take time **5 May** **John 19:17-30** read

http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John%2019:17-30&version=NKJV

## The cross

study

The rough soldiers crucify the Lord Jesus, who allows all this to be done to Him, in the centre at the place of execution, Golgotha (vv17-18).
Pilate continues to mock the Jews by calling the Crucified "King of the Jews" (vv19-22).
The tough soldiers share out the clothes of Jesus, which they have taken off Him, as if they were a kind of booty. Without knowing it, they fulfil a prophecy from Psalm 22:19 (vv23-24).
Some women and the disciple John are standing near the cross. Even on the cross Jesus thinks of His aged mother Mary (who was by then probably already a widow) and asks John to care for her (vv25-27).
After the three hours of darkness, the prophecy from Psalm 69:22 still had to be fulfilled. Then the Saviour says: "It is finished" and gives up His life (vv28-30).

answer

95. Where is Golgotha?
96. What do they give Jesus to drink?

inform

The title on the cross was written in three languages, so that everyone could read it (v20):

- Hebrew was the religious language
- Latin was the political language
- Greek was the academic language

It's a fact – the whole world is guilty of the crucifixion.

think

**What did you feel when you read today's Bible passage?**

note down

95. Near the city of Jerusalem (v20).
96. Vinegar (v29).