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**Topic: Crucify Him!**

Scripture text: John 19:1-22

1. Crucifixion is a cruel form of execution that is common among the heathen nations. It was practised during the time of the Romans and was reserved for the vilest of criminals. The criminals will be first whipped with spikes and thereafter nailed to the wooden cross with thick nails upon their hands and legs. It is taken as a symbol of shame.
2. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was without sin yet He bore the punishment of our sins on the cross. He was an innocent man yet the soldiers mocked Him by giving Him a purple robe and a crown of thorns.
3. Jesus Christ, the Sovereign of this world was crucified. Pilate declared Jesus' innocence but the Jews accused Him for assuming the title of the Son of God, which was supposedly reserved for the Roman king Caesar. Jesus Christ is fully God and fully Man and God the Father had full authority over all human leaders on this earth. God is in control of all human authority to fulfill His will. Likewise, it was God the Father who permitted the crucifixion of Christ, not Pilate nor the Jews.
4. Good Friday is the day when Christians remember our Lord Jesus Christ's love for sinners when He went to the cross and endured shame and suffering for our sakes. He was the Lamb of God who took away all our sins by the shedding of His precious blood. His blood cleansed us of all our unrighteousness. The only way to escape from the condemnation of eternal condemnation in the lake of fire is through salvation in Jesus Christ. He is the way, the truth and the life. Believe in Jesus Christ to receive the forgiveness of our sins and enjoy the peace and joy in the Lord.