

Victory Over Sin
Various Scriptures
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Main Idea: God did not hesitate to give up his only Son, for the salvation of the world.

Introduction

Good Friday is the most important day in all of salvation history. Everything that God had done had led up to this moment. Everything since looks back to this day. The Friday upon which Jesus died on the cross for the sins of humanity gave us salvation from our sins. Jesus offered himself as a sacrificial lamb on the very day where the Passover lamb was about to be eaten. The Passover lamb was being sacrificed at the same time that Jesus was giving up his life.

None of this was a coincidence. The father had planned all of this from the beginning of the world. He had planned all of this from the customs of Israel and the ritual laws to the with sacrificial system worked. Everything that was done in the past was a type of what Jesus was doing right now on the cross. This was the moment all history led up to, the total fulfillment of everything that had been laid as the foundation. Everything that had been done was pointing to this moment.

Let us take one specific example of the differences between Abraham's sacrifice of Isaac, and God's sacrifice of Jesus, his one and only son.

Genesis 22 – Isaac spared.

Good Friday – Jesus sacrificed.

The Timing and Events

The trials of Jesus before the Jewish leadership, Herod and Pilate were probably finished around 6 AM. From about 6 AM to about 8 AM. Jesus was mocked by the soldiers, most likely brutalized by the crown of thorns, his beard plucked out as they call them, the prophets, and demanded he prophesy, who hit him. Within this time also was discouraging of Jesus.

Around 8 AM that Friday morning. Jesus was given his cross and walked about a mile out of town to the place of the skull, Golgotha. We know this because we are told the time of his crucifixion, 9 AM. The crucifixion would have taken a little bit of time and probably started right around 9 AM.

Jesus was on the cross for approximately 6 hours, having given up his spirit. Right around 3:00 PM. There was darkness over the land from noon until 3 PM.

The Jewish Leaders And Crowd

Matthew 27:40–41 (ESV) — **40** and saying, “You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.” **41** So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying,

The Roman Soldiers

They mocked Jesus and scourged him. They were also the agents who killed him through crucifixion. While Jesus was hanging on the cross, they cast lots for his clothing and belongings. **Matthew 27:54 (ESV)** — **54** When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, “Truly this was the Son of God!”

Jesus’ Death

At 3 PM, Jesus gave up his own spirit. The moment that he did this several things happened.

- The temple curtain that separated the holy of always from the rest of the Temple was torn, top to bottom into.
- A giant earthquake split many rocks.
- Many Saints who were dead were resurrected. After Jesus resurrection they came out in their tombs and went into Jerusalem and witnessed about God’s glory.
- John tells us that the soldiers pierced the side of Jesus and blood and water flow to prove that he was dead. Usually, they would break the legs but chose this instead.

Jesus’ Burial Decreed by Sunset Friday Night

Jesus had to be buried by sundown. That night because it was a special Sabbath kicking off the Passover feast.

Because of uncleanness, no dead bodies must be left out, but must be buried before sundown in Israel.

Joseph of Arimathea gave his grave to Jesus. Interestingly enough, this also is part of the custom for one who was crucified on a tree. There is a law of Moses that says any man who hangs on a tree is cursed. Thus, as part of the curse this memo not be buried in a family tomb.

Joseph wrapped Jesus body quickly without the full burial ceremony taking place. This is why the women would come on Sunday morning.

Conclusion

All of these events were woven together perfectly by the Father before the creation of the world. He orchestrated this entire event with all of these strands of history coming together at just the right moment. All of this was done so that sins could be forgiven and cleansed by Jesus, the sacrificial lamb who was offered for your sins in my sins. Because of all that took place at the

cross and because of the person of Jesus Christ, innocent and perfect, he could serve as the ultimate sacrifice for all sin.