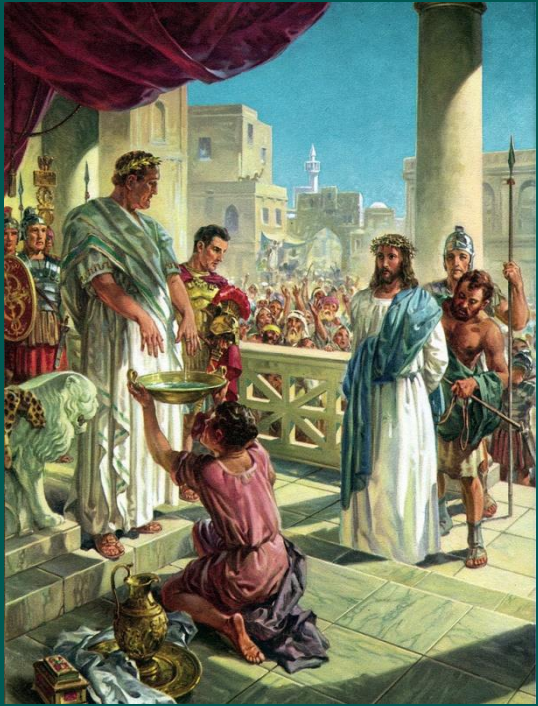


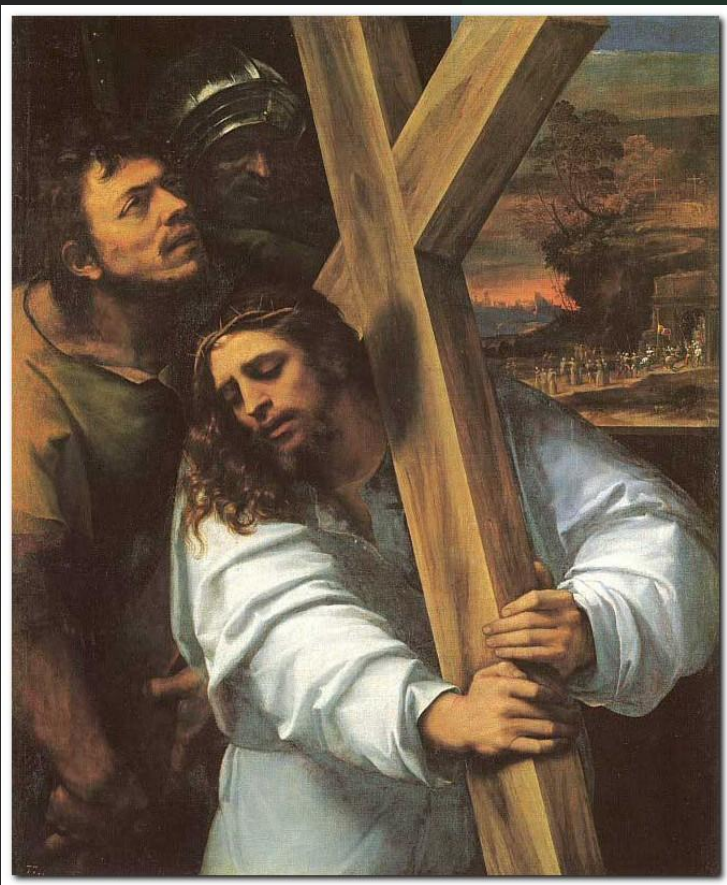
The Passion Week

Palm Sunday to Resurrection Sunday

Lesson Nine
GOLGOTHA



Pilate finished his examination of Christ in the early morning of Nisan 14, and Jesus was condemned to die.



Matthew 27:31

And after that they [the soldiers] had mocked him, they took the robe off from him, and put his own raiment on him, and led him away to crucify *him*.

NISAN 14

Thursday afternoon

AT GOLGATHA

Simon of Cyrene is forced to carry the cross.

