

Matthew 26:47-75; 27:1-54

*Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you; bless those who curse you; pray for those who ill-treat you.
Luke 6:27-28*

Readings this week:

- S Matthew 26:36-46
- M Matthew 26:47-68
- T Matthew 27:1-10
- W Matthew 27:11-26
- Th Matthew 27:27-44
- F Matthew 27:45-66
- S 1 Peter 2:13-25

Read Luke 23:32-34. Record in this space what Jesus said in his prayer.



Jesus had much to forgive. Look through the passages and fill in the table, recording the people Jesus forgave, and the things he forgave them for.

Who is forgiven?	What for?
Matthew 26:56	
Matthew 26:65	
Matthew 26:67-68	
Matthew 26:69-70	
Matthew 27:1-2	
Matthew 27:21-25	
Matthew 27:26	
Matthew 27:27-31	
Matthew 27:35	
Matthew 27:29-44	

What do you think?

Do you think it was easy for Jesus to behave in this way?

How do you react when people treat you badly?

Do you find it easy to pray for people you don't like?

Why do you think Jesus suffered such a painful and public death?

Which of these things do you feel when you read about Jesus' death:

horrified
squeamish
guilty
sad
anguished
sorry
indignant
angry
awed
grateful

Talk in your group about why you feel this way, and add other words to describe the way you feel.

Digging Deeper

The Veil (or curtain)

Look at some things that happened on the day of Jesus' crucifixion

Matthew 27:51 1)

2)

3)

v52 4)

v53 5)

Luke 23:44-45 6)

A bit about the curtain.

Where was it? Exodus 26:31-33

What did it separate?

What was in the most holy place?

The veil or curtain that was in the temple was to keep people out of the Most Holy place as well.

How was it torn?

So who did it?

Hebrews explains what this means for us. See if you can work it out.

Hebrews 9:1-3, 6-7, 11-12 ; 10:19-22

Please help me not to complain about bad things that happen to me.