

# Cryptogram

SATURDAY

DAY 34

Today you need to “crack the cryptogram code” below, then answer some questions about it.

How does a cryptogram work? Each letter in the alphabet is replaced by another letter. Once you figure out which letter has replaced which other letter, you will find the code is easily broken.

To help you on this one, here are two clues:

1. The quotation is from the first chapter of the Gospel of John in the Bible.
2. We have filled in two words below for you. The rest is up to you. Have fun!

\_\_\_ \_ \_ \_    \_\_\_ \_ \_    W o r d    \_\_\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_    \_\_\_ \_ \_ \_ \_  
E Z S    M P Y    V X Q S    O Y K E J Y    T R Y F P

\_\_\_ \_ \_    \_\_\_ \_ \_ \_ \_    \_\_\_ \_ \_ \_ \_    \_\_\_ \_  
E Z S    S V Y R M    E J X Z D    C F,

\_\_\_ \_ \_ \_    \_\_\_ \_    \_\_\_ \_ \_ \_ \_    \_\_\_ \_ \_    \_\_\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ ;  
T C R R    X T    D Q E K Y    E Z S    M Q C M P;

\_\_\_ \_    \_\_\_ \_ \_ \_    \_\_\_ \_ \_ \_ \_    \_\_\_ \_ \_    \_\_\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ ,  
V Y    P E N Y    O Y P Y R S    P G F    D R X Q U,

\_\_\_ \_ \_ \_ \_    \_\_\_ \_    \_\_\_ \_    \_\_\_ \_ \_    \_\_\_ \_ \_ \_    \_\_\_ \_ \_    \_\_\_ \_ \_ \_  
D R X Q U    E F    X T    M P Y    X Z R U    F X Z    T Q X J

\_\_\_ \_ \_    F a t h e r.

M P Y    T E M P Y Q.

Further questions:

1. What verse is this in the Bible? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Who is John writing about? \_\_\_\_\_
3. In what prayer do you repeat the first two lines of this verse? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What do you do when you say those two lines in the prayer? \_\_\_\_\_

*When the centurion who stood facing Him saw how He breathed His last he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!" (Mark 15:39)*

**Read Mark 15: 22-47. This is a short description of the crucifixion, death, and burial of Jesus. You can find other descriptions in Matthew 27:33-61, Luke 23:33-56, and John 19:17-42. Then, answer these questions.**

1. They brought Him to the place of \_\_\_\_\_ (which is translated Place of the Skull). Then they crucified Him and \_\_\_\_\_ His garments by casting lots for them to see what each should take.
2. What did the inscription above Jesus' head say? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What time of the day did they crucify Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_
4. At noon darkness came over the whole land until \_\_\_\_\_ in the afternoon. And at three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which is translated, "My \_\_\_\_\_, my God, why have you \_\_\_\_\_ me?"
5. Jesus gave a loud cry and \_\_\_\_\_ His last. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom.
6. Who asked Pilate for the body of Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Having bought a linen cloth, he took Him down, wrapped Him in the linen cloth and laid Him in a \_\_\_\_\_ that had been hewn out of the rock. Then he rolled a \_\_\_\_\_ against the entrance to the tomb. Mary Magdalene and \_\_\_\_\_ the mother of Jesus watched where He was laid.

Tomorrow is Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week! It is good to make an extra-special time to pray during this last week until Easter and to pray extra hard for any special intentions you have. Write down here your special prayer intentions for Holy Week and when you will pray for them:

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