

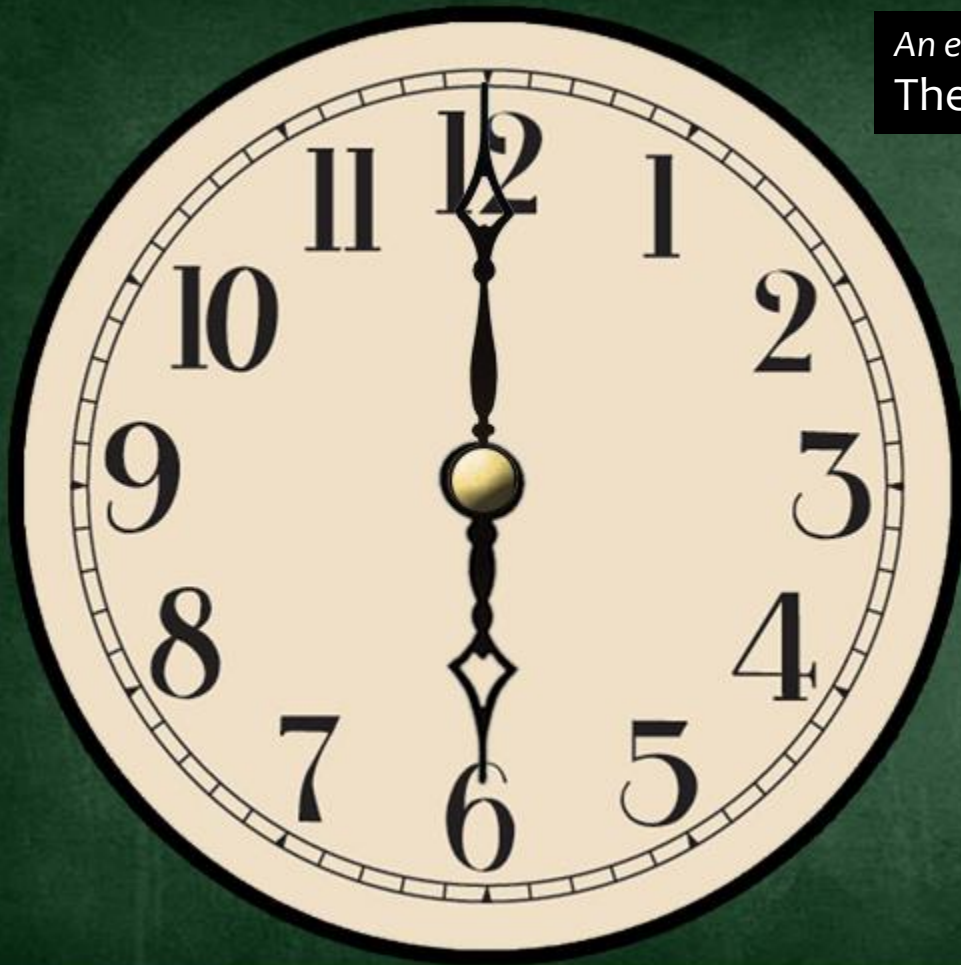
The Passion Week

Palm Sunday to Resurrection Sunday

Lesson Ten

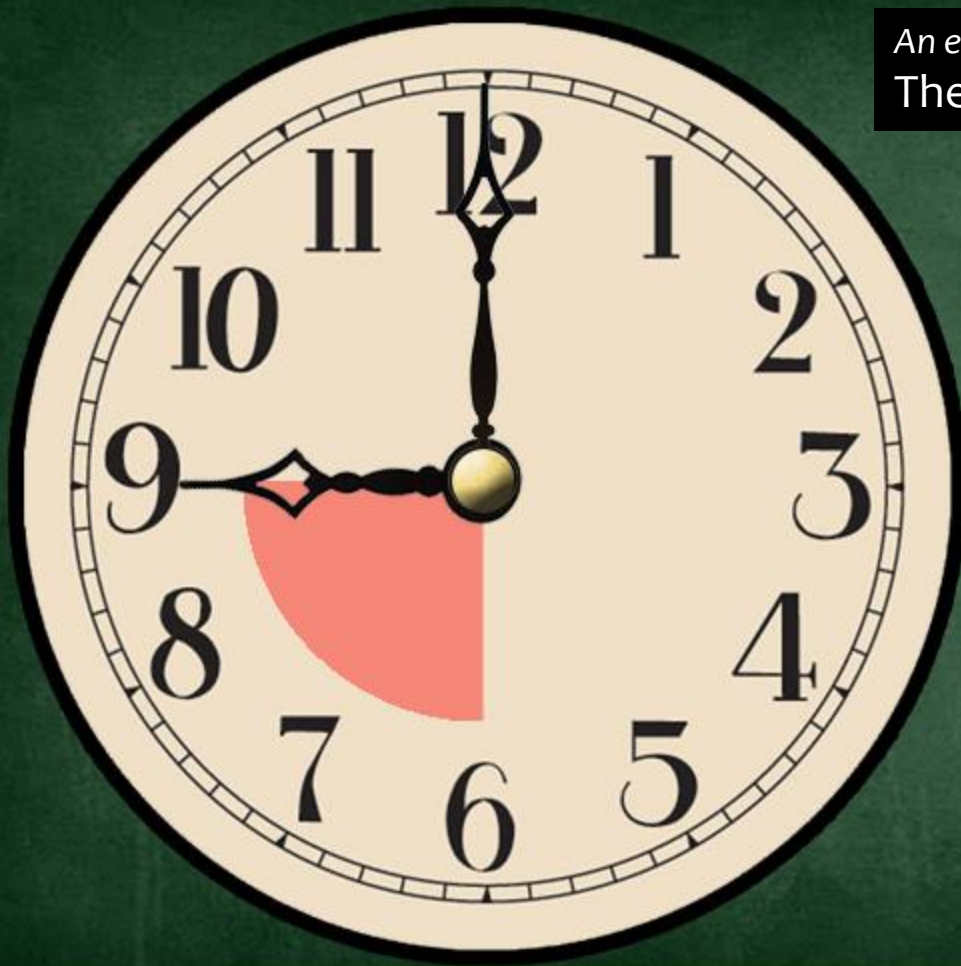
“MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAST THOU FORSAKEN ME?”

An estimated timeline to
The Events of Nisan 14, the Day of Passover



The new day began around 6 pm in
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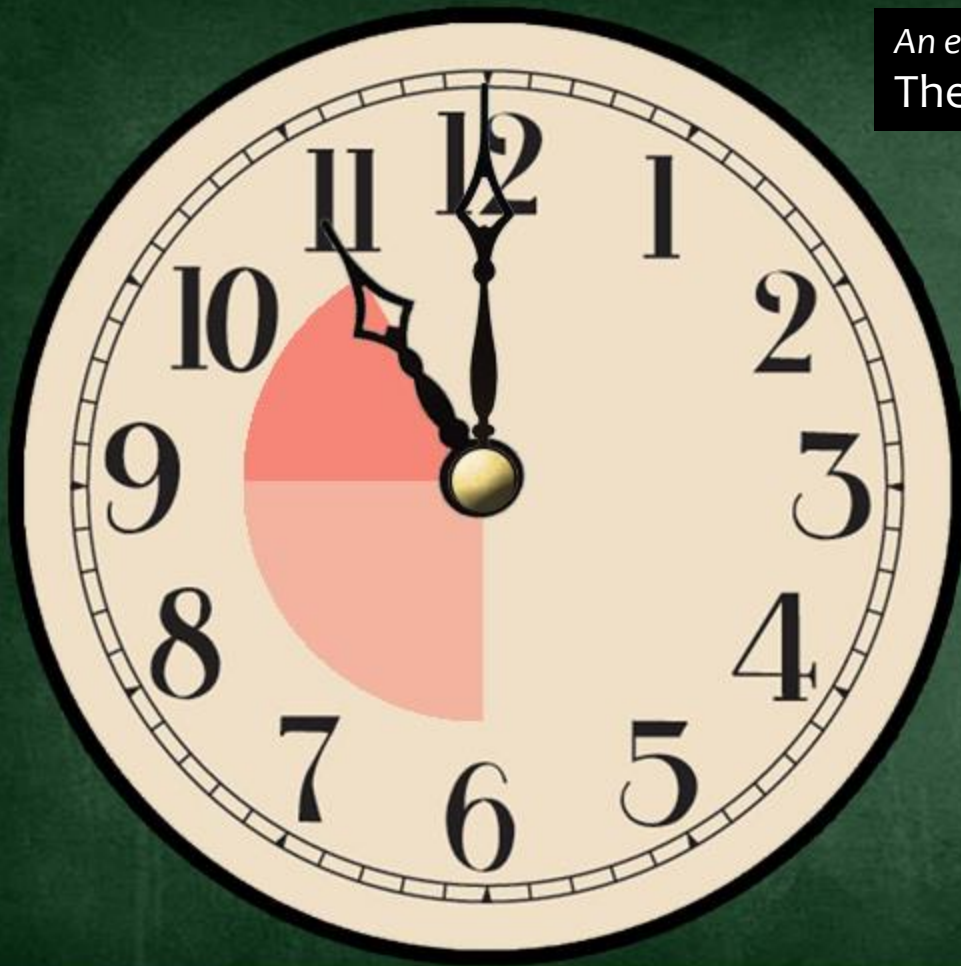
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The Last Supper probably lasted until around 9 pm.