MATTHEW

27:32

MARK

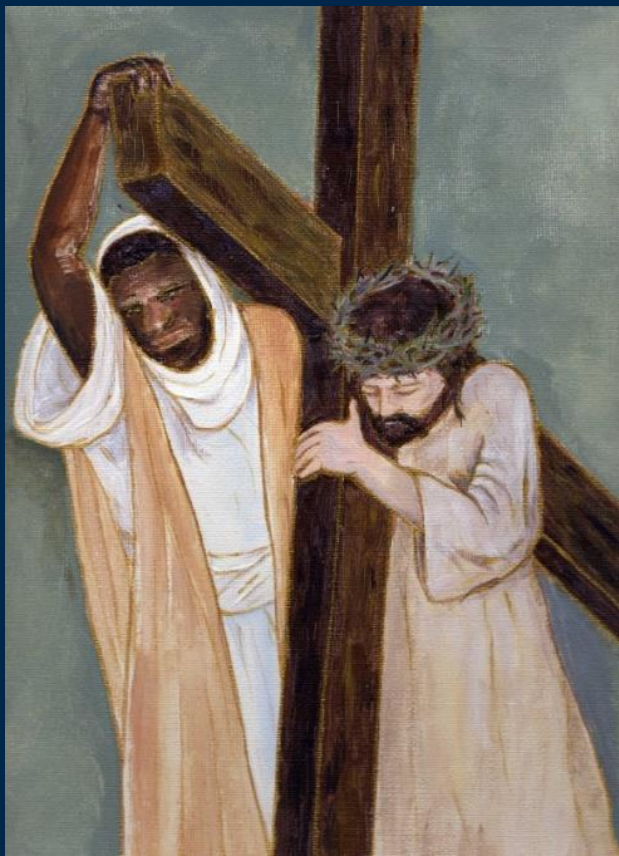
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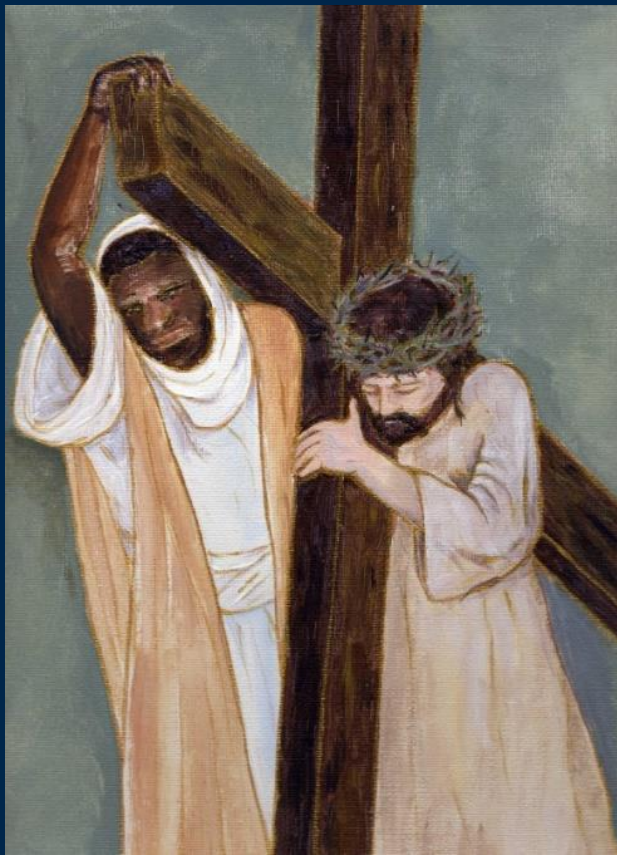
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Luke 23:26

²⁶ And as they led him away,
they laid hold upon one Simon,
a Cyrenian, coming out of the country,
and on him they laid the cross,
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Cyrene was a city in northern Africa.

Some scholars believe this man was “Simeon that was called Niger” (Acts 13:1), who became one of the apostles and teachers of the early church.

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Jesus speaks to the daughters of Jerusalem

MATTHEW

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LUKE

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23:27-31

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Luke 23:27-28

- 27 And there followed him a great company of people, and of women, which also bewailed and lamented him.
- 28 But Jesus turning unto them said, Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children.
- 29 For, behold, the days are coming, in the which they shall say, Blessed *are* the barren, and the wombs that never bare, and the paps which never gave suck.
- 30 Then shall they begin to say to the mountains, Fall on us; and to the hills, Cover us.
- 31 For if they do these things in a green tree, what shall be done in the dry?



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If these things can happen to God's sinless Son, what will happen to the nation that rejected him?

