



FACT SHEET ROMAN GUARD

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Read It:

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Talk It:

When is it hard to be obedient?

Know it:

In the military, life is very strict. Soldiers are given orders and are expected to follow the orders without question. A good soldier is loyal and just. The Roman guard who was serving at the cross where Jesus died was not any different. His orders were to oversee the execution. This was not the guard's first time seeing an execution take place at Golgotha. But something was different on this day. The man being punished acted very differently from all the other men he'd watched die. Jesus was not begging for mercy; He did not fight the soldiers.

Jesus' actions even to the point of death caught the attention of this hardened Roman guard. This soldier was just doing his job, but he saw something very different in the man on the cross that day, a man he watched being mocked and teased, but who seemed to show love in return. He listened in amazement as the dying man looked up and said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do," as the soldiers cast dice for his clothes. (Luke 23:34) This guard had no idea that his words would be recorded in the Bible for all the future generations when he looked up and declared, "Truly this Man was the Son of God!"

Go Do It:

How has Jesus touched your life? How has His action of dying on the cross played a part in your life? Once we accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior, we need to be like the Roman soldier and tell others about Jesus. Everyone has a testimony in life. A testimony is something that has happen to you firsthand that you can tell others about. For instance, maybe you caught the biggest fish ever, so you told everyone about it. Or maybe you just won a beauty pageant and expressed your joy to all that could hear. God wants us to do that for Him. When our lives are saved through Jesus on the cross, God wants us to share how He has impacted our lives. What are you sharing with others today?