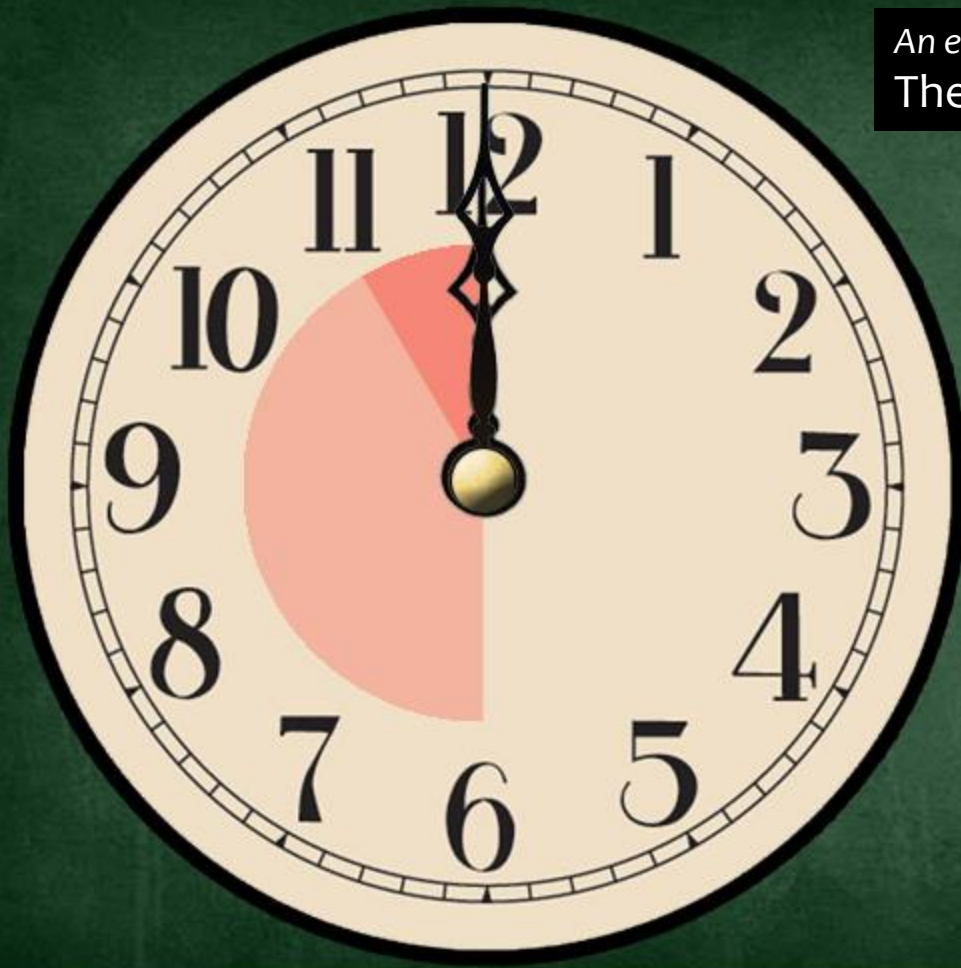
Sometime after dark, Judas left to betray Christ.

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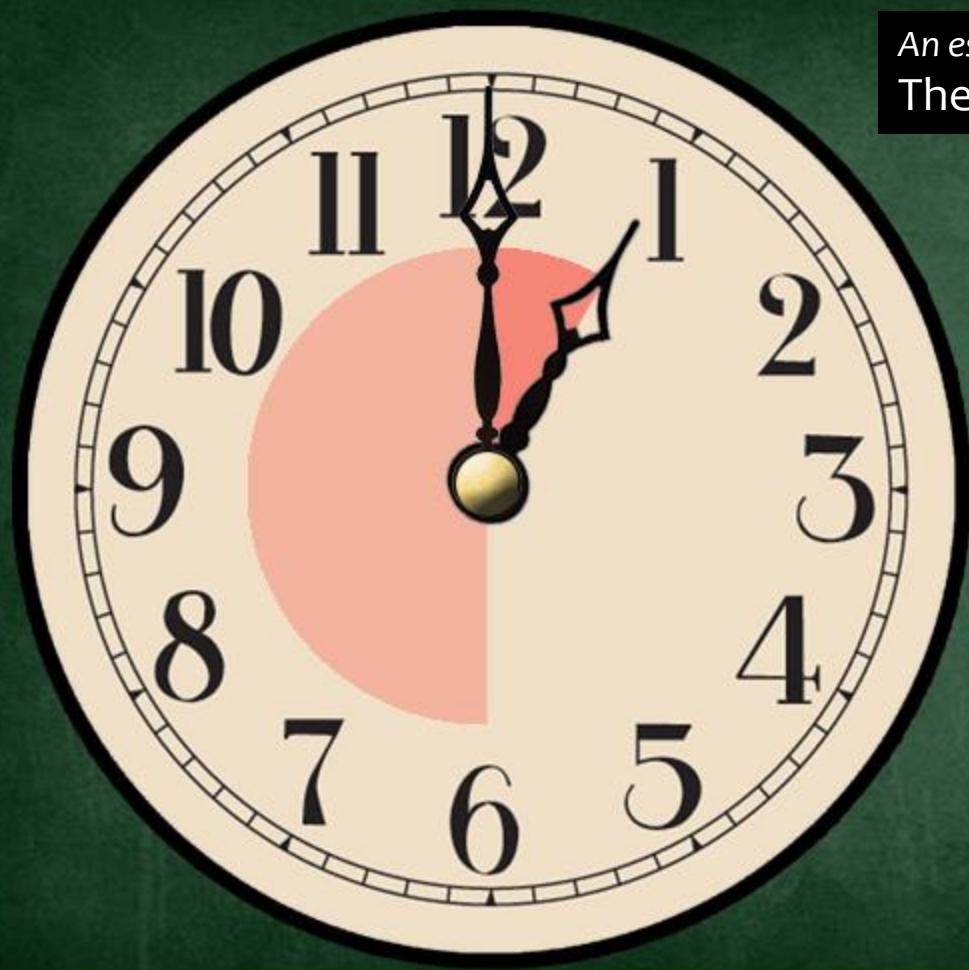


After the supper was over and until around 11 pm, Jesus shared the bread and cup of communion with the eleven apostles who remained, he washed their feet and taught them about true service and other truths that are recorded in John 14.

