

## “FATHER, FORGIVE THEM”

Luke 23:26–49

Key Verse: 23:34a

1. Who was conscripted to carry Jesus' cross? (26) Why might Jesus have needed help? What effect might this event have had on Simon of Cyrene? (Ro16:13) Who followed Jesus? (27) What did he say to the wailing women? (28–31) What did he prophesy?
2. Read verses 32–33. Describe the crucifixion. How much did Jesus suffer? (Mk15:34; Ps22:14,15) Why did he suffer and die like this? (1Pe2:24b; Isa53:6b,12; Jn1:29)
3. Read verse 34. On the cross, what did Jesus pray for those who crucified him? How could he pray like this? (Heb7:26,27; Lk19:10; 1Pe4:8) Think about the power of love expressed in forgiveness. What does Jesus' forgiveness mean to you?
4. How did the people, the rulers and the soldiers mock Jesus on the cross? (35–39) How was one man different? (40–42) From the cross, what promise did Jesus give him? (43)
5. What happened when Jesus died? (44–46) What does this reveal about the meaning of his death? (Heb10:19–20) How did Jesus show his love for God, his assurance of God's love for him, and his total dependence on God? (46)
6. What confession did the centurion make, and what is the significance of this? (47) What people were there when Jesus died? (48–49)