

The Cross



The Cross

- The most important event in the history of humanity.
- The Cross provides the great hope of **Salvation** to a lost world, bridging the gulf of time and eternity, between Heaven and Earth.
- **Humble yourself**, pray that God will open your eyes to His plan of Salvation.
- Believing that **Jesus Christ is the One True God** who died for your sins, and trusting Him and His Word is the only way to have Peace with God and receive **Eternal Life**.
- **There is only one Gospel and only One Way to receive Eternal Life** (Galatians 1:7-9). Otherwise the Cross would not be necessary.
- 1 Cor 15:1–4 – “I declare to you **the gospel...that Christ died for our sins** according to the Scriptures, ⁴ and that **He was buried**, and that **He rose again** the third day according to the Scriptures”

The Cross – Why?

- **“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”** (John 3:16)
- **“But God demonstrates His own love towards us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”** (Romans 5:8)
- When you see how far God has gone to bring us back to Him, you will discover the **true meaning of LOVE.**
- God didn't have to rescue us, He had already declared that the penalty for sin is the wrath of God and spiritual death.
- He chose to offer us a way of Salvation, to be eternally reconciled to Him, and in God's divine wisdom, the Cross was the only Way. Jesus wasn't killed by men, **He gave His life for us.**

The Cross – Why?

- God had long required **Atonement for sin**, which is a substitutionary sacrifice for the forgiveness of sin. The blood of an innocent substitute was sprinkled on the lid of the Ark of the Covenant each year (“Mercy Seat”) to appease the wrath of God.
- **Passover** commemorated rescue from the Wrath of God by the pouring out of blood and Rescue from Slavery in Egypt. Jesus paid the ransom price to redeem us from bondage of slavery to sin.
- **Blood also is required to ratify God’s Covenants.** (New Covenant Jesus made with us at the Last Supper)
- **Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross appeased God’s wrath against sin (JUDGEMENT DAY – Heb. 9:27), taking that wrath upon Himself:**
 - “Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!”
(Romans 5:9)

The Cross is the Power and Wisdom of God

1 Corinthians 1:18

¹⁸ For the message of the **cross is foolishness** to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the **power of God**.

1 Corinthians 1:27

²⁷ But **God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise**, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty;

1 Corinthians 3:19

¹⁹ **For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God.**

Mockery of Jesus Christ



“And when they had mocked Him....” Mark 15:20

Mark 15:16-23

Mockery of Jesus – Theme

- Mockery is the unique feature of Jesus' crucifixion. This is blasphemy.
- **Mark 15:16-20 – the Soldiers mockery – this is what distinguishes Jesus' crucifixion apart from all others – the MOCKERY.**
- **When the Bible looks at Calvary (Golgotha in English), it is not concerned with the physical suffering, but the mockery and cruelty of people.**
- Mark does not describe the scourging in detail – there is a restrained effort by Mark to avoid details

Mockery of Jesus – Why?

- **We have pointed out in earlier lessons that before we receive Jesus as our Lord, we are no different than:**
 - **Judas** – The Betrayer and the Thief
 - **Peter** – Who denied knowing Jesus out of fear
 - **Pharisees** – Self-righteous, hypocrites, prideful, envious
 - **All those shouted** – “Crucify Him!” –our will, not His
 - **Mockers** – Those who not only rejected Christ, but mocked Him
- God wants us to see the depth of man’s depravity, our moral ruin, and our desperate need for forgiveness. Shame and torture of a great person by evil people is the worst of man.

Mockery of Jesus – Why?

- **You can only appreciate the beauty of God's love and grace when you see the ugliness of your own sinful heart.**
- Jesus had to identify with sinful man – sin results in humiliation and shame. This is the humiliation that we should suffer in the face of a Holy God on judgement day, without the righteousness of God (which can only be attained by putting your Faith in Christ)
- **This is a picture of us in our sin.**

Mockery of Jesus – Sequence

- Jesus predicted that he would be mocked, and the mocking is **ironic** and only proves that He is the real King by fulfilling prophecy.
- **The Mocking of Christ occurred in three stages:**
 1. Following his trial with the Sanhedrin,
 2. Following his Trial with Pontius Pilate and Scourging; and
 3. When he was being crucified.