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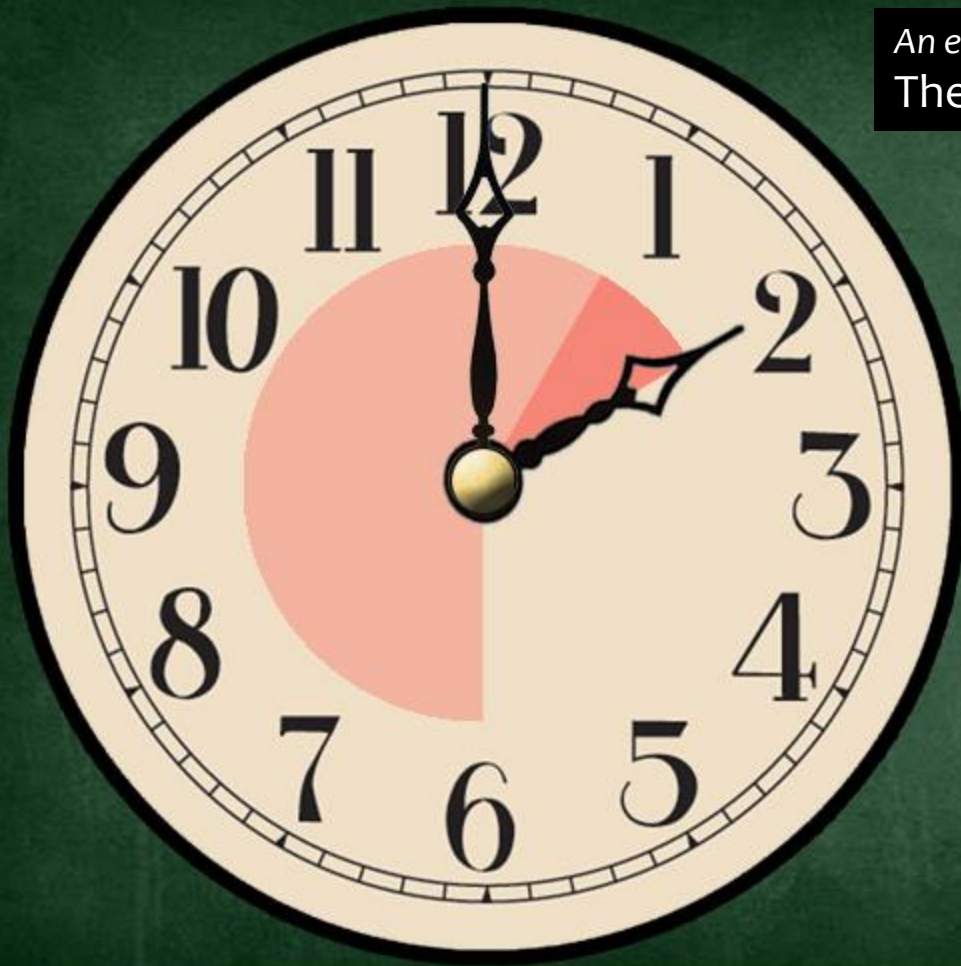
They spent about an hour walking to the Mount of Olives, arriving around midnight. Along the way, Jesus taught them the things that are now recorded in John 15 and 16.



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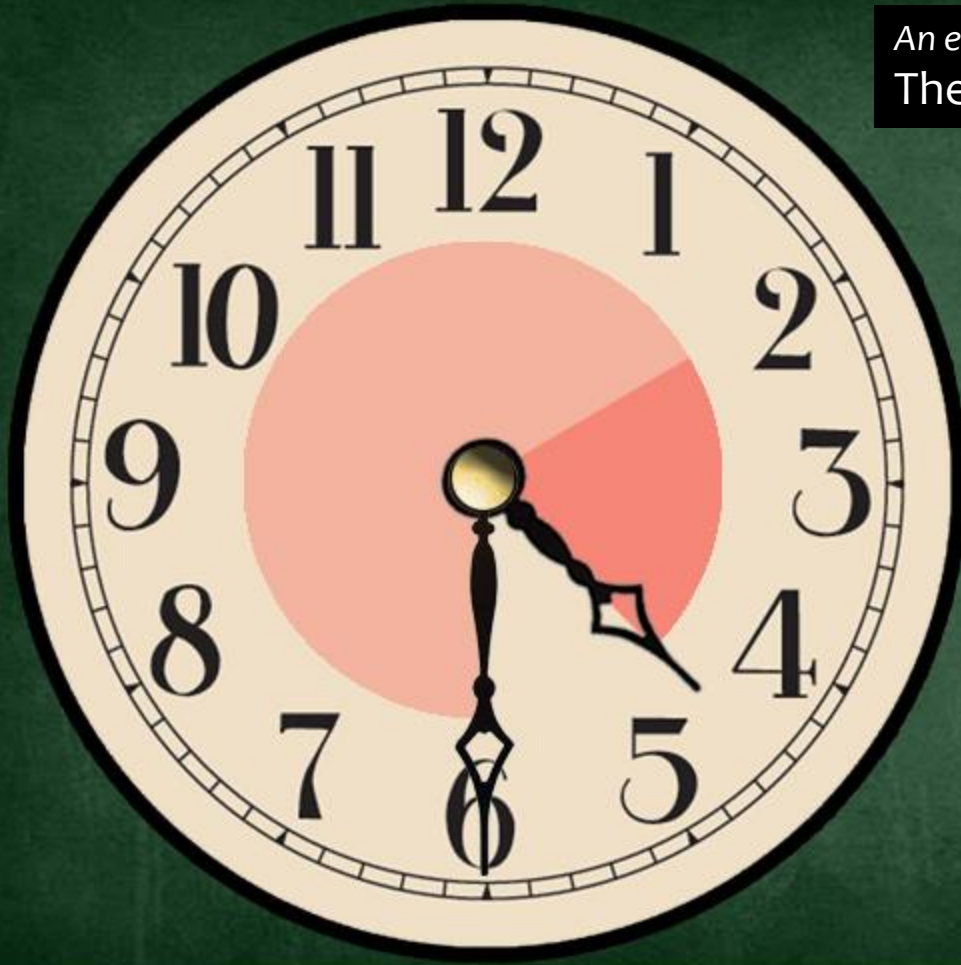
From around midnight to 1 am, Jesus prayed in the garden of Gethsemane. His disciples were not able to stay awake with him, but an angel of God came to strengthen him.

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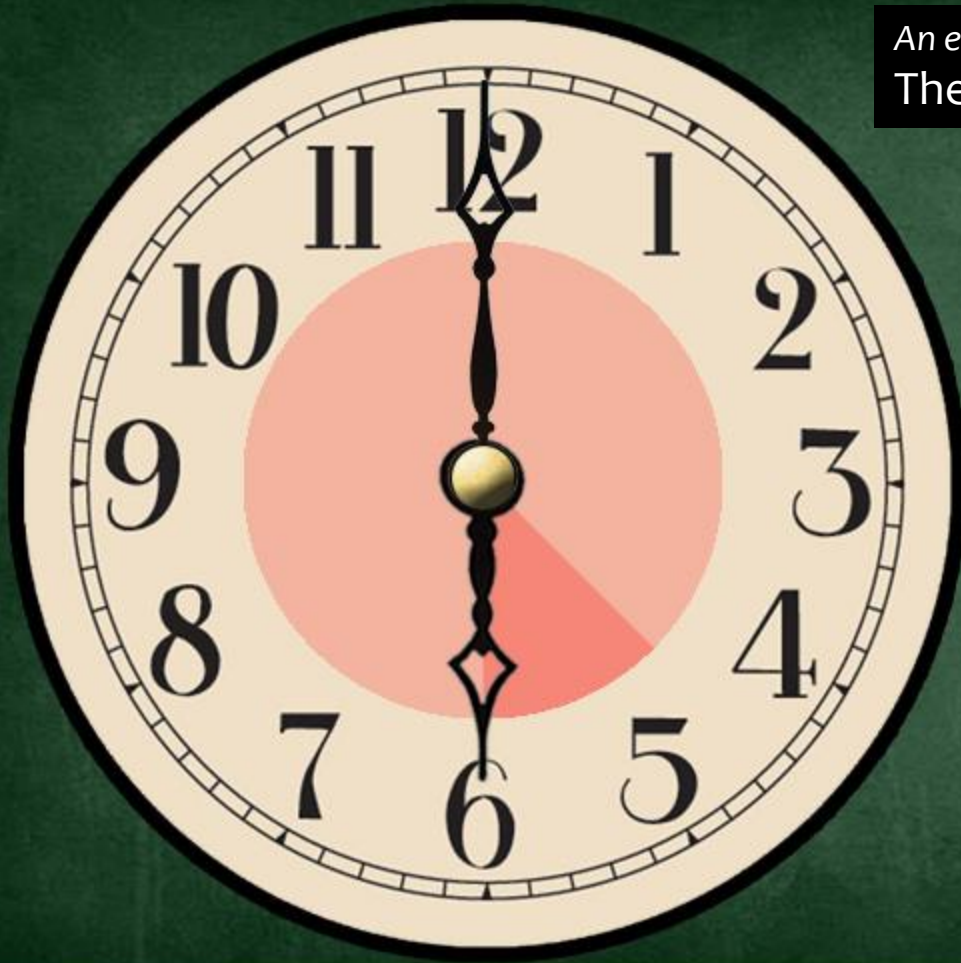
Sometime after 1 am, Judas arrived with a group of soldiers and betrayed Christ with a kiss. Jesus was arrested and taken to back into Jerusalem.

