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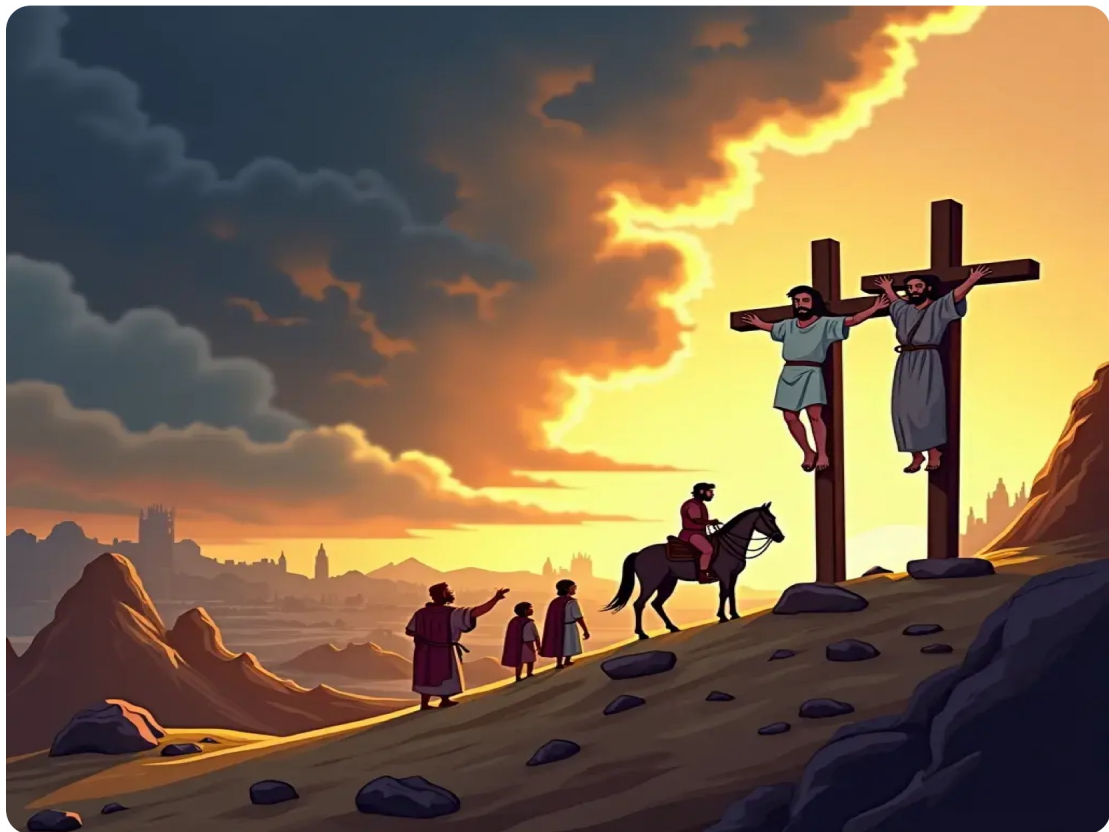
Jesus had done amazing things—He healed sick people, fed hungry crowds, and taught everyone about God's love. But some people didn't believe in Him, and they wanted to hurt Him. On a sad day, soldiers came and arrested Jesus. They were going to do something terrible, but Jesus knew it was part of God's plan to show us how much He loves us.

As the soldiers led Jesus away to a place called Golgotha (which means "the Skull"), they needed help carrying His heavy wooden cross. Can you imagine carrying something so big and heavy? A man named Simon from Cyrene was walking by, and the soldiers grabbed him and told him to carry the cross for Jesus. Even though this wasn't what Simon expected that day, he helped Jesus carry it down the dusty streets.

The Walk to the Hill

Why were people crying and sad?

Many people followed Jesus and the soldiers down the road. Women walked behind, crying and feeling very sad about what was happening. Jesus turned around and spoke to them with a gentle but serious voice. He told them not to cry for Him, but to think about what would happen to their own children in the future. Jesus was trying to help them understand that something very important was happening—something that would change the world forever.



