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Fact Sheet

Title: **Three Days That Changed The World**

Some Facts you may or may not be aware of.

- Isaiah Chapter 53 gives amazing details about the death of Jesus. The Servant is pierced and wounded, taken away by oppression and led as a lamb to the slaughter. His grave is "with the rich."
- Gethsemane, which means "oil press," was a garden, an enclosed olive orchard, on the slopes of the Mount of Olives. It was the favorite rendezvous location for Jesus and His disciples.
- In biblical times, the table at which people ate a meal was in a U Shape, with the host in the middle of the U. The guests reclined on (what we called cushions), leaning on their left elbow, with their right hand free.
- **At the Last Supper, John, reclining at Jesus' right hand, would have been very close to him, close enough to speak privately without anyone hearing (John 13:25).**
- If the host wanted to show special friendship to a guest, he gave them a piece of food taken from the main dish. It has been suggested that in this way Jesus was making a last appeal to Judas (**John 13:26**).
- When Jesus shouted out from the cross "**It is finished**" (**John 19:30**), it was not a cry of loneliness or defeat, but a cry of achievement. He had accomplished what he had been born to do.
- The Old Testament prefigures the cross of Jesus. God provided the Old Testament sacrifices (**Leviticus Chapters 1-7**) as a pointer to the way of salvation. The New Testament writers often

refer to Jesus' death as a "sacrifice."

- When Jesus told Peter and John to prepare for the Passover meal, they were to look out for a man carrying a pitcher of water (Luke 22:10). This was a unique sign because carrying water was usually done by women.
- Crucifixions were commonplace in Roman times. Because it was a dishonorable form of death, Roman citizens were not crucified, except for treason.
- Before being crucified, criminals were scourged (beaten) with a whip. The thongs of the whip were barbed with pieces of lead or bone. This punishment caused considerable bleeding, pain, and sometimes death.
- Criminals facing crucifixion walked through the city carrying the cross piece. A placard giving the reason for the crucifixion was hung around the neck, or carried ahead, and then fastened to the cross.