The Hinge of History

Most Memorable
On a typical day most people are awake for around 16 to 17 hours. That’s a good span of time, and we can pack a lot of activity into a normal day. That’s even more true on exceptionally memorable days.

- Use the space below to describe the events of your most memorable day.

MARK 15:22-39 (NRSV)

22 Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull).
23 And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it.
24 And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.
25 It was nine o’clock in the morning when they crucified him.
26 The inscription of the charge against him read, “The King of the Jews.”
27 And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left.
28 And the scripture was fulfilled that says, “And he was counted among the lawless.”
29 Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, “Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!”
30 In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, “He saved others; he cannot save himself.
31 Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.” Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.
32 When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon.
33 At three o’clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”
35 When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, “Listen, he is calling for Elijah.”

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And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.”

Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.

Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, “Truly this man was God’s Son!”

**KEY VERSES:** *But Jesus let out a loud cry and died. The curtain of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom.* — Mark 15:37-38 (CEB)

**TRACE THE TIME**

Draw a clock face in the circle and fill it with the events laid out in today’s Bible verses.

**PICK A PERSPECTIVE**

Choose one of the observers in the Bible verses and rewrite the story from his or her perspective using the space below.
WHAT DOES SALVATION MEAN?
How would you define or explain salvation in ten words or less?

Fill in the following blanks about salvation:
1. Through God’s generous salvation, I have freedom from ____________.
2. Through God’s generous salvation, I have freedom to ____________.
3. Because of God’s generous salvation, I will pray for ____________, ____________, and ____________.

GENEROUS GENESIS
Read over your answers in the previous activity and, in the space below, write a brief prayer of thanksgiving and intercession based on those answers.

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