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Teacher Notes

Video Abstract (Author: Wild Stories About Jesus and Max7.org): This episode of WILD STORIES ABOUT JESUS retells Mark 15.22-32, detailing Jesus' crucifixion. This video contains images of Jesus being nailed to the cross. Please review this video to check before showing this video in schools, kids' clubs and churches. It may be helpful for family devotions.

Dramatically read the account and help the student visualize what is happening:

They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of the Skull). They tried to give him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it.

Then they crucified him and divided his clothes, casting lots for them to decide what each would get. Now it was nine in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge written against him was: The King of the Jews. They crucified two criminals with him, one on his right and one on his left.

Those who passed by were yelling insults at him, shaking their heads, and saying, "Ha! The one who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself by coming down from the cross!" In the same way, the chief priests with the scribes were mocking him among themselves and saying, "He saved others, but he cannot save himself! Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross, so that we may see and believe." Even those who were crucified with him taunted him. (Mark 15:22-32, CSB)

Show the video.

1. How did people treat Jesus?

Ask the student: how did people treat Jesus? What do you remember from the video? Help them gain a sense of what Jesus was experiencing – what if they were substituted for Jesus?

He was crucified – a painful way to die.

People took His clothes.

Authorities made a sign making fun of Him.

People mocked and insulted Him.

He was crucified alongside with convicted criminals.

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Read to the student John 3:16-18. Help the student understand that because God loves people, He sent His only Son to save them. People are saved when they understand and believe that Jesus came to die for their sins – He substituted Himself for the penalty of sin.

Jesus wanted His disciples to know this:

Then he began to teach them that it was necessary for the Son of Man to suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and scribes, be killed, and rise after three days. (Mark 8:31, CSB)