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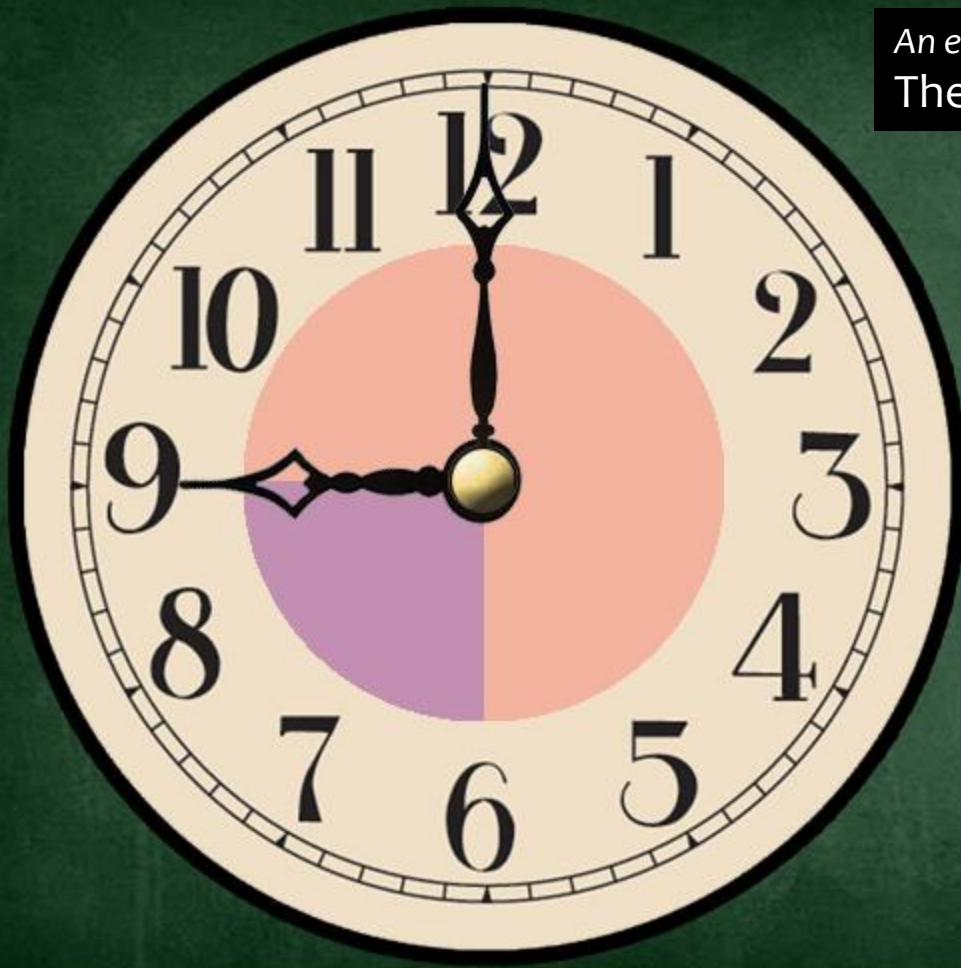
Jesus was questioned by Ananias, Caiaphas, and the Sanhedrin. This probably lasted until around 4:30 am.

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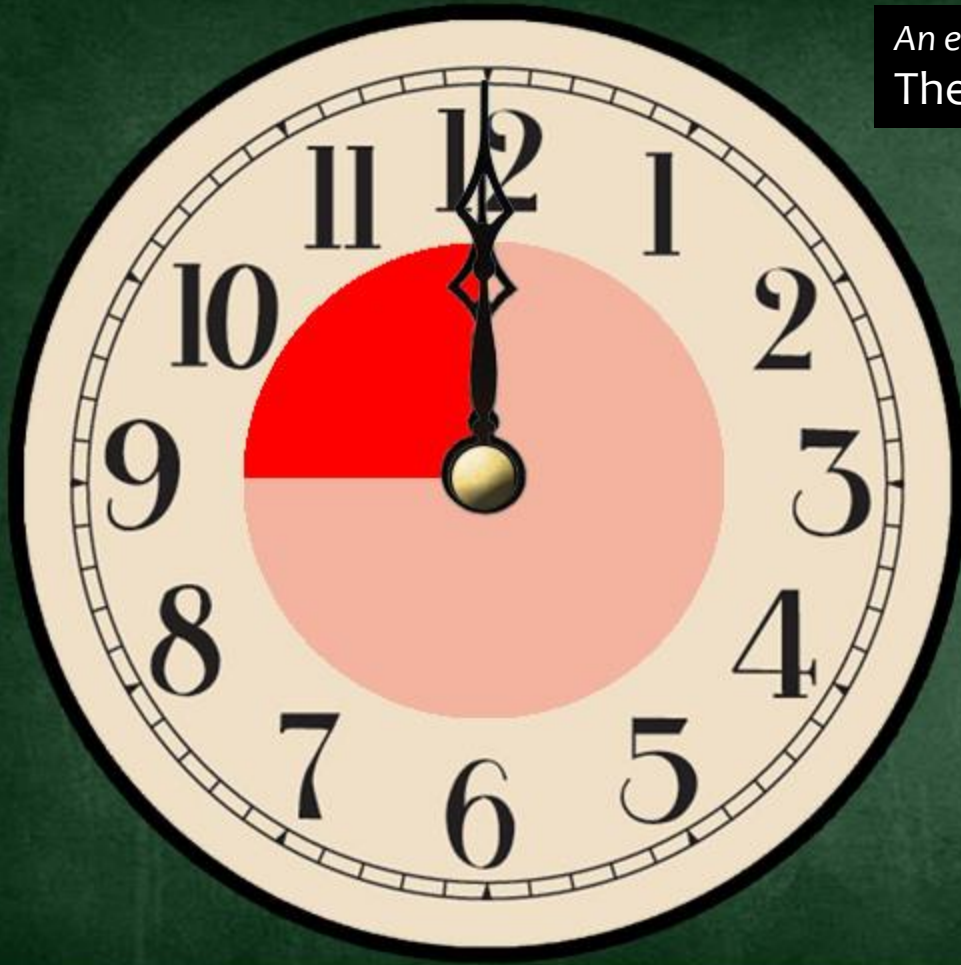
From around 4:30 am to 6 am, Jesus was questioned first by Pilate, who sent him to Herod, who returned him to Pilate. The governor let the Jews choose between Jesus and Barabbas. They chose Barabbas. Around 6 am, Jesus was condemned to die.

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About 12 hours after the Last Supper ended, and three hours after Pilate washed his hands, Jesus was crucified. It was “the third hour of the day” or 9 am.

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Jesus had been hanging on the cross for about three hours when the sky turned black as night.

NISAN 14

Thursday afternoon

AT CALVARY

Darkness from the 6th hour to the 9th hour.