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Jesus is taken to Golgotha (Calvary).

MATTHEW

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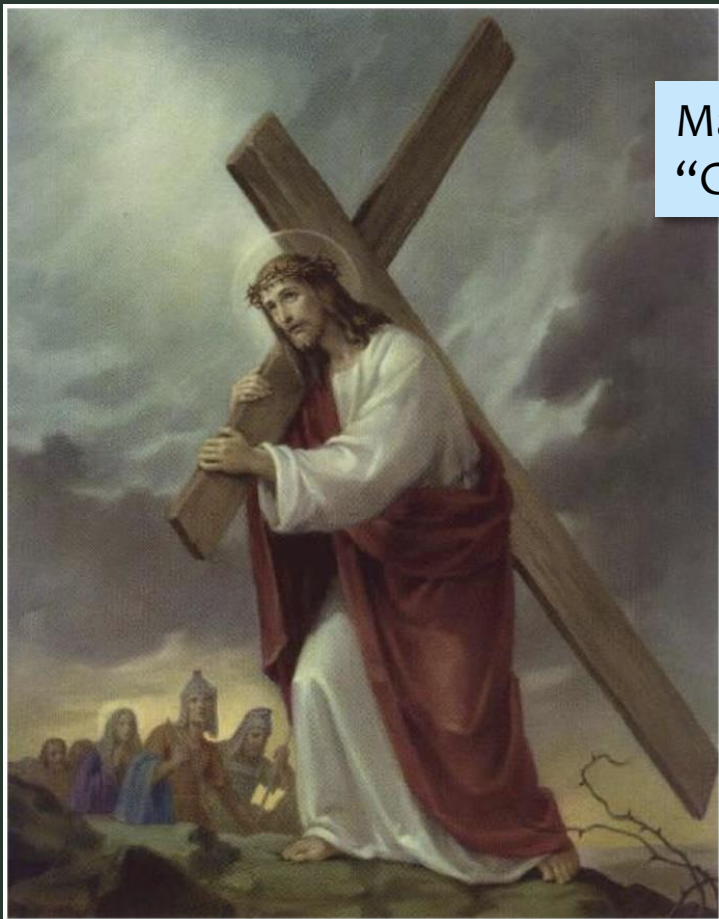
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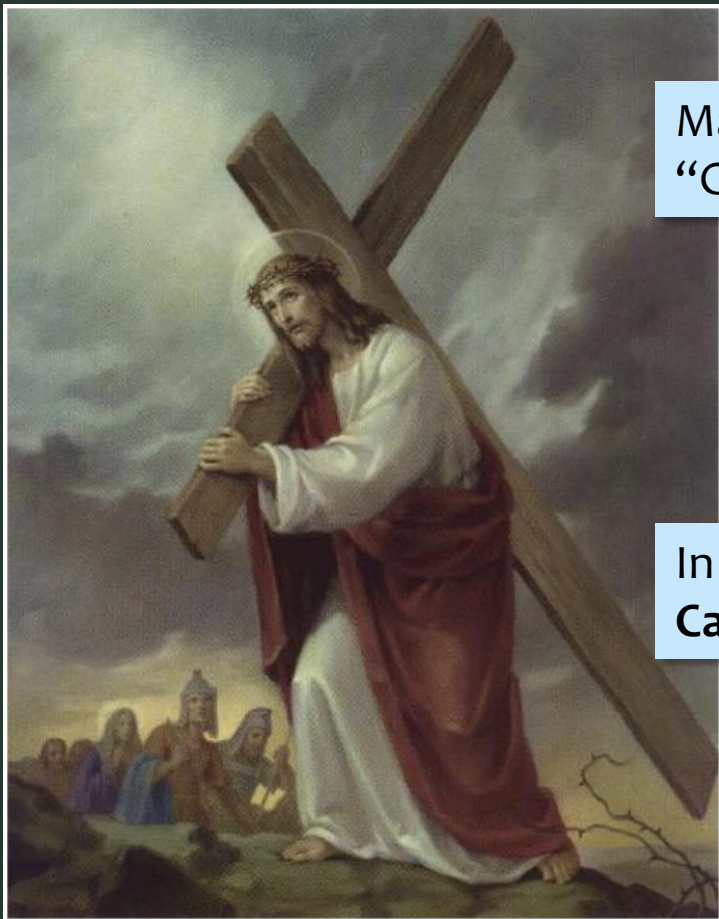
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John 19:17

