

**3 men, 3 crosses, 1 hill. One man cursed, one man prayed, one man promised. One died condemned, one died forgiven, one died innocent. One died in sin, one died to sin, one died for sin. One was held by death, one was released by death, one conquered death. One lost life, one gained life. one was life. Thank you Jesus for your sacrifice and Praise God we have eternal life!**

I was working on my checkbook when my wife said to me: “Gary, you need to hear this”. Then, I stopped what I was doing and listened and as I heard the words, I realized that I had never heard a description of Jesus’ crucifixion like this. My wife, Linda, posted this on Facebook for

me to use today and I am very glad she did, for what was said is significant for us all to hear.

I especially like the Apostle John's account of the crucifixion...

### John 19 ( [World English Bible](#) )

**10** Pilate therefore said to him, "Aren't you speaking to me? Don't you know that I have power to release you, and have power to crucify you?"

**11** Jesus answered, "You would have no power at all against me, unless it were given to you from above. Therefore he who delivered me to you has greater sin."

**12** At this, Pilate was seeking to release him, but the Jews cried out, saying, "If you release this man, you aren't Caesar's friend! Everyone who makes himself a king speaks against Caesar!"

**13** When Pilate therefore heard these words, he brought Jesus out, and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called "The Pavement," but in Hebrew, "Gabbatha."

**14** Now it was the Preparation Day of the Passover, at about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, "Behold, your King!"

**15** They cried out, "Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar!"

**16** So then he delivered him to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus and led him away.

**17** He went out, bearing his cross, to the place called "The Place of a Skull," which is called in Hebrew, "Golgotha,"

**18** where they crucified him, and with him two others, on either side one, and Jesus in the middle.

**19** Pilate wrote a title also, and put it on the cross. There was written, "JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS."

**20** Therefore many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek.

**21** The chief priests of the Jews therefore said to Pilate, "Don't write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'he said, I am King of the Jews.'"

**22** Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written."

**23** Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took his garments and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also the coat. Now the coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout.

**24** Then they said to one another, "Let's not tear it, but cast lots for it to decide whose it will be," that the Scripture might be fulfilled, which says, "They parted my garments among them. For my cloak they cast lots." Therefore the soldiers did these things.

**25** But there were standing by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

**26** Therefore when Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing there, he said to his mother, **"Woman, behold your son!"**

**27** Then he said to the disciple, **"Behold, your mother!"** From that hour, the disciple took her to his own home.

**28** After this, Jesus, seeing that all things were now finished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, **"I am thirsty."**

**29** Now a vessel full of vinegar was set there; so they put a sponge full of the vinegar on hyssop, and held it at his mouth.

**30** When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, **"It is finished."** He bowed his head, and gave up his spirit.

**31** Therefore the Jews, because it was the Preparation Day, so that the bodies wouldn't remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a special one), asked of Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away.

**32** Therefore the soldiers came, and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who was crucified with him;

**33** but when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was already dead, they didn't break his legs.

**34** However one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out.

**35 He who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true. He knows that he tells the truth, that you may believe.**

God hates sin and was determined to do something about it. That desire turned to action when Jesus was born. As a child he did the things a child would do, but when he began his ministry, it was obvious to all that here was a person of significance. He taught about the things of God and man in a way that showed a heavenly inspired insight. He healed the sick and raised the dead. Ultimately, it was revealed that he was a man with a mission. He was hated by many and those who did so, conspired to put him to death. So, eventually, he went before Pilate and was condemned to be crucified.

Three men on a cross, being executed; only one didn't deserve to be there. That one (Jesus) was there willingly, for being the son of God, he could have prevented his own death. His sacrifice was nothing less than the will of God almighty that God alone should pay the price of sin.

The crucifixion is in a way, the representation of the situation between God and all of mankind. God, on the cross, supplies a way out of sin; some will accept that way, others will not. Blessed will be the person who listens, believes and submits to the will of God. That one will be given complete fellowship with God and life eternal.

**Question: Will you be one of them who accept God's will  
for your life or not?**