

Good Friday is Good

Matthew 27:1-61

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Do you know why Good Friday is “good”?

Bad things happened on Good Friday:

- An innocent man was pronounced guilty and sentenced to death by the religious leaders.
- A man was so overwhelmed with guilt that he committed suicide.
- A woman suffered terribly because of a dream.
- A wicked, guilty man was released to the crowds instead of Jesus.

“... a man (Barabbas) who had been thrown into prison for an insurrection started in the city and for murder.” - Luke 23:19

- The people who Jesus came to save cried out for him to be crucified.
- Pilate handed Jesus over to die so that Pilate could save his own life.
- Jesus was mocked and tortured at the hands of a Roman battalion. And then they crucified him.
- While he hung on the cross, the Son of God was forsaken by the Father.

There are three different scenes that took place on Good Friday where we can see “good.”

Scene #1 – Pilate presenting Jesus to the crowds.

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.
- Romans 3:23

For the wages of sin is death. - Romans 6:23a

Scene #2 – Jesus hanging on the cross.

“Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels?”
- Matthew 26:53

Scene #3 – Jesus’ dead body laying in the tomb.