Christ's Prediction of Mockery

Matthew 20:19

¹⁹ and deliver Him to the Gentiles to **mock** and to scourge and to crucify. And the third day He will rise again.”

Mark 10:34

³⁴ and they will **mock** Him, and scourge Him, and spit on Him, and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again.”

Luke 18:32

³² For He will be delivered to the Gentiles and will be **mocked** and insulted and spit upon.

Mocking of Jesus - Before the Crucifixion

Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
<p>Matthew 27.27 Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the common hall, and gathered unto him the whole band of soldiers. 27.28 And they stripped him, and put on him a scarlet robe. 27.29 And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews! 27.30 And they spit upon him, and took the reed, and smote him on the head. 27.31 And after that they had mocked him, they took the robe off from him, and put his own raiment on him, and led him away to crucify him.</p>	<p>Mark 15.16 And the soldiers led him away into the hall, called Praetorium; and they call together the whole band. 15.17 And they clothed him with purple, and platted a crown of thorns, and put it about his head, 15.18 And began to salute him, Hail, King of the Jews! 15.19 And they smote him on the head with a reed, and did spit upon him, and bowing their knees worshipped him. 15.20 And when they had mocked him, they took off the purple from him, and put his own clothes on him, and led him out to crucify him.</p>	<p>Luke 23:8- ⁸ And when Herod saw Jesus, he was exceeding glad: for he was desirous to see him of a long season, because he had heard many things of him; and he hoped to have seen some miracle done by him. ⁹ Then he questioned with him in many words; but he answered him nothing. ¹⁰ And the chief priests and scribes stood and vehemently accused him. ¹¹ And Herod with his men of war set him at nought, and mocked him, and arrayed him in a gorgeous robe, and sent him again to Pilate.</p>	<p>John 19.1 Then Pilate therefore took Jesus, and scourged him. 19.2 And the soldiers platted a crown of thorns, and put it on his head, and they put on him a purple robe, 19.3 And said, Hail, King of the Jews! and they smote him with their hands. 19.4 Pilate therefore went forth again, and saith unto them, Behold, I bring him forth to you, that ye may know that I find no fault in him. 19.5 Then came Jesus forth, wearing the crown of thorns, and the purple robe. And Pilate saith unto them, Behold the man! 19.6 When the chief priests therefore and officers saw him, they cried out, saying, Crucify him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Take ye him, and crucify him: for I find no fault in him. 19.7 The Jews answered him, We have a law, and by our law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God. 19.8 When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he was the more afraid; 19.9 And went again into the judgment hall, and saith unto Jesus, Whence art thou? But Jesus gave him no answer. 19.10 Then saith Pilate unto him, Speakest thou not unto me? knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee? 19.11 Jesus answered, Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above: therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin. 19.12 And from thenceforth Pilate sought to release him: but the Jews cried out, saying, If thou let this man go, thou art not Caesar's friend: whosoever maketh himself a king speaketh against Caesar. 19.13 When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus forth, and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called the Pavement, but in the Hebrew, Gabbatha. 19.14 And it was the preparation of the passover, and about the sixth hour: and he saith unto the Jews, Behold your King! 19.15 But they cried out, Away with him, away with him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priest answered, We have no king but Caesar.</p>

The Mocking of Jesus – on the Cross

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<p>Matthew 27.37 And set up over his head his accusation written, THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS. 27.38 Then were there two thieves crucified with him, one on the right hand, and another on the left. 27.39 And they that passed by reviled him, wagging their heads, 27.40 And saying, Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days, save thyself. If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross. 27.41 Likewise also the chief priests mocking him, with the scribes and elders, said, 27.42 He saved others; himself he cannot save. If he be the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him. 27.43 He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God. 27.44 The thieves also, which were crucified with him, cast the same in his teeth.</p>	<p>Mark 15.26 And the superscription of his accusation was written over, THE KING OF THE JEWS. 15.27 And with him they crucify two thieves; the one on his right hand, and the other on his left. 15.28 And the scripture was fulfilled, which saith, And he was numbered with the transgressors. 15.29 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, 15.30 Save thyself, and come down from the cross. 15.31 Likewise also the chief priests mocking said among themselves with the scribes, He saved others; himself he cannot save. 15.32 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.</p>	<p>Luke 23.35 And the people stood beholding. And the rulers also with them derided him, saying, He saved others; let him save himself, if he be Christ, the chosen of God. 23.36 And the soldiers also mocked him, coming to him, and offering him vinegar, 23.37 And saying, If thou be the king of the Jews, save thyself. 23.38 And a superscription also was written over him in letters of Greek, and Latin, and Hebrew, THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS. 23.39 And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us.</p>	<p>John 19.19 And Pilate wrote a title, and put it on the cross. And the writing was, JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS. 19.20 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. 19.21 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. 19.22 Pilate answered, What I have written I have written.</p>

