

## Good Friday

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The notice of the accusation against him said: "The King of the Jews." They also crucified two bandits with Jesus, one on his right and the other on his left.

Mark 15:25-27



In the Bible we read that because God gave us freewill, people 'sin' (that is, we do our own thing instead of the right thing.) Sin creates a division between God and man which, the Bible tells us, can only be wiped out by repenting (being sorry) and the giving of a life, a sacrifice. Originally, this sacrifice was a lamb or a dove depending on how rich or poor the person was. The problem with this was that the sacrifice only covered past sins and people would go and sin again and the whole process had to start over.

The Bible also tells us in 1 Peter 3:18 that Jesus, came to die as the sacrifice for our sins, once and for all time. This is why He is often called The Lamb of God.

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With a loud cry Jesus died. The curtain hanging in the Temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.

Mark 15:37-38



The Bible tells us that before Jesus was crucified the sacrifice for sin was made by priests on behalf of the people and that once a year the High Priest was allowed to go through the Temple curtain into God's presence. The rest of the time, the curtain was a division between God and man.

The Bible reading at the top of this page, tells us that when Jesus died as a sacrifice for our sins, God himself tore the curtain from the top down, opening the way for man to have continuous fellowship (friendship) with Him. This means that if we understand that we have sinned and are sorry, we can go to God directly to tell Him we are sorry, ask for forgiveness and ask Him to help us be more like He wants us to be in the future. (This is called praying)