MATTHEW

27:45

MARK

15:33

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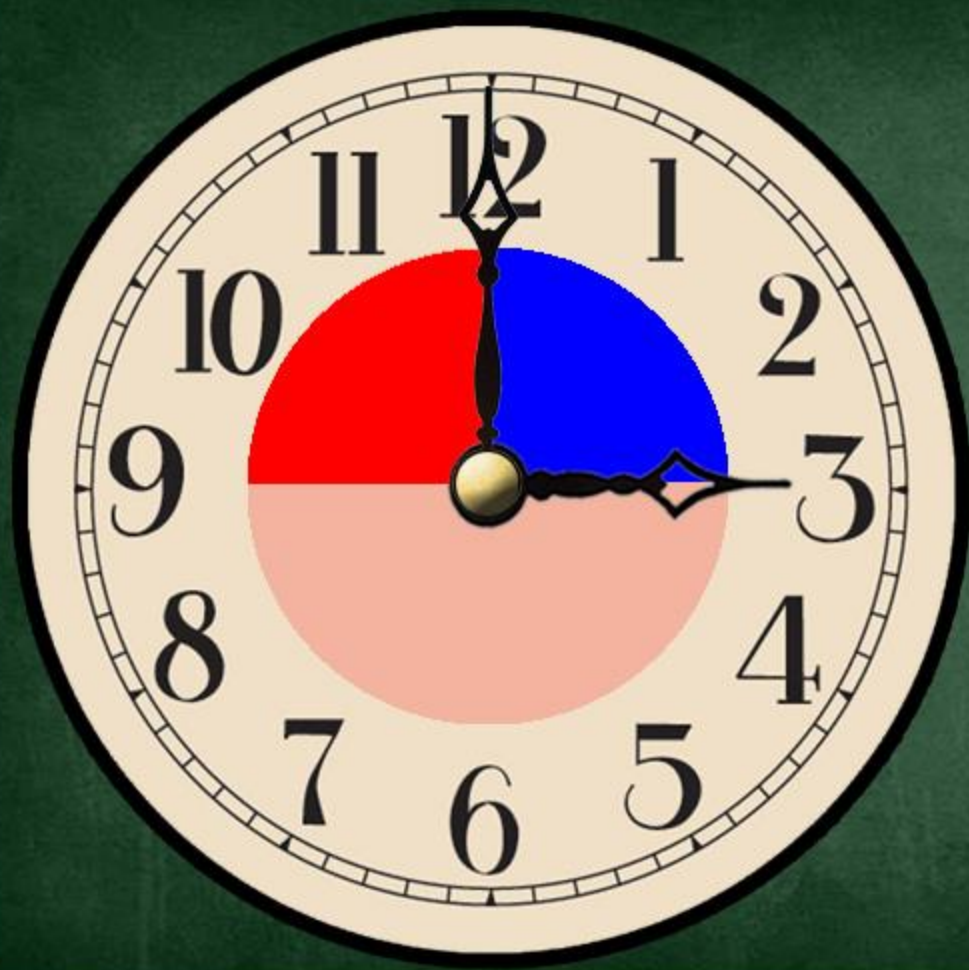
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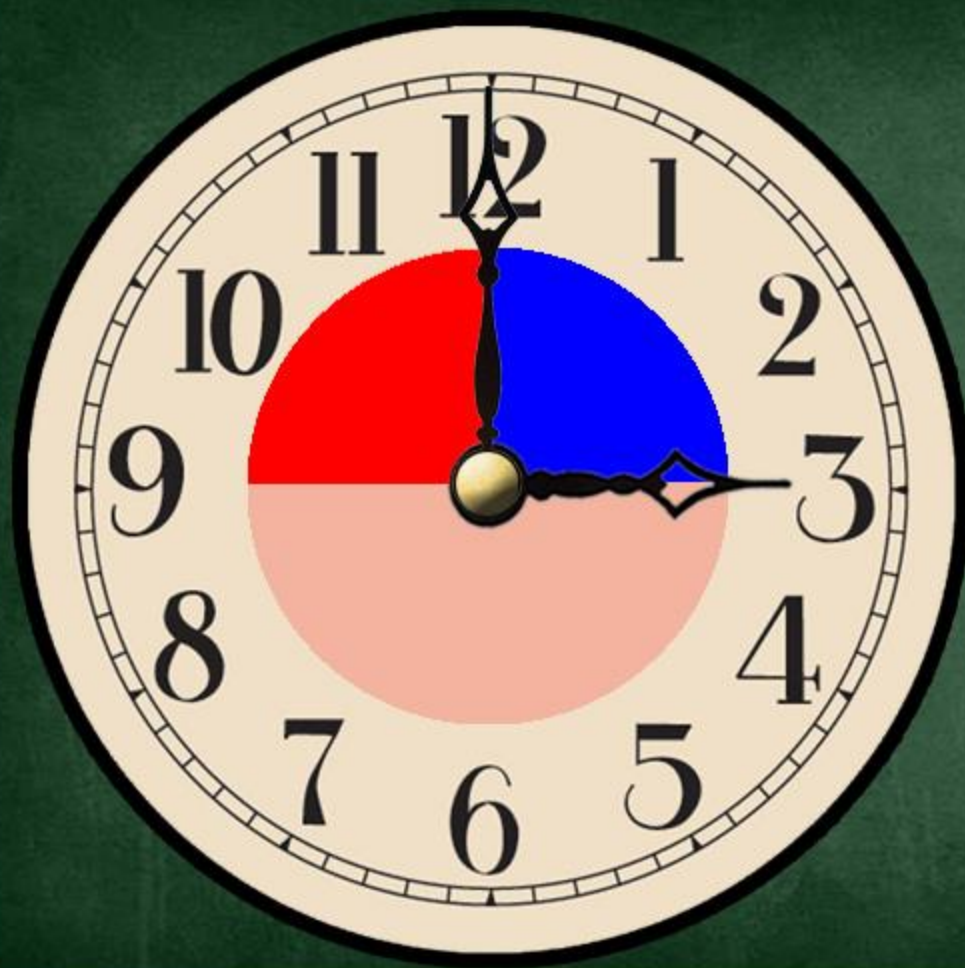
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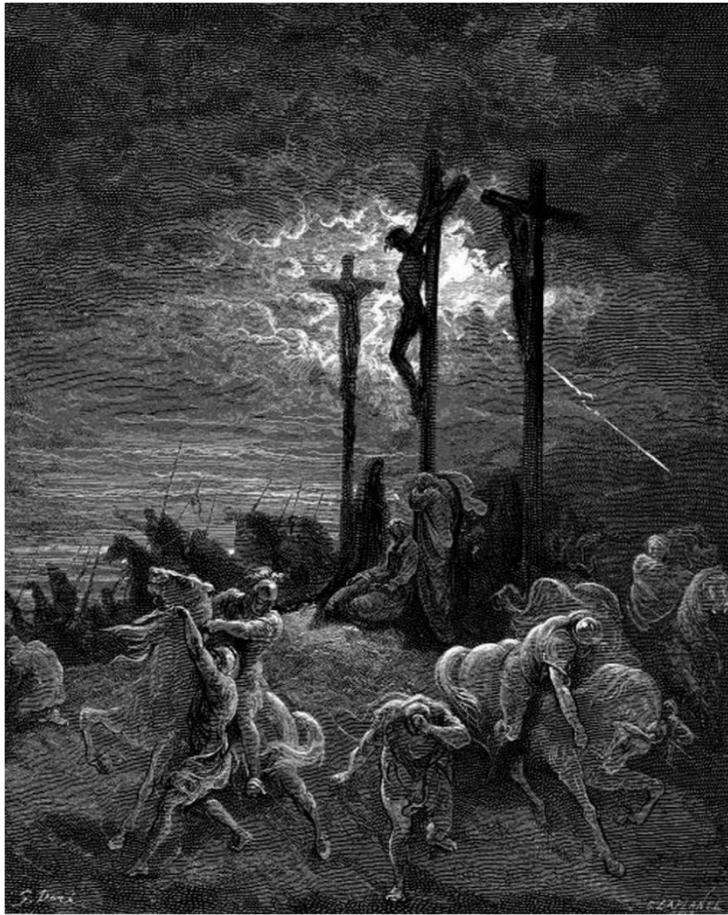
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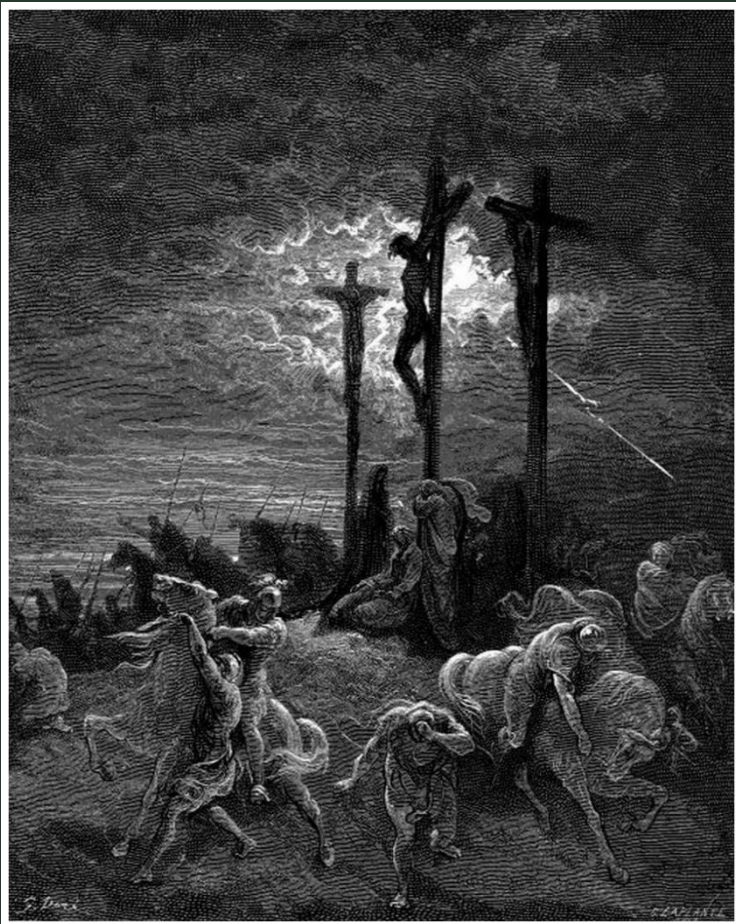
(This is from 12 noon to 3PM)



Matthew 27:46

And about the ninth hour
Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying,
Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?

that is to say,
My God, my God,
why hast thou forsaken me?