Mark 15:24-32

Mockery of Jesus – by Priests

Mark 14:65 (1st Trial)

⁶⁵ And some began to spit on him, and to cover his face, and to buffet him, and to say unto him, Prophecy: and the servants did strike him with the palms of their hands.

Mark 15:31 (on the Cross)

³¹ Likewise the **chief priests** also, **mocking** among themselves with the scribes, said, “**He saved others; Himself He cannot save.**”

Luke 23:35

³⁵ And the people stood looking on. But even the **rulers** with them **sneered**, saying, “**He saved others; let Him save Himself if He is the Christ, the chosen of God.**”

Mark 15:16-23

Mockery of Jesus – by Soldiers

- The **purple robe** is a colour of royalty.
- They **saluted Him** and **hailed Him king** in mockery.
- **Crown of thorns** - was a symbol of God's curse on the earth due to man's sin after the fall of man (Gen. 3:17-18)
- Soldiers **stuck him** and **spit on Him**
- John 19:23 – **soldiers cast lots for His clothes**
- **Fulfilled Prophecy - [Isaiah 50:6](#)**

**”I gave My back to those who struck Me,
And My cheeks to those who plucked out the beard;
I did not hide My face from shame and spitting.”**

Mark 15:24-32

Mockery of Jesus – by People

Mark 15:29 (also Matt. 27:39)

²⁹ And **those who passed by blasphemed Him, wagging their heads** and saying, “Aha! *You* who destroy the temple and build *it* in three days,

Mark 15:24-32

Mockery of Jesus – by Thieves on Cross

- The thieves on the cross are also insulting Jesus – amazing!

Mark 15:32

³² Let the Christ, the King of Israel, descend now from the cross, that we may see and believe.” **Even those who were crucified with Him reviled Him.**

- Jesus was put between two thieves – Implying that your King is no better than a common criminal

Isaiah 53:12 “**numbered with the transgressors**” – this was a fulfilment of prophesy

Mark 15:24-32

Mockery of Jesus – by Pilate

- **“Jesus of Nazareth” ... “King of Jews”** – was written by **Pilate** in three languages (Hebrew, Latin and Greek),
- But it was not the crime and not what the Jews wanted over His head, because they did not want that noted as a fact.
- **Pilate said “what I have written, I have written”**
- While the people probably interpreted this title as a mocking sign, it could be that Pilate did this out of respect, believing it was true (he didn’t want to crucify Jesus and was scared of Him).

Who is Mainly to Blame

- The shame, cruelty and mockery is unbelievable
- **John 19:11** – Jesus says to Pilate that it was the Jews who committed the greatest sin **“Therefore the one who delivered Me to you has the greater sin.”**
- The religious court of the Jewish Sanhedrin were mainly to blame. They started the process, they beat Him first and they ignored the Old Testament scripture which they knew and conducted an illegal court case.
- Irony is that the religious leaders who were accusing Jesus of Blasphemy committed this **unapparelled Blasphemy against God.**

Scourging of Jesus Christ



**“He was wounded for our transgressions,...
And by His stripes we are healed.” Isaiah 53:5**

Scourging of Jesus

- **John 19:1, Mark 15:5** – “**Pilate therefore took Jesus, and scourged Him.**”
- Flogging or scourging was a legal requirement to every Roman execution.
- The usual instrument was a **short whip made from a wooden handle**, wrapped with leather, with several single or braided leather thongs of variable lengths, in which **small iron balls and sharp pieces of metal and sheep bones were tied at intervals**.
- The man was **stripped** of his clothing, and his **hands were tied to an upright post**. The back, buttocks, and legs were **flogged by two soldiers**.
- The scourging was intended to weaken the victim to a state just short of collapse or death.
- Pain and blood loss would determine how long the victim would survive on the cross.
- At the Praetorium, **Jesus was severely scourged**. (Although the severity of the scourging is not discussed in the four Gospel accounts, but in the Greek is implied to be particularly harsh in 1 Peter 2:24)

