

Introduction

The crucifixion and burial of Jesus.



# Questions

- 1. What made Pilate marvel greatly about Jesus?
- 2. For what reason did Pilate think the chief priests and elders had brought Jesus to him?
- 3. What did the centurion and those who were with him watching Jesus say about him?



# **Summary Points**

- v 1 to 10 Jesus is taken to Pilate, the Roman governor. Judas, realising what he has done, returns the money he was paid and hangs himself. The chief priests buy the potter's field with the returned money
- v 11 to 26 Jesus agrees with Pilate that he is King of the Jews. Pilate is surprised that Jesus doesn't answer his accusers. The people are incited to demand that Jesus is crucified rather than a robber, Barabbas
- v 27 to 37 Jesus has a scarlet robe put on him by the soldiers and is mocked as a king. Simon of Cyrene is compelled to carry Jesus' cross to Golgotha where Jesus is crucified. A sign is put over his head saying "The King of the Jews"
- v 38 to 44 Jesus is challenged by the chief priests, scribes, Pharisees, elders and the others crucified with him to come down from the cross if he is the Son of God
- v 45 to 49 After three hours of darkness, some think that Jesus is calling for Elijah to come and save him
- v 50 to 54 As Jesus dies, the veil of the temple is torn in two from the top to the bottom. After an earthquake many tombs are opened. Many observers say that Jesus was the Son of God
- v 55 to 61 Joseph of Arimathaea (see information) obtains Jesus' body and puts it in his own new tomb and rolls a stone against the door
- v 62 to 66 The chief priests and Pharisees remember Jesus' comments about him rising from the dead after three days. So Pilate gives them permission to seal the tomb and guard it

Timeline 30 AD (see below)

# Information

### Joseph of Arimathaea

Joseph of Arimathaea was a member of the Jewish council (Sanhedrin) at the time of Jesus' ministry. His upright character was seen in his refusal to agree with the Jewish council:

Luke 23 verses 50 and 51



Considerable courage was needed for Joseph to ask Pilate for the body of Jesus:

Mark 15 verses 43 to 46 Joseph was helped by Nicodemus to bury Jesus: John 19 verses 38 to 42 The new tomb, in which Joseph put the body of Jesus, was his own: Matthew 27 verses 57 to 60 Joseph's action fulfilled part of Isaiah's prophecy: Isaiah 53 verse 9

# Answers to questions

Verses which answer the questions: Q 1: v 12 to 14, Q 2: v 18, Q 3: v 54



## **Bible timeline**

