

The Crucifixion from A to Z

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A reminds us of His **arrest** like a common criminal and the legions of **angels** who could have been summoned by Jesus.

B is for the **betrayal** by a 'friend,' the murderer **Barabbas**, the **blood** that Jesus shed, or the **beating** that He endured.

C makes us think of the **cross** on **Calvary**, the Jewish high priest, **Caiphas**, before whom Jesus was tried, and the shameful **crown** of thorns, the Roman **centurion** who concluded that 'Truly this Man was the Son of God!'

D is for the **desertion** by His **disciples**, the **darkness** which enveloped the whole earth for three hours just before His **death**.

E reminds us of the **enmity** of the religious leaders, Christ's **excruciating** pain, or the **eeriness** of the darkness.

F makes us think of the **Father's** agony in heaven that day and the **forgiveness** that Jesus desired even for His killers.

G stands for the **Garden** of **Gethsemane**, the place of betrayal, and **Golgotha**, the site of the crucifixion.

H is for **Herod** and the **hypocrisy** of those who condemned Him.

I calls to mind the **innocence** of our Lord and His name **Immanuel**, meaning 'God with us.'

J is for **Judas**, the trusted friend who turned betrayer, and

John to whom was committed the care of His mother.

K reminds us of the **kiss** of infamy placed upon the **King** of kings.

L brings to mind the **lies** that they told, the matchless **love** that caused the **Lord** of lords to give His **life** 'a ransom for many.'

M is for **me** (He died for me!), the **mocking**, the howling **mob**, and for His **mother, Mary**.

N helps us to think of the **nails** that were driven through His hands and His feet, as well as the **ninth** hour, the hour He died.

O calls to mind His **opponents** who appeared victorious.

P has to remind us of **Pontius Pilate** who released the guilty and killed the innocent, and the **purple** robe placed upon the Lord in an act of derision.

Q is for the **quaking** the earth did as the shameful deed was done.

R has to do with the **rejection** of Jesus by His own disciples and the **release** of the infamous Barabbas.

S stands for **spitting** in the face of the very **Son** of God, the terrible **scourging**, the **spear** that was thrust into His side, and the elite **Sanhedrin** who **sanctioned** such an unbelievable crime.

T is for the **tomb** in which His body was placed, the **thorns**, His **thirst**, the false **testimony**, and the **traitor**.

U reminds us of the **unjust** trials and the **unspeakable** shame.

V helps us to remember the **vicious vengeance** of His enemies, the **veil** of the temple that was rent at His death, and the great **victory** over death that Jesus would very soon display.

W stands for the **water** Pilate used to try to **wash** the guilt from his hands, and the fact that Jesus died for the **whole world's** sins.

X stands for **examining** ourselves, which we do as we remember His death during the Lord's Supper.

Y reminds me of the **yells** of the riotous mob as they cried out, 'Crucify Him, Crucify Him!'

Z is for the **zeal** of His executioners.

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