Roman Scourging



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Prophecy Fulfilled (written 700 years earlier)

Isaiah 52:14

¹⁴ Just as many were astonished at you, **So His visage was marred more than any man**, And His form more than the sons of men;

Isaiah 53

³ He is despised and rejected by men...⁵ **But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities;**The chastisement for our peace *was* upon Him, **And by His stripes we are healed.**

⁶ **All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.**

⁷ He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; **He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth.**

Prophecy Fulfilled (written 1,000 years earlier)

Psalm 22

¹⁴ I am poured out like water, And all My bones are out of joint; My heart is like wax; It has melted within Me.

¹⁵ My strength is dried up like a potsherd,
And My tongue clings to My jaws;

¹⁶ For dogs have surrounded Me; The congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me. **They pierced My hands and My feet;**

¹⁷ I can count all My bones. **They look *and* stare at Me.**

¹⁸ **They divide My garments among them,
And for My clothing they cast lots.**

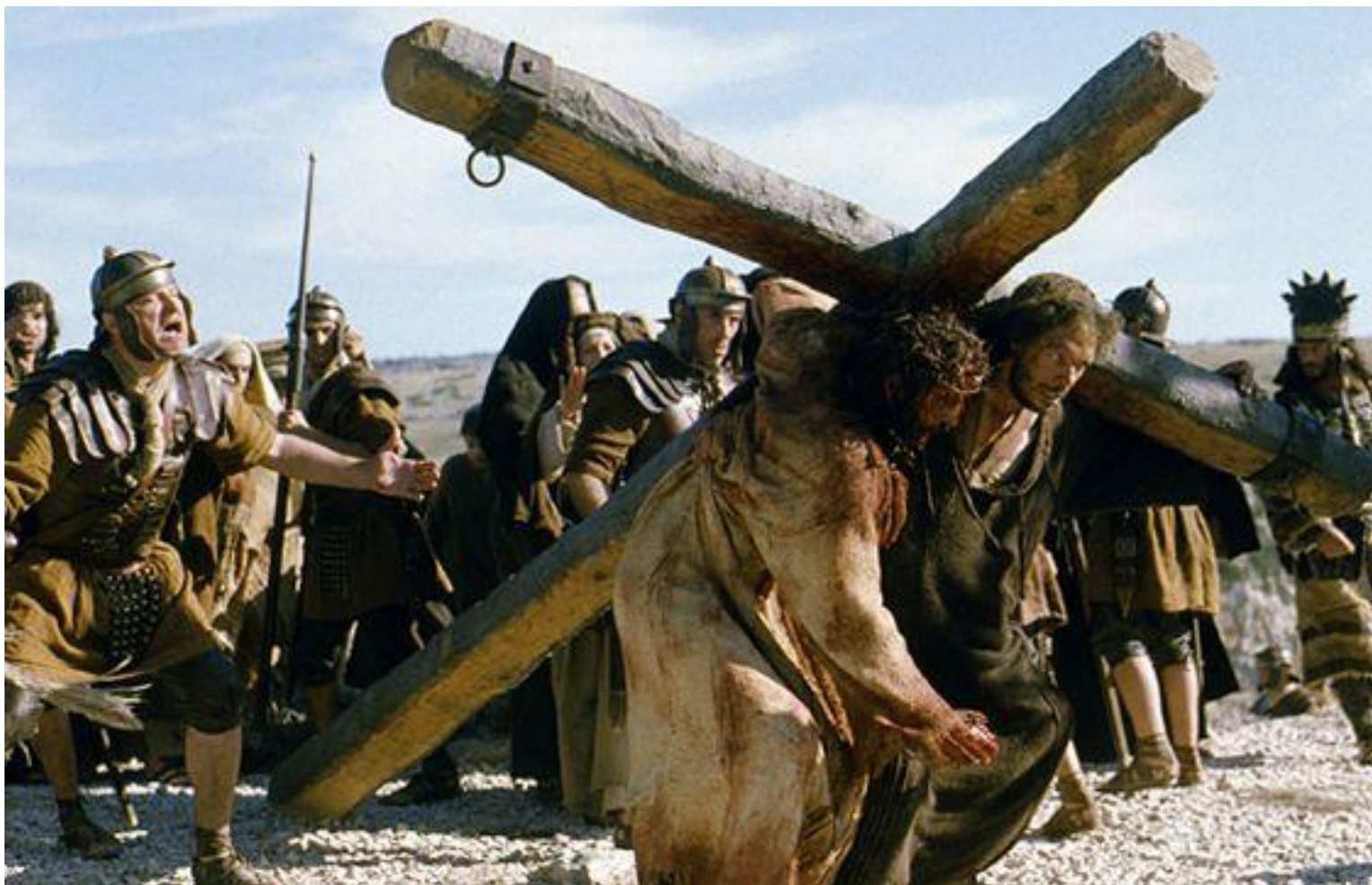
Pilate's Scourging Strategy

- On Jesus' return from Herod to Pilate for the second time, Pilate first orders Jesus to be scourged.
- It's Pilate's idea to have Jesus scourged first and then show Him in that bloody condition to the people, declare His innocence, and hope that the people will have had enough and show some mercy and compassion.
- **Luke 23:16** - Pilate said, "**I will punish Him and release Him.**"
- In other words, "He's not guilty of anything, my sense of justice will not allow me to kill Him, I will punish Him - that should be enough for the people."
- **It is after He is scourged that He is then taken away into the palace.**

Jew's Strategy in Response

- **John 19:4** – “Pilate then went out again, and said to them, “Behold, I am bringing Him out to you, that you may know that I find no fault in Him.””
- The Jew's respond in John 19:6-7 “Crucify Him, crucify Him!...according to our law He ought to die, because He made Himself the Son of God.”
- **This is the REAL ISSUE.**
- They're going to force Pilate to do this to give a measure of compliance to Roman law so that they can uphold their positions and their power before Caesar because of their obedience to the Roman laws.
