



## For Mary, there was Nothing Good About that Friday

Just 12 hours earlier

- Jesus and disciples are in the Upper Room to celebrate the Passover and eat the Seder meal. Judas leaves the meal.
- After supper, they walk to Mount of Olives to the Garden of Gethsemane. Jesus prays. Disciples sleep. Judas makes a deal to sell out Jesus for 30 silver coins.
- Jesus arrested. Taken to the house of Caiaphas, the High Priest where he was tried and convicted for blasphemy against God.

Early Friday Morning at Sunrise

- Pontius Pilate, the Roman Governor, was the only one able to pronounce a death sentence, but because Roman did not recognize blasphemy as worthy of death, Jesus was charged with plotting an insurrection against the government.
- He was beaten, whipped, mocked and marched through the streets of Jerusalem to the place of execution: a hill called Golgotha.

9:00am Friday morning

- Jesus was nailed to a cross between two thieves while Mary watched.

*Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother...*

John 19:25a (NIV)

- She was close enough to him to hear him say to her and the disciple John:

*He said to his mother, "This man is now your son." Then he said to the disciple, "She is now your mother."*

John 19:26-27 (CEV)

What was Mary thinking as she watched her son die?

Is it possible she thought back to the events surrounded his birth?

- The visit of Wise Men from the East.
  - Gold, Frankincense, Myrrh
  - MYRRH?
    - Used to make holy oil for anointing
    - Mixed with wine and given before crucifixion to deaden the pain
    - Used to embalm the dead
- Fleeing to Egypt to escape King Herod's killing spree.

*After the wise men were gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up! Flee to Egypt with the child and his mother," the angel said. "Stay there until I tell you to return, because Herod is going to search for the child to kill him."*

Matthew 2:13 (NLT)

- When Mary and Joseph met Simeon at the temple.

*"This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."*

Luke 2:34-35 (NIV)

- The Old Testament prophecies, such as:

*He was despised and rejected by mankind,  
a man of suffering, and familiar with pain.  
Like one from whom people hide their faces  
he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.*

*Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering,  
yet we considered him punished by God,  
stricken by him, and afflicted.*

*But he was pierced for our transgressions,  
he was crushed for our iniquities;  
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,  
and by his wounds we are healed.*

Isaiah 53:3-5 (NIV)