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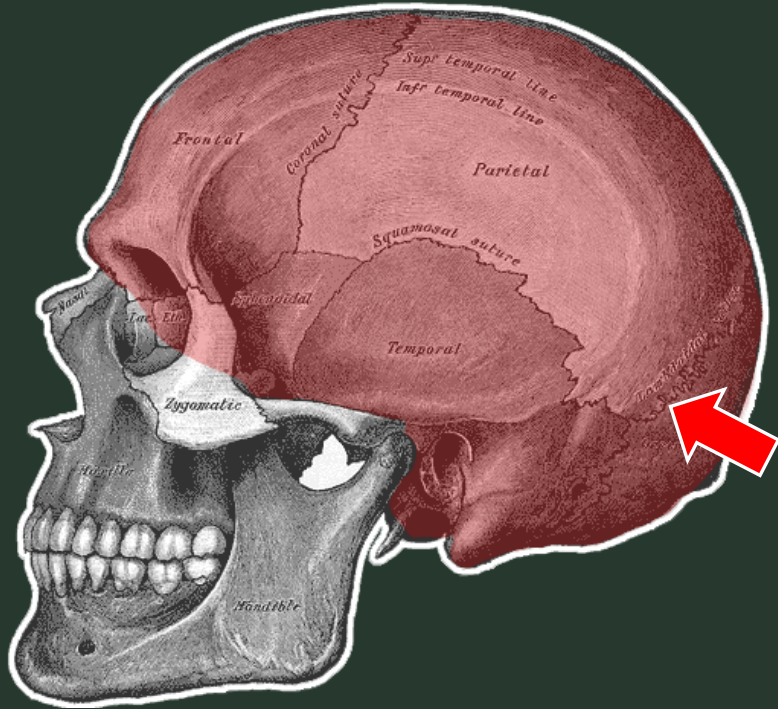
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In Luke, it is translated “**Calvary**” from the Latin **Calvariae Locus** (the place of a skull).