- The Jews tell Pilate that Jesus claimed to be a king and was a threat to Caesar.

Jesus Christ Takes Up His Cross



“Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Me.” Mark 8:34

Jesus is Crucified

Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
<p>Matthew 27.32 And as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name: him they compelled to bear his cross. 27.33 And when they were come unto a place called Golgotha, that is to say, a place of a skull, 27.34 They gave him vinegar to drink mingled with gall: and when he had tasted thereof, he would not drink. 27.35 And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots. 27.36 And sitting down they watched him there;</p>	<p>Mark 15.21 And they compel one Simon a Cyrenian, who passed by, coming out of the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to bear his cross. 15.22 And they bring him unto the place Golgotha, which is, being interpreted, The place of a skull. 15.23 And they gave him to drink wine mingled with myrrh: but he received it not. 15.24 And when they had crucified him, they parted his garments, casting lots upon them, what every man should take. 15.25 And it was the third hour, and they crucified him.</p>	<p>Luke 23.26 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, that he might bear it after Jesus. 23.27 And there followed him a great company of people, and of women, which also bewailed and lamented him. 23.28 But Jesus turning unto them said, Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children. 23.29 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. 23.30 Then shall they begin to say to the mountains, Fall on us; and to the hills, Cover us. 23.31 For if they do these things in a green tree, what shall be done in the dry? 23.32 And there were also two other, malefactors, led with him to be put to death. 23.33 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. 23.34 Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.</p>	<p>John 19.16 Then delivered he him therefore unto them to be crucified. And they took Jesus, and led him away. 19.17 And he bearing his cross went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha: 19.18 Where they crucified him, and two other with him, on either side one, and Jesus in the midst.</p> <p>19.23 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. 19.24 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. These things therefore the soldiers did.</p>