(In Mark, one word is spelled differently)

Mark 15:34

And at the ninth hour
Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying,
Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?
which is, being interpreted,
My God, my God,
why hast thou forsaken me?

To appreciate the significance of Christ's cry from the cross, we must look at the psalm he quoted:



Psalm 22:1-5

- 1 **My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?**
*why art thou so far from helping me,
and from the words of my roaring?*
- 2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but thou hearest not;
and in the night season, and am not silent.
- 3 But thou *art* holy,
O *thou* that inhabitest the praises of Israel.
- 4 Our fathers trusted in thee:
they trusted, and thou didst deliver them.
- 5 They cried unto thee, and were delivered:
they trusted in thee, and were not confounded.



Psalm 22:6-8

- ⁶ But I *am* a worm, and no man;
a reproach of men, and despised of the people.
- ⁷ All they that see me laugh me to scorn:
they shoot out the lip,
they shake the head, *saying*,
- ⁸ He trusted on the LORD *that* he would deliver him:
let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him.



Psalm 22:9-10

- ⁹ But thou *art* he that took me out of the womb:
thou didst make me hope *when I was* upon my
mother's breasts.
- ¹⁰ I was cast upon thee from the womb:
thou *art* my God from my mother's belly.



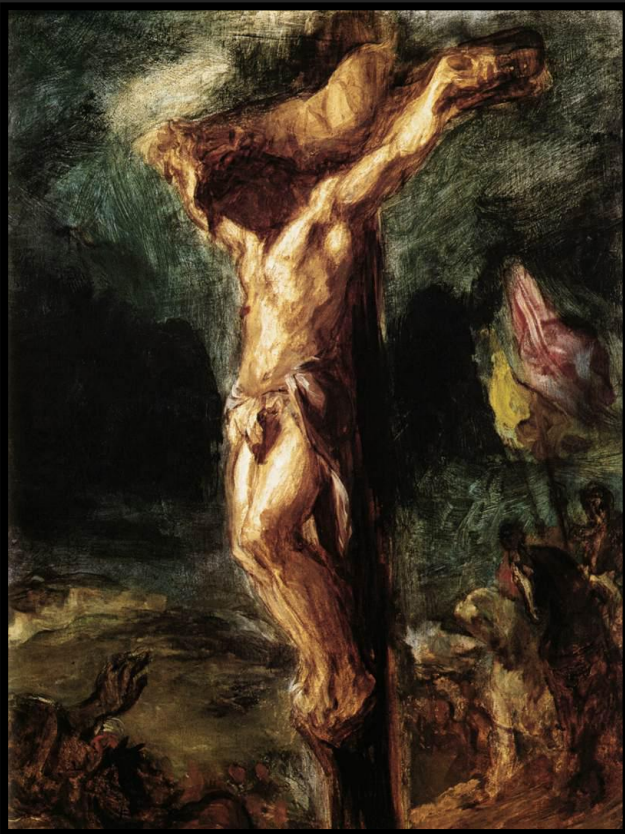
Psalm 22:11-13

- ¹¹ Be not far from me; for trouble *is* near;
for *there is* none to help.
- ¹² Many bulls have compassed me:
strong *bulls* of Bashan have beset me round.
- ¹³ They gaped upon me *with* their mouths,
as a ravening and a roaring lion.



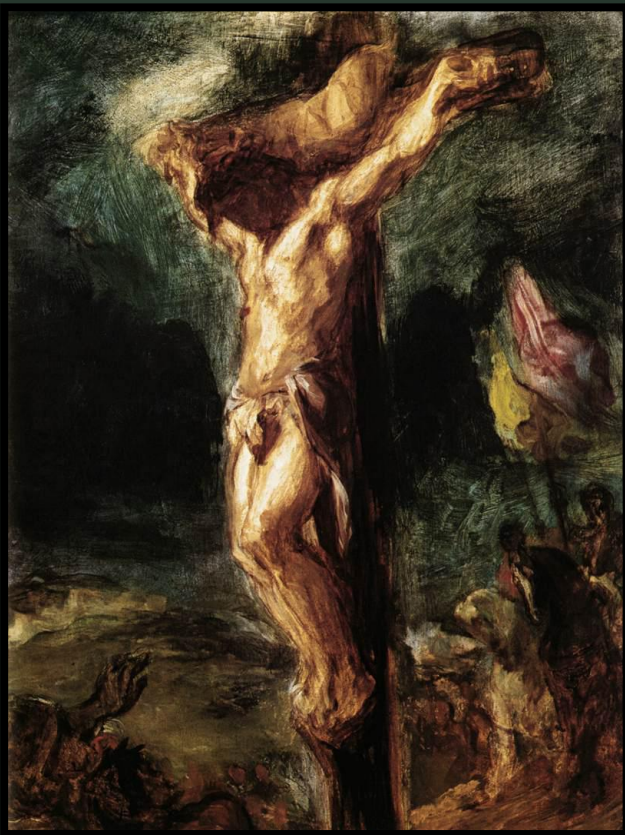
Psalm 22:14-15

- ¹⁴ I am poured out like water,
and all my bones are out of joint:
my heart is like wax;
it is melted in the midst of my bowels.
- ¹⁵ My strength is dried up like a potsherd;
and my tongue cleaveth to my jaws;
and thou hast brought me into the dust of
death.



Psalm 22:16-18

- ¹⁶ For dogs have compassed me:
the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me:
they pierced my hands and my feet.
- ¹⁷ I may tell all my bones:
they look *and* stare upon me.
- ¹⁸ They part my garments among them,
and cast lots upon my vesture.



Psalm 22:19-21

- ¹⁹ But be not thou far from me, O LORD:
O my strength, haste thee to help me.
- ²⁰ Deliver my soul from the sword;
my darling from the power of the dog.
- ²¹ Save me from the lion's mouth:
for thou hast heard me from the horns of
the unicorns.



Starting in verse 24, the tone of this psalm changes from despair to triumph!

Psalm 22:22-24

- ²² I will declare thy name unto my brethren:
in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.
- ²³ Ye that fear the LORD, praise him;
all ye the seed of Jacob, glorify him;
and fear him, all ye the seed of Israel.
- ²⁴ For he hath not despised nor abhorred the
affliction of the afflicted;
neither hath he hid his face from him;
but when he cried unto him, he heard.



Psalm 22:25-29

- ²⁵ My praise *shall be* of thee in the great congregation:
I will pay my vows before them that fear him.
- ²⁶ The meek shall eat and be satisfied:
they shall praise the LORD that seek him:
your heart shall live for ever.
- ²⁷ All the ends of the world shall remember and turn
unto the LORD: and all the kindreds of the nations
shall worship before thee.
- ²⁸ For the kingdom *is* the LORD'S:
and he *is* the governor among the nations.
- ²⁹ All *they that be* fat upon earth shall eat and worship:
all they that go down to the dust shall bow before
him: and none can keep alive his own soul.



Psalm 22:30-31

- ³⁰ A seed shall serve him;
it shall be accounted to the Lord for a generation.
- ³¹ They shall come, and shall declare his righteousness
unto a people that shall be born,
that he hath done *this*.

