



The Crucifixion



The Lord Jesus Christ's Crucifixion

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The Lord Jesus Christ had to be crucified † in order to save us from Adam and Eve's sin when they ate an apple from the tree that God told them not to eat from. The Lord Jesus was crucified † at Calvary (Golgotha).

Calvary is a hill outside of ancient Jerusalem where the crucifixion † of the Lord Jesus Christ took place. Calvary literally means "skull." It has been identified as a place of execution where malefactors were flung from cliffs or stoned to death. It owes its name either to the perception that it resembled a human skull or to the traditional belief that the skull of Adam was found there.

St. Mary, Mary Magdalene, and St. John the Beloved were present when the Lord Jesus Christ was crucified †.

There were also two thieves that were hung alongside the Lord Jesus Christ—one on His right and one on His left. The Icon of the Crucifixion † that is present in many of the Coptic churches tells the Story of the Crucifixion †. The thief on the Lord Jesus' left is seen looking to the ground, because he rejected the Lord Jesus Christ and said with the Jews, *"If He is the King*

of Israel, let Him come down from the cross †, and we will believe Him.” The thief on the right of the Lord Jesus is looking up to the heavens because he told the thief on the left, “You do not fear God. We have been treated fairly, but this man did nothing wrong.” Then, he looked to the Lord Jesus Christ and said, “Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.”

At 12:00 p.m., God took the light of the sun away for three hours and it was complete darkness. Within this darkness the Lord Jesus Christ cried out, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?”

Our Lord Jesus Christ had taken upon Himself all the sins of the world, so that we would not have to suffer in punishment because of our sins.



When we are dressed in the Lord Jesus Christ through Baptism, we become worthy to stand with the angels and sing, “Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lamb of God.”