Mark 15:24-32

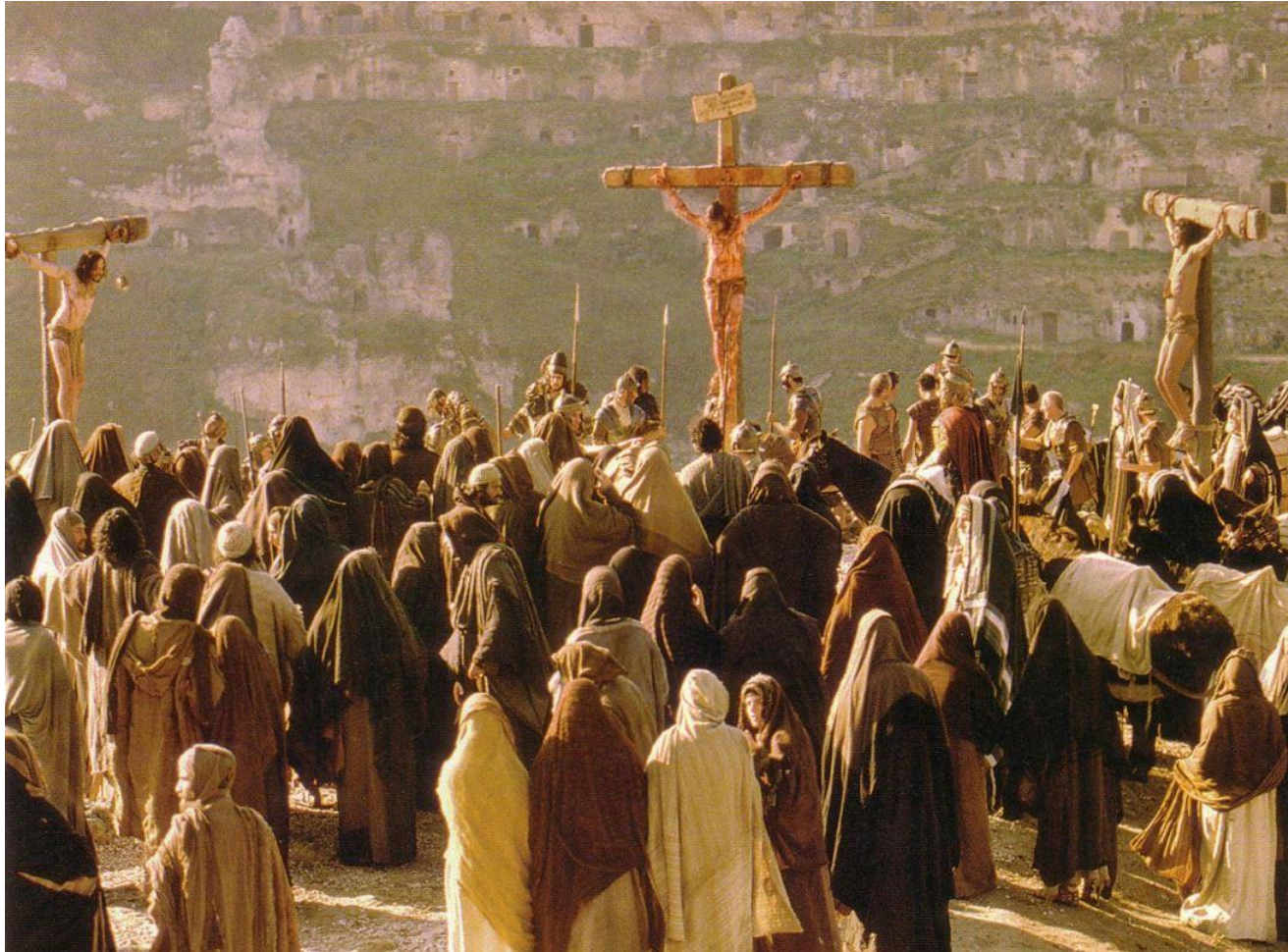
Mockery of Jesus

- **Mark 15:24** “**And they crucified Him**” – that’s it, no detailed description
- **Mark 15:25** – “it was **the 3rd hour**, and they crucified Him” – **9:00 AM** – This was the plan of God that Jesus would die at 3 PM.
- John 19 – says more details about the garments and fulfills the prophecy of King David:
 - **Psalm 22:18** “**They divide My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots.”**

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Jesus Christ is Crucified



“Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” Luke 34:34

Jesus Dies – Final Words on the Cross

Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
<p>Matthew 27.45 Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour. 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? 27.47 Some of them that stood there, when they heard that, said, This man calleth for Elias