

## **Philippians 2 5-11.**

5 In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: 6 Who, **being in very nature God**, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; 7 rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, **he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross!** 9 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, 10 that at the name of **Jesus** every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue acknowledge that **Jesus Christ is Lord**, to the glory of God the Father.(NIV)

## **Luke 24:18-24.**

18 One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"

19 "What things?" he asked. "**About Jesus of Nazareth,**" they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. 20 **The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him;** 21 but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. 22 In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning 23 but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. 24 Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus." (NIV)

## **Matthew 27: 41- 42.**

41 In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him. 42 "He saved others," they said, "but he can't save himself! He's the king of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him.

43 He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, '**I am the Son of God.**'" 44 In the same way the rebels who were crucified with him also heaped insults on him. (NIV)

**John 19:26-27.**

**When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby,** he said to his mother, "Dear woman, here is your son," and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." (NIV)

**John 10:17-18.**

17 For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life so that I may take it again. 18 "No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own initiative.

I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. **This commandment I received from My Father.** (NIV)

**Matthew 27:59-61.**

Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, 60 and placed it in his own new tomb that he had cut out of the rock. He rolled a big stone in front of the entrance to the tomb and went away.

**61 Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were sitting there opposite the tomb.(NIV).**

What was a centurion?

The Greek statesman and historian Polybius (c.200-118 BC) wrote: "In choosing their centurions the Romans look not so much for the daring or fire-eating type, but rather for men who are natural leaders and possess a stable and imperturbable temperament, not men who will open the battle and launch attacks, but those who will stand their ground even when worsted or hard-pressed, and will die in defence of their posts."

## **1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18.**

13 Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. 14 For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. 15 According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.(NIV)