

Daily Prep

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for next week's lesson*

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HOW TO USE DAILY PREP: Print Daily Prep onto both sides of your paper, then cut the paper in half to make two-sided 8 ½ by 5 ½ inch devotional guides. Give one to each student the Sunday before the lesson to use during daily quiet time. Take to prospects during the week.

MONDAY, November 19, 2007 Read Matthew 27:27-44. List the degrading, humiliating, hurtful things people did to Jesus.

- Soldiers: _____
- Criminals: _____
- Passersby: _____
- Religious leaders: _____

TUESDAY, November 20, 2007 Read of Jesus' death on the cross in Matthew 27:45-56 and meditate on that passage. Have you accepted Jesus as Savior and Lord? If not, why not right now? If you have, why not share that experience with someone else and encourage them to accept Christ?

WEDNESDAY, November 21, 2007 The death of Jesus was shocking to His followers. They did not know how to react. The natural emotions they felt must have included sadness, grief, fear, disappointment, anger, confusion, embarrassment. Jesus was dead. There was no doubt about that. There was no longer a remarkable teacher to listen to, but only a lifeless body to

bury. Jesus was dead; there was nothing to be said. Listen to the silence as you read Matthew 27:57-61.

THURSDAY, November 22, 2007 Although everyone knew that Jesus was dead, the Jewish religious leaders were still worried. Read Matthew 27:62-66 and answer the following questions.

1. What did the chief priests and Pharisees fear might happen?
2. What means of prevention did they suggest?
3. What did Pilate order them to do?
4. How does this help verify the miraculous resurrection of Jesus?

FRIDAY, November 23, 2007 After the game, both teams went to the local ice cream parlor for a snack. The team dressed in red came in quietly and no one seemed to have much to say. The team dressed in blue came in excitedly, all talking at once. Which team do you think won the game?

Those who have experienced victory usually are very vocal in proclaiming the triumph. Christians are the only exception I can think of. Although Christ has won the victory through His death and resurrection, we act more like losers than winners. Not wanting to "offend" anyone, we keep the victory news to ourselves instead of proclaiming it for all to hear.

That's not the way it should be. We have a great story to tell. We have exciting news to share. Jesus is risen! Read Matthew 28:1-10.

SATURDAY, November 24, 2007 The chief priests had feared the body of Jesus would be stolen, so they guarded the tomb. The body disappeared anyway. Read Matthew 28:11-15 and answer these questions.

1. How did the religious leaders attempt to explain the disappearance of Jesus' body?
2. Since the punishment for a guard sleeping on duty was usually death, why did the guards agree to the scheme?
3. How could sleeping guards know what had happened?

SUNDAY, November 25, 2007 Today's reading includes what is commonly referred to as the Great Commission. Read Matthew 28:16-20 and summarize in your own words what Jesus told His followers (including us!) to do.