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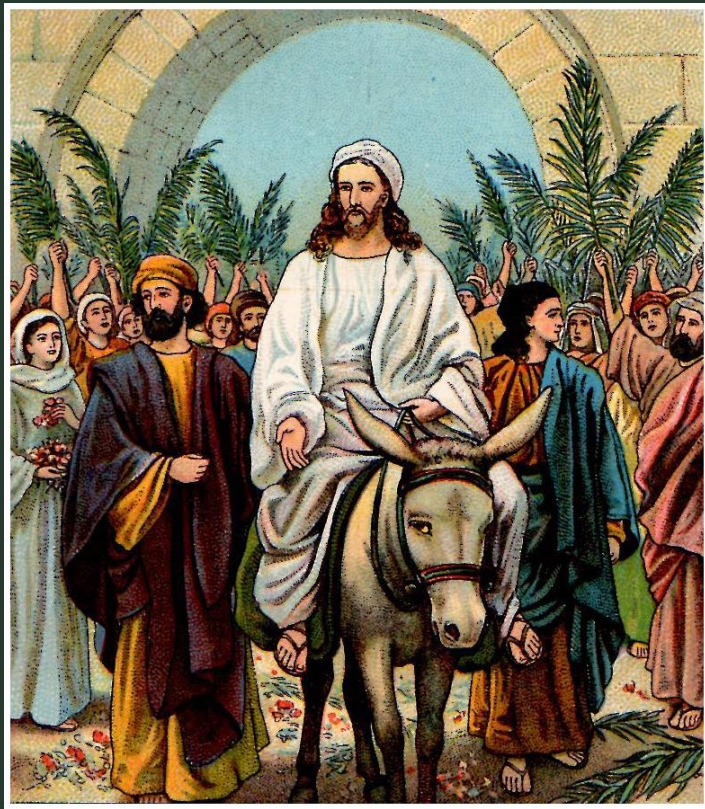
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Jesus quoted the *beginning* of Psalm 22 for the joy of how it ends!



Remember what Jesus said as this week began:

John 12:27

Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say?
Father, save me from this hour:

but for this cause came I unto this hour.



His terrible ordeal was almost over,
but there was one more thing to be done.

NISAN 14

Thursday afternoon

AT CALVARY

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Jesus asks, “Why have you forsaken me?”

Jesus provides care for his mother.

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John 19:25-27

- ²⁵ Now there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene.
- ²⁶ When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son!
- ²⁷ Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother!
And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home.

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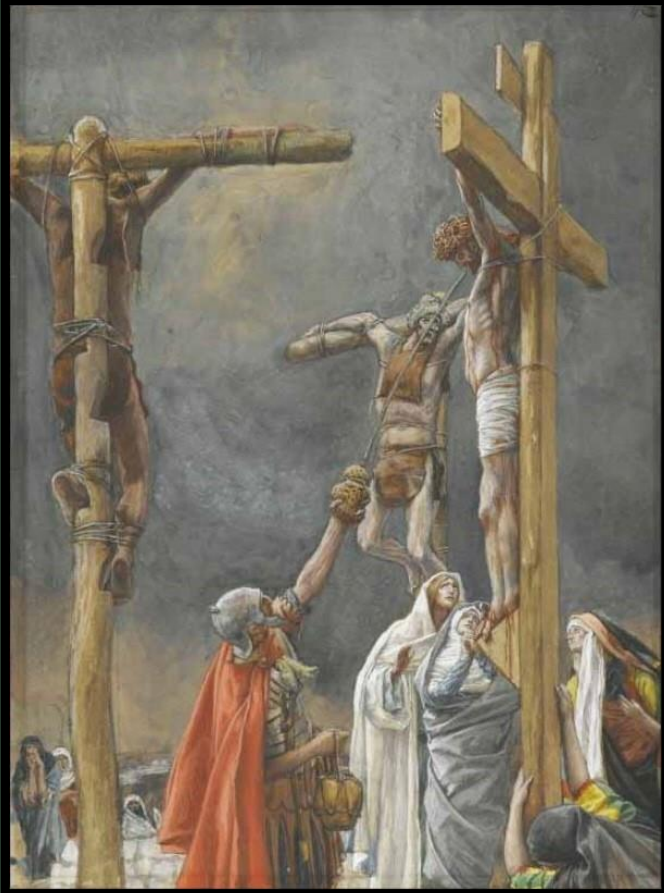
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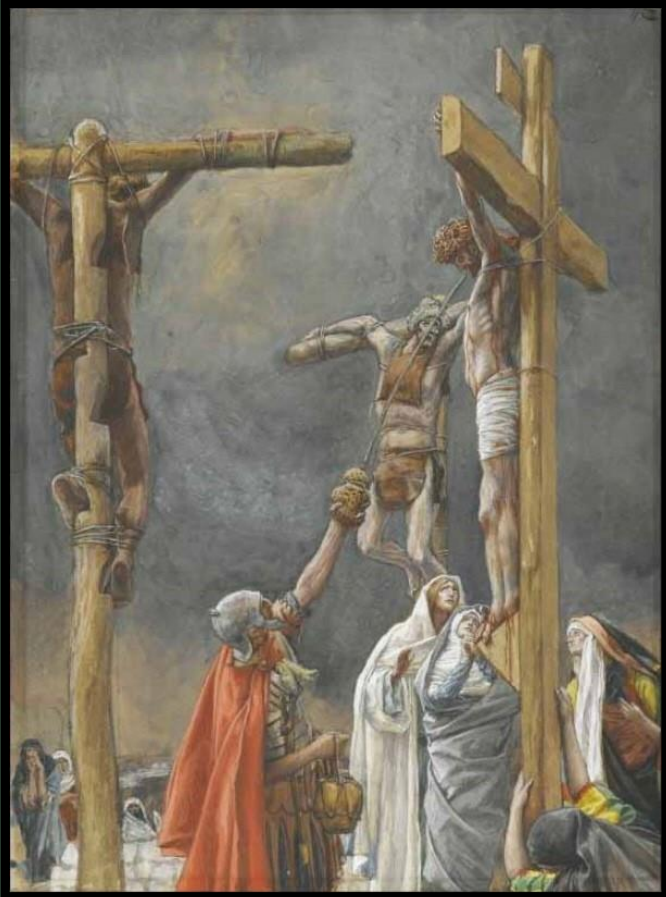
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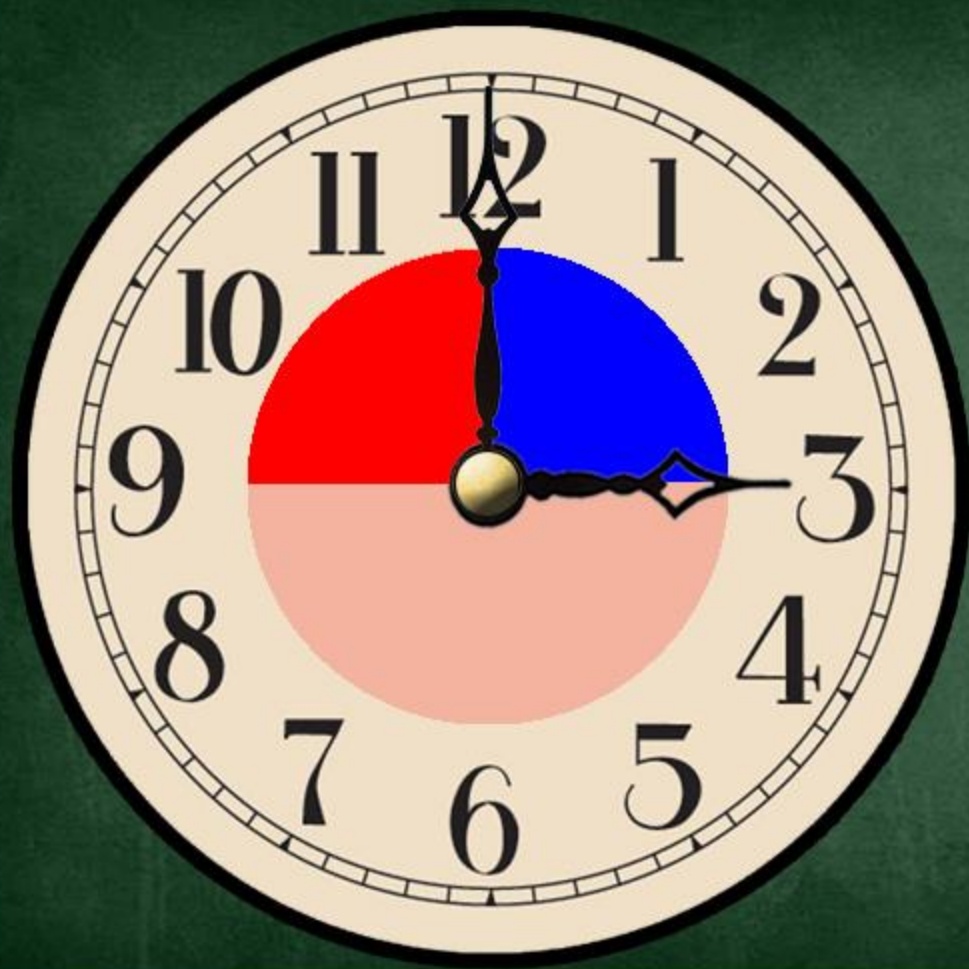


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Psalm 69:21

- ²¹ They gave me also gall for my meat; and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.



