

TEXT/VERSE	OBSERVATIONS	QUESTIONS	POSSIBLE ANSWERS
25 It was nine in the morning when they crucified him.	Indication of time, climax point (Crucifixion). Why is time important?	Why is time important? (Specific time, ie: 9AM)	Shows that they did it first thing in the morning, so they could have all day to enjoy the sufferings
26 The written notice of the charge against him read: The King of the Jews.	(Mockingly) acknowledging Christ's title	Why do they choose this title to use to mock Him?	Allows them to mock the Jews as well, if He is their King
27 They crucified two rebels with him, one on his right and one on his left.	Associate Him with rebels. Symbolism in 2? (v38)	What is the significance of putting Jesus in the middle?	It puts Him on display, as the main focal point
29 Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying, "So! You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days ,	Insulting Jesus.	Why mention the temple, over any of His other claims?	Most recent in their minds, affects a large group of people if their temple is destroyed literally.
30 come down from the cross and save yourself! "	Refusing to help, mocking again	WORD STUDY: cross	What is the root of the word cross?
31 In the same way the chief priests and the teachers of the law mocked him among themselves. "He saved others," they said, "but he can't save himself!	Mocking Jesus, acknowledging He has saved others (also 'acknowledge' in v 26). "But" shows contrast	What others do they acknowledge/admit He saved?	Miracles they have witnessed
32 Let this Messiah , this king of Israel, come down now from the cross, that we may see and believe. " Those crucified with him also heaped insults on him.	(Mockingly) acknowledging title, asking (mockingly) to see and believe (centurion does in v 39), insults again.	What were those who were being crucified with Him saying? What ground did they have to mock Him on, if they were in the same boat?	Likely joining in on "King of the Jews" mockery. They are being crucified too, so their insults can't hold much weight.
33 At noon , darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon .	Darkness, indication of time. Why is specific time important? Not just '3 hrs'?	Why did the darkness last for 3 hrs? Why not all day? Why not shorter?	An hour for each day Jesus would be in the grave, possibly?
34 And at three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice , " Eloi, Eloi , lema sabachthani?" (which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?").	Indication of time, Jesus speaks for the first time.	Why did they feel this important enough to keep in original language? Other times Jesus speaks in the Bible are not all in original language.	To show Jesus was not speaking the language of the readers.

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35 When some of those standing near heard this, they said, “Listen, he’s calling Elijah .”	Mentions Elijah.	Why do they think He is calling Elijah “My God”?	They have a limited knowledge of the Jewish religion.
36 Someone ran, filled a sponge with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. “Now leave him alone. Let’s see if Elijah comes to take him down, ” he said.	The ‘someone’ is not identified.	Why did they choose to offer wine vinegar? Who is the one offering it, and why did they choose to do so?	
37 With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last.	Jesus ‘speaks’ for the last time		
38 The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.	Curtain was torn in two (also two other crucifixions). Is there symbolism in 2?	Why did the Lord choose to tear the curtain, over any other act He could have had happen as a symbol?	This represents the break in the divide between God and man, as the price had just been paid as Jesus breathed His last. Perhaps the Lord felt it would hold the greatest symbolism?
39 And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, saw how he died, he said, “ Surely this man was the Son of God! ”	Pivot point, acknowledges Jesus’ title seriously for the first time in the passage.	Why did the centurion believe at this moment? Was he the only one, or only the only one who was recorded?	The centurion perhaps needed to wait for the weight of his contributions to the crucifixion to sink in, as Jesus died.