



**Narrated Story - Good News 12**

# **A Not-So-Good Friday**

**Theme Verse: John 3:16**

**Narrated Story adapted from a variety of events found in :**

Luke Chapters 22 & 23, John Chapters 18 & 19

Further knowledge and understanding can be gained by reading these passages.

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## **Slide 1**

Today's story is titled 'A Not-So-Good Friday' because it tells us of the not so good things that happened to Jesus once he was arrested. On Good Friday at Easter, we take time to remember this.

After Jesus was arrested he was tied up, beaten, and whisked away to a secret trial. All night long they questioned him.....slapped him.....spat on him.....and accused him of things he had not done or said.

Meanwhile, Peter spent the night out in the courtyard, watching from the shadows..... Afraid.

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A woman said to Peter "Hey, didn't I see you with Jesus?" But Peter was so afraid he said " I don't know what you're talking about." Then another woman said " Yeah! I saw you with him, too!" but Peter shook his head " Wrong! I never met the man!" But then another woman pointed out " You have the same accent. You are one of his followers!" Desperately Peter insisted " I swear to God, I don't even know Jesus!"

Just then the morning rooster crowed. Peter remembered Jesus saying... " Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times! " Then Peter went out and wept.

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The religious leaders wanted Jesus dead, so they dragged him to Pilate, the Roman Governor. Pilate questioned Jesus, but did not find him guilty of any crime.

Pilate said to them "This is a religious problem! Send him to the Jewish King!"

So the mob dragged Jesus to King Herod.

King Herod was happy to finally meet Jesus and was hoping he would perform some tricks and miracles for him. But Jesus would not do it. So King Herod and his soldiers dressed Jesus in a Kings robe, made fun of him and sent him back to Governor Pilate.

There Pilate asked him "So tell me, are you the King of the Jews?" and Jesus replied " My kingdom is not of this world." " So you are a king?" questioned Pilate and Jesus told him " Yes, it is as you say, For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

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Neither Pilate or King Herod could find anything wrong with what Jesus had done so Pilate announced to the crowd "Jesus doesn't deserve death. I'll will have him whipped and released."

But the priests and the people shouted " No! Crucify him! Kill him! Away with him!"

To that Pilate replied " If you want him dead, you'll have to do it yourself!"

So Pilate gave Jesus over to them to be crucified. They whipped Jesus, placed a crown of thorns on his head, and made him carry a rough wooden cross out to a hill called "The Skull." There they hung him high on that cross to die between two thieves.

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As Jesus hung on the cross, the priest and the people still laughed and made fun of him. Jesus called out "Father, forgive them! They don't know what they are doing." But the people continued to call things out to him like " If you are the Son of God, come on down!"

All of Jesus' friends ran away except John, Mary Magdalene, his mother, and two other women. It was noon, and a murky darkness covered the land until about three o'clock.

Jesus looked down from the cross and asked John to take care of his mother. He said to them "Woman, here is your son. John, here is your mother." From that day on, John took Mary into his home.

One of the thieves, who were crucified with Jesus, said "Hey, King of the Jews: save yourself and us!" but the other thief said " Leave him alone! He is a righteous man. Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

Jesus spoke to the thief who believed in him saying " Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

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Then Jesus of Nazareth, the eternal Word of God, having accomplished all that he had set out to do, looked to the heavens and cried out for all of the Universe to hear..." It is finished! Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.+

A soldier seeing what happened, praised God saying "Truly this man was God's Son!" Then Jesus bowed his head and died.

As strange and sad as it seemed, in that moment the Good News of life came with the bad news of death: For God so loved the world that he gave his only son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

They took Jesus' broken body down and placed it in a new tomb. Pilate posted guards at the entrance and rolled a huge stone in front of it so no one could get in.

Since the Sabbath(day of rest) was the next day then, they did not have time to properly prepare the body for burial.

That would have to wait until Sunday.

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