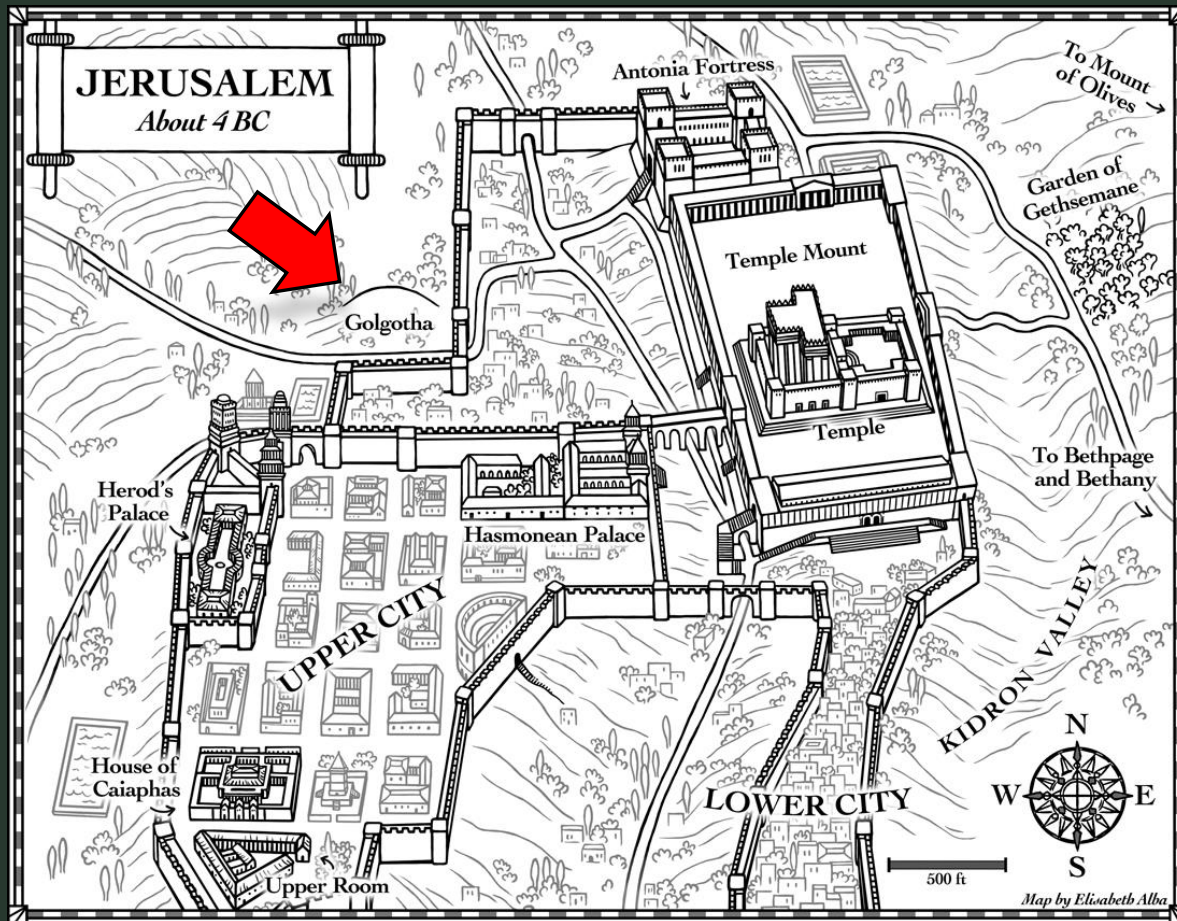
Luke 23:33a

³³ And when they were come to the place, which is called **Calvary**, there they crucified him...



A calvarium (*plural, calvaria*) is an incomplete skull; *especially* : the portion of a skull including the braincase and excluding the lower jaw and facial portion.

John 19:20 says,
“The place where Jesus
was crucified was nigh to
the city.”





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Jesus refuses the vinegar mixed with gall.

MATTHEW

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27:33

27:34

MARK

15:21

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15:22

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LUKE

23:26

23:27-31

23:33a

23:36-37

JOHN

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19:17

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Jesus was offered a light wine mixed with gall (also called myrrh) to deaden the pain.

Matthew 27:33-34

- ³³ And when they were come unto a place called Golgotha, that is to say, a place of a skull,
- ³⁴ They gave him vinegar to drink mingled with gall: and when he had tasted *thereof*, he would not drink.

Mark 15:23

- ²³ And they gave him to drink wine mingled with myrrh: but he received it not.

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Jesus speaks to the daughters of Jerusalem

Jesus is taken to Golgotha (Calvary).

Jesus refuses the vinegar mixed with gall.

He is crucified together with two others.

MATTHEW

27:32

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27:33

27:34

27:35a

MARK

15:21

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15:22

15:23

15:24a,25

LUKE

23:26

23:27-31

23:33a

23:36-37

23:32, 33b

JOHN

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19:17

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19:18



Jesus was crucified around 9 AM.

Mark 15:25

²⁵ And it was the third hour, and they crucified him.



All 4 Gospels agree that there were two others crucified with Jesus.

Matthew 27:38

³⁸ Then were there two thieves crucified with him, one on the right hand, and another on the left.

Mark 15:27

²⁷ And with him they crucify two thieves; the one on his right hand, and the other on his left.



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Luke 23:33

³⁸ And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left.

John 19:18b

¹⁸ ... they crucified him, and two other with him, on either side one, and Jesus in the midst.

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27:35a

15:24a,25

23:32, 33b

19:18

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23:34a

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Only Luke includes Christ's prayer for the people who crucified him.

Luke 23:34a

³⁴ Then said Jesus,
Father, forgive them;
for they know not what they do.