After hanging on the cross for six hours, Jesus died around 3 in the afternoon.

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“Into thy hands I commend my spirit.”

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John 19:30

When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished:

and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.



Luke 23:46

And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice,
he said,
Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit:
and having said thus, he gave up the ghost.



Luke 23:46

And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice,
he said,

Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit:
and having said thus, he gave up the ghost.

Reading Psalm 31:5, we hear the victory in his voice.

Into thine hand I commit my spirit:
thou hast redeemed me, O LORD God of truth.

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“Into thy hands I commend my spirit.”

“It is finished.”

The temple veil is torn from top to bottom.

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The earth quakes.

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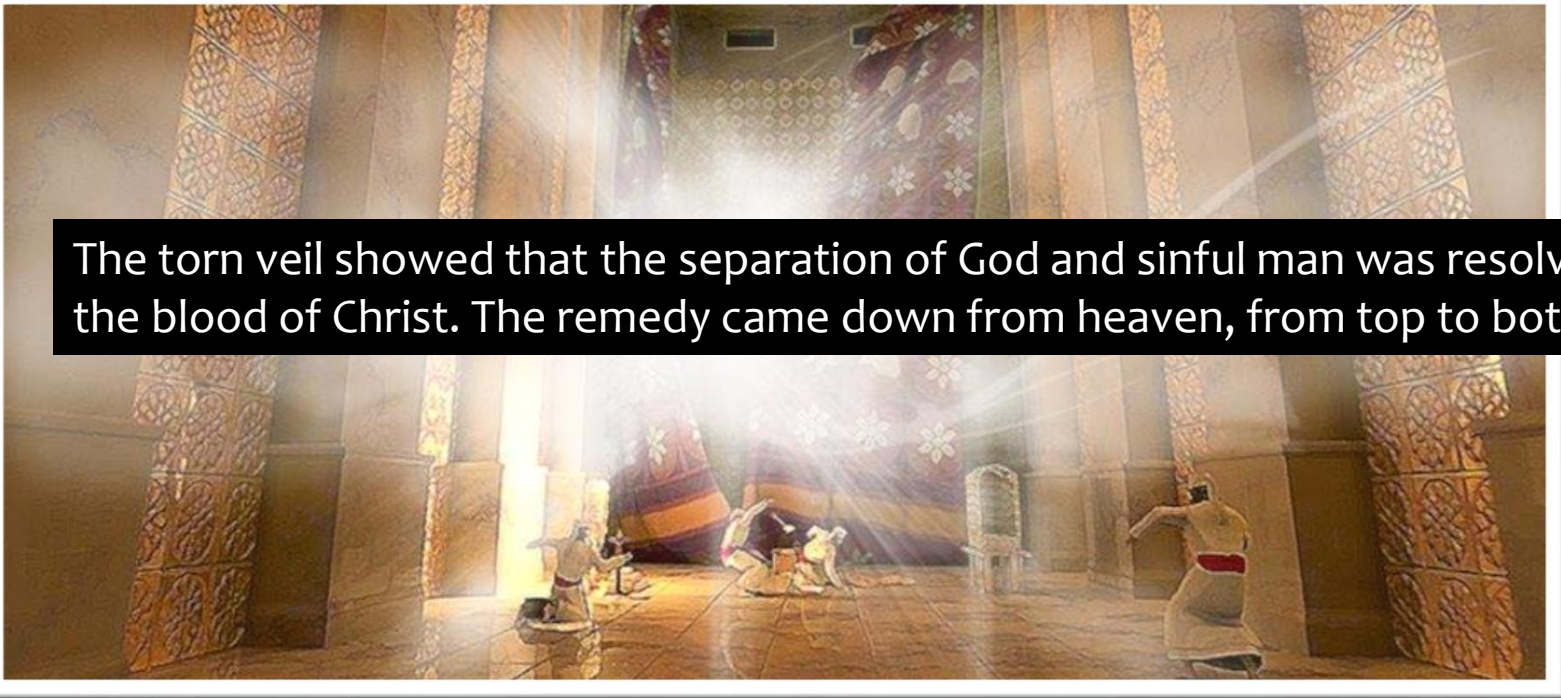
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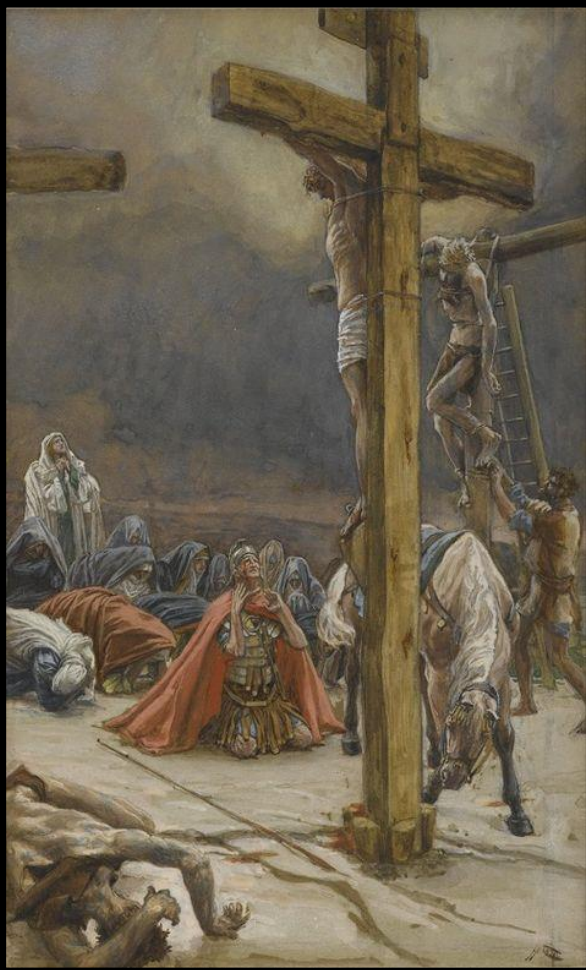
And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;



The torn veil showed that the separation of God and sinful man was resolved by the blood of Christ. The remedy came down from heaven, from top to bottom.

Matthew 27:51

And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;



The creation groaned for what it had just witnessed.

Matthew 27:54

Now when the centurion,
and they that were with him, watching Jesus,
saw the earthquake, and those things that were done,
they feared greatly, saying,
Truly this was the Son of God.



Up Next:
The Entombment

What did you learn?

1. On the day Jesus was crucified, how long was there “darkness over all the land”?

Darkness covered the land for three hours, from noon to 3PM.

“Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour” (Mt 27:45).

What did you learn?

2. What is the meaning of the strange words Jesus said in Matthew 27:46?

“My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?”

What did you learn?

3. What psalm was Jesus quoting?

Psalm 22:1

My God, my God,
why hast thou forsaken me?
*why art thou so far from helping
me, and from the words of my
roaring?*

What did you learn?

4. What scripture did Jesus fulfill when he took the vinegar (the wine mixed with myrrh)?

Psalm 69:21

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What did you learn?

5. How long did Jesus hang on the cross?

He was on the cross for six hours, from “the third hour” (Mk 15:25) “unto the ninth hour” (Mt 27:45).

What did you learn?

6. What time did Jesus die?

Jesus gave up the ghost “about the ninth hour” (Mt 27:46), which corresponds to our 3PM.

What did you learn?

7. According to John 19:30, what did Jesus say after he received the vinegar?

When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, **It is finished:** and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

What did you learn?

8. According to Luke 23:46, what were his last words before he died?

And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, **Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit:** and having said thus, he gave up the ghost.

What did you learn?

9. According to Mark 15:38, what happened in the temple when Jesus died?

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10. According to Matthew 27:54, what did the centurion say after the earthquake?

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