved us.

Later that day, bad men decided to kill Jesus. Jesus had to carry a heavy Cross through the city of Jerusalem and sometimes it made Him fall.

Mary met her Son on the way and she suffered very much when she saw the way people were hurting Jesus. Then a man named Simon helped Jesus to carry the Cross until they came to the top of a hill. That is where the soldiers nailed Jesus to the Cross. Mary and Saint John stood by Jesus the whole time.

After three hours, Jesus died. His friends took Him down from the Cross and buried Him.



Jesus died to make up for Adam's sin and for our sins, too. Jesus died to win back the gift of grace for us. Jesus died so that we could live in Heaven for ever and ever. We call the day He died Good Friday because it is good that Jesus died and opened up the gates of Heaven. You can pray:

Thank you, Jesus, for loving me so much. I am sorry my sins made You suffer. Thank You for giving Your life for me. *Amen.*

Words to Know:

Good Friday

Q. 17 *What were the chief sufferings of Christ?*

The chief sufferings of Christ were: *first*, His agony, and His sweat of blood in the Garden; *secondly*, His being scourged at the pillar, and crowned with thorns; and *thirdly*, His carrying His cross, His crucifixion, and His death between two thieves.

Q. 18 *Why did our Savior suffer?*

Our Savior suffered to atone for our sins, and to purchase for us eternal life.