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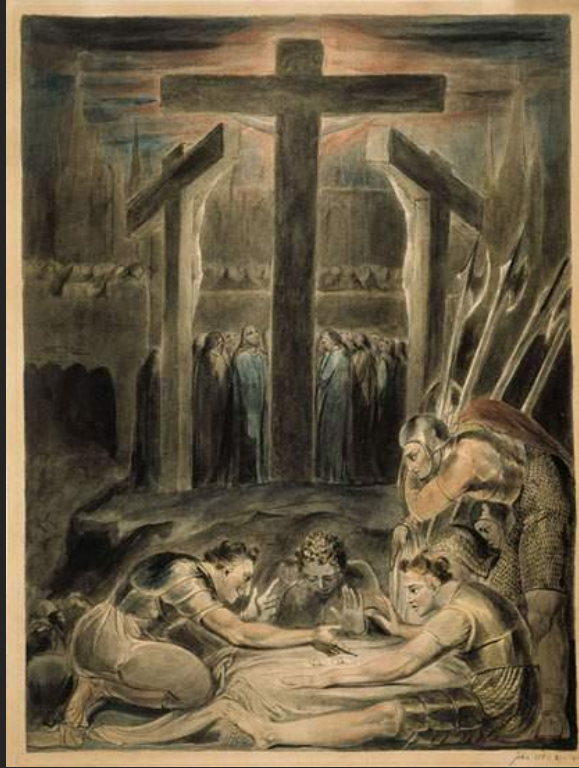
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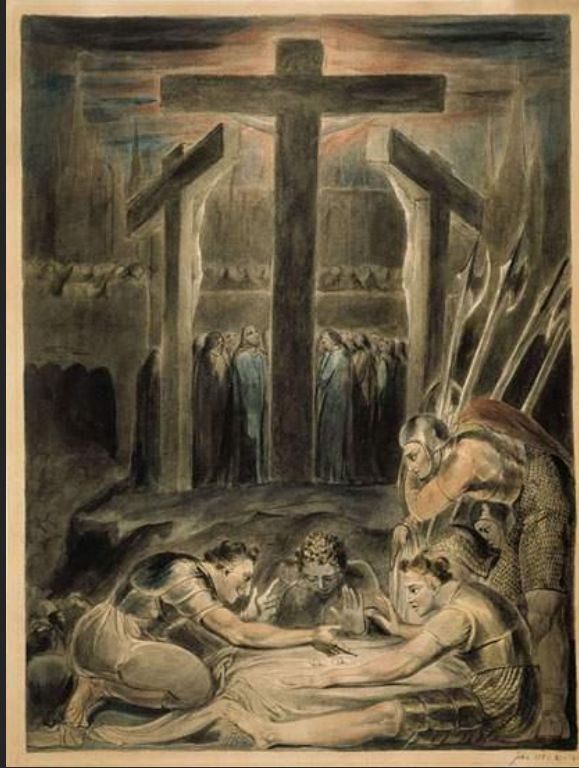
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John 19:23-24

- ²³ Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took his garments, and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also *his* coat: now the coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout.
- ²⁴ They said therefore among themselves, Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be: that the scripture might be fulfilled, which saith, They parted my raiment among them, and for my vesture they did cast lots.
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Psalms 22:18: They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture.

This quotation is from Psalm 22:18

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Soldiers gamble for his clothes.

The accusations are hung over the cross.

MATTHEW

27:32

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27:33

27:34

27:35a

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27:35b-36

27:37

MARK

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15:22

15:23

15:24a,25

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15:24b

15:26

LUKE

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23:27-31

23:33a

23:36-37

23:32, 33b

23:34a

23:34b

23:38

JOHN

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19:23-24

19:19-22

All four Gospels tell of the sign placed over his head:



Matthew 27:36-37

³⁶ And sitting down they watched him there;

³⁷ And set up over his head his accusation written,
THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

Mark 15:26

²⁶ And the superscription of his accusation was written
over, THE KING OF THE JEWS.

Luke 23:38

³⁸ And a superscription also was written over him
in letters of Greek, and Latin, and Hebrew,
THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

All four Gospels tell of the sign placed over his head:



John 19:19-22

¹⁹ And Pilate wrote a title, and put *it* on the cross.
And the writing was,
JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS.

²⁰ This title then read many of the Jews: for the place
where Jesus was crucified was nigh to the city:
and it was written in Hebrew, *and Greek, and Latin.*

²¹ Then said the chief priests of the Jews to Pilate,
Write not, The King of the Jews;
but that he said, I am King of the Jews.

²² Pilate answered, What I have written I have written.