Three Men on Three Crosses

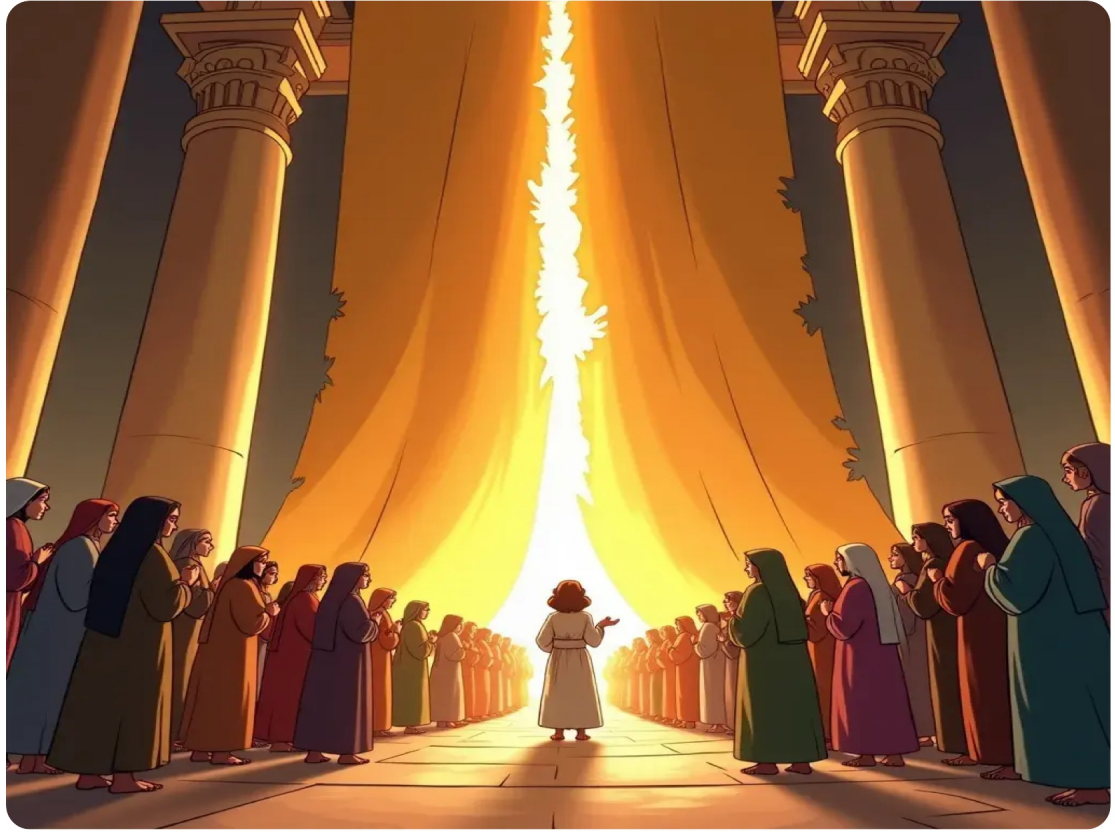
What happened at Golgotha?

When they reached the top of the hill, soldiers nailed Jesus to a wooden cross. Two criminals—men who had done bad things—were also put on crosses, one on each side of Jesus. Even while He was suffering terribly, Jesus said something amazing: "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." Can you believe Jesus forgave the people hurting Him? That takes incredible love!

The soldiers made fun of Jesus. The rulers sneered at Him and said mean things like, "If you're God's son, save yourself!" Even one of the criminals mocked Him too. But the other criminal was different. He said to Jesus, "Remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus answered him with hope and kindness: "Today you will be with me in paradise." Jesus promised this criminal that He would take him to heaven!

Jesus's Forgiveness and Love

- Jesus forgave everyone, even those who hurt Him
- Jesus showed kindness and hope even in His darkest moment
- God's love is stronger than anger or meanness



Darkness and the End

What happened when Jesus died?

At noon, something strange and wonderful happened—darkness covered the whole land! It became as dark as nighttime in the middle of the day. The sun stopped shining for three hours. Inside the temple, the thick curtain that separated people from God's holy place tore in two from top to bottom. This meant something incredible: Jesus's sacrifice was opening a new way for people to connect with God!

Finally, Jesus called out loud to God: "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." Then Jesus took His last breath and died. A soldier standing nearby saw everything and said, "Surely this man was righteous." Many people who watched beat their chests in sadness and went home. But Jesus's friends—the women who had followed Him from the beginning—stood far away, watching and remembering everything.

Sacrifice and Hope

- Jesus died to show us God's enormous love
- Even in death, Jesus brought hope and forgiveness
- God can turn sadness into something beautiful



Final Question

If Jesus forgave people who hurt Him, can you forgive someone who was mean to you?



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