



Here are the 12 characters of the Match Game. Read the Scripture about each one and answer the questions to help you reflect on all that Jesus has done for us.

1. The disciples: The disciples prayed, but then they let their fear take over and ran away.

And they laid hands on him and seized him. But one of those who stood by drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. And Jesus said to them, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. But let the Scriptures be fulfilled." And they all left him and fled.

Mark 14: 46-50

How can we keep our eyes on Jesus when we are afraid?

2. Pilate: Pilate wanted to let Jesus go, but he let the crowd tell him what to do.

Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release Jesus, but they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify him!" A third time he said to them, "Why? What evil has he done? I have found in him no guilt deserving death. I will therefore punish and release him." But they were urgent, demanding with loud cries that he should be crucified. And their voices prevailed. So Pilate decided that their demand should be granted. He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, for whom they asked, but he delivered Jesus over to their will.

Luke 23:13-20

How can we do what is right even when others want us to do something wrong?

3. The Soldiers: The soldiers crucified the Son of God because they didn't know who He was.

Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company around Him. They stripped Him and put a scarlet robe on Him. And they twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on His head. They put a staff in His right hand and knelt down before Him to mock Him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" Then they spit on Him and took the staff and struck Him on the head repeatedly. After they had mocked Him, they removed the robe and put His own clothes back on Him. Then they led Him away to crucify Him.

Matthew 27:27-31

What can we do to keep our hearts focused on who Jesus really is?

4. The Thief on the Cross: He recognized his sin and asked for forgiveness.

One of the criminals who were hanged there were hurling abuse at Him, saying, "Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!" But the other answered, and rebuking him said, "Do you not even fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? "And we indeed are suffering justly, for we are receiving what we deserve for our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." And he was saying, "Jesus, remember me when You come in Your kingdom!" And He said to him, "Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise."

Luke 23:39-42

Do we recognize our sin and ask Jesus to forgive us every day?



5. Jesus on the Cross: He died to show us how much God loved us.



But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8

How much does God love us? What did He sacrifice for us?

6. The Temple Veil: The veil ripped to show how God made a way for us to be close to Him.

When Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, He yielded up His spirit. At that moment the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth quaked and the rocks were split.

Matthew 27:50-51

Do you let anything come between you and God?

7. Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus: They took care of Jesus' body and laid it in the tomb. They wanted to show Him they loved Him.

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea named Joseph, who himself was a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate to ask for the body of Jesus, and Pilate ordered that it be given to him. So Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and placed it in his own new tomb that he had cut into the rock. Then he rolled a great stone across the entrance to the tomb and went away.

Matthew 27:57-60

What are ways you can show Jesus that you love Him?

8. The Stone: The stone was moved by an angel and showed God's power.

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so they could go and anoint the body of Jesus. Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they went to the tomb. They were asking one another, "Who will roll away the stone from the entrance of the tomb?" But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away, even though it was extremely large. When they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here! See the place where they put Him."

Mark 16:1-6

What has God done in your life that has shown you His power?



9. The Angel: The Angel announced to the women that Jesus was alive.

But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; He has risen, just as He said! Come, see the place where He lay. Then go quickly and tell His disciples, ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see Him.’ See, I have told you.”

Matthew 28: 5-7

Who have you told about Jesus being alive?

10. Jesus is Alive: Jesus was dead, but He is alive. He conquered sin and death for us.

Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

Romans 8:34

Have you told Jesus how thankful you are that He is alive?

11. Mary Magdalene: Mary was looking for Jesus, and Jesus appeared to her.

But Mary stood outside the tomb weeping. And as she wept, she bent down to look into the tomb, and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and the other at the feet. “Woman, why are you weeping?” they asked. “Because they have taken my Lord away,” she said, “and I do not know where they have put Him.” When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there; but she did not recognize that it was Jesus. “Woman, why are you weeping?” Jesus asked. “Whom are you seeking?” Thinking He was the gardener, she said, “Sir, if you have carried Him off, tell me where you have put Him, and I will get Him.” Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to Him in Hebrew, “Rabboni!” (which means “Teacher”). “Do not cling to Me,” Jesus said, “for I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go and tell My brothers, ‘I am ascending to My Father and your Father, to My God and your God.’”

John 20: 11-16

Are you looking for Jesus every day and spending time with Him?

12. Peter: He denied Jesus, but Jesus forgave Him and told him to tell everyone about Him.

Now Simon Peter and another disciple were following Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he also went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest. But Peter stood outside at the door. Then the disciple who was known to the high priest went out and spoke to the doorkeeper, and brought Peter in. At this, the servant girl watching the door said to Peter, “Aren’t you also one of this man’s disciples?” “I am not,” he answered.

John 18:15-18

When they had finished eating, Jesus asked Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love Me more than these?” “Yes, Lord,” he answered, “You know I love You.” Jesus replied, “Feed My lambs.”

John 21:15

Do you ask Jesus for His forgiveness?