All four Gospels tell of the sign placed over his head:



In Matthew:

THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS

In Mark:

THE KING OF THE JEWS

In Luke:

THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS

In John:

JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS



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In Latin, “JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS” is

Iesus **N**azarenus **R**ex **I**udaeorum

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The accusations are hung over the cross.

The people around him mock him.

MATTHEW

27:32

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27:33

27:34

27:35a

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27:35b-36

27:37

27:38-44

MARK

15:21

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15:22

15:23

15:24a,25

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15:24b

15:26

15:27-32

LUKE

23:26

23:27-31

23:33a

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The repentant malefactor

MATTHEW

MARK

LUKE

JOHN

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23:26

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23:27-31

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27:33

15:22

23:33a

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Both Matthew and Mark speak of the ugly things yelled at Jesus as he hung on the cross.



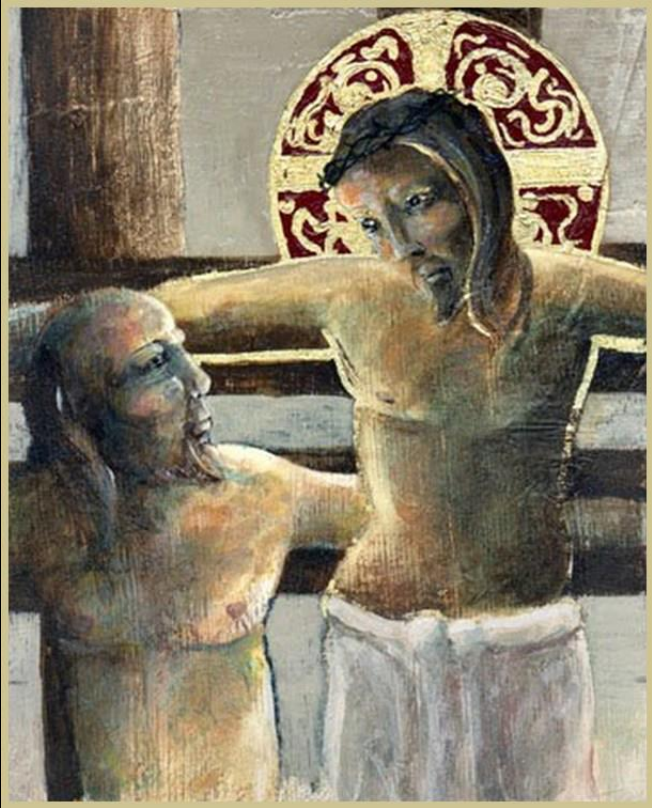
Mark 15:29-32

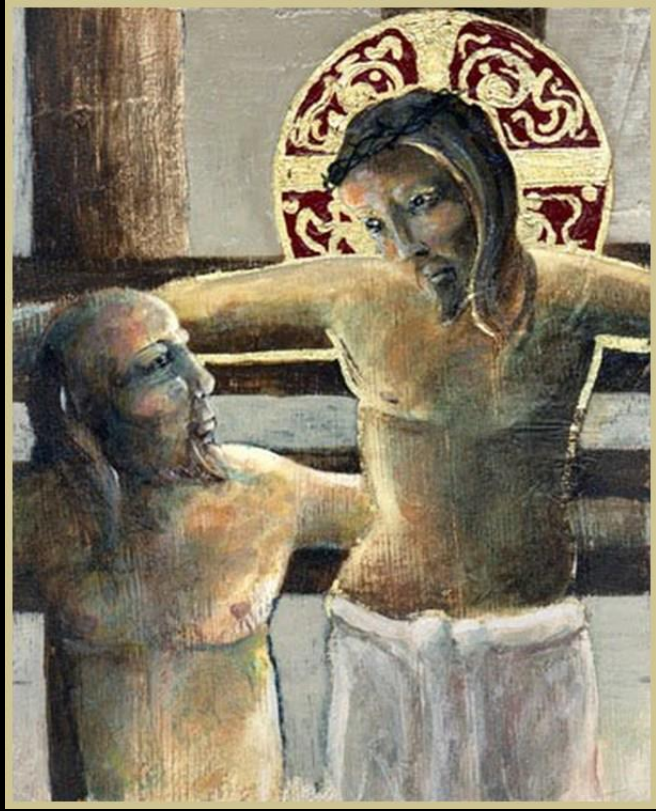
- ²⁹ And they that passed by railed on him, wagging their heads, and saying, Ah, thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest *it* in three days,
- ³⁰ Save thyself, and come down from the cross.
- ³¹ Likewise also the chief priests mocking said among themselves with the scribes, He saved others; himself he cannot save.
- ³² Let Christ the King of Israel descend now from the cross, that we may see and believe.
- And they that were crucified with him reviled him.

