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### 18 Jesus Dies for Us

"Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." John 15:13

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. 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 did not. That is because He wanted to suffer for us, because He loves us. His suffering and dying would bring us the gift of grace, God's life, and the ability to go to Heaven.

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 when soldiers crucified Jesus (this means they nailed Him to a wooden cross to die). Mary and Saint John the Apostle stood by Jesus the whole time because they loved Him so much.

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 forever and ever. We call the day He died **Good Friday** because it is good that Jesus died and opened up the gates of Heaven.

#### Words to Know:

### Good Friday

- Q. 38 How did Jesus suffer?

  Jesus was scourged, crowned with thorns,

  He carried His Cross, He was crucified,

  and He died (CCC 572, 596, 619).
- Q. 39 Why did Jesus suffer?

  Jesus suffered to atone for Adam's sin and our sins, and to open again the gates of Heaven (CCC 615).

#### We 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*.

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# The Passion of Christ

Answer the following questions.

- 1. What day was the Last Supper?
- 2. Where did Jesus go after the supper?
- 3. What did He do there?
- 4. Jesus knew that He would be killed. Why did Jesus want to give His life?
- 5. What did Jesus carry through Jerusalem?
- 6. Who was with Jesus during this time?
- 7. What day did Jesus die?

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## Jesus Dies for Us

Draw a picture of yourself under the Cross of Jesus with His faithful followers. Then, color the picture.