Only Luke tells of the man who found repentance.

Luke 23:39-43

- ³⁹ And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying,
If thou be Christ, save thyself and us.
- ⁴⁰ But the other answering rebuked him, saying,
Dost not thou fear God,
seeing thou art in the same condemnation?
- ⁴¹ And we indeed justly;
for we receive the due reward of our deeds:
but this man hath done nothing amiss.

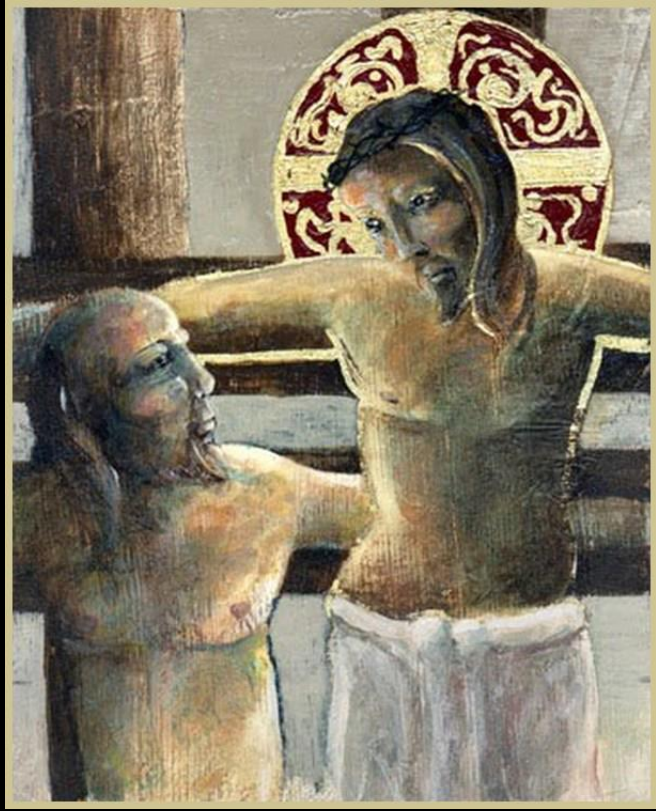




Having initially joined the other revilers, this man was moved to repentance as he hung on his own cross.

Luke 23:42-43

- ⁴² And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.
- ⁴³ And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.



But how could Jesus say “Today shalt thou be with me in paradise” when he knew he would lie dead in the tomb for three days and nights?

For that malefactor – and for all who die in Christ – his first moment of awareness after his death will be his first breath of everlasting life.

As far as he was concerned, he would be in paradise before the sun went down that day.



Up Next:
My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

What did you learn?

1. According to Luke 23:26, who was forced to help Jesus carry his cross?

“one Simon, a Cyrenian”

What did you learn?

2. In Luke 23:28, who did Jesus say the daughters of Jerusalem should be crying for?

“But Jesus turning unto them said, Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children.”

What did you learn?

3. In Luke 23:33, what name is used for “the place of a skull”?

“the place, which is called Calvary”

What did you learn?

4. According to Mark 15:25, what time was Jesus crucified?

“the third hour” (9AM)

What did you learn?

5. According to all four gospels, how many other men were crucified with Jesus?

Two.

“The one on his right hand,
and the other on his left.”

What did you learn?

6. In Luke 23:34, what did Jesus pray for the people who crucified him?

“Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”

What did you learn?

7. According to Luke 23:38, what were the three languages used in the sign over his head?

Greek, Latin, and Hebrew.

What did you learn?

8. According to Mark 15:30, what did the people yell at Jesus?

“Save thyself, and come down from the cross.”

What did you learn?

9. According to Mark 15:31, what did the priests say about him?

“He saved others; himself he cannot save.”

What did you learn?

10. According to Luke 23:42, what did the repentant man on the cross request of Jesus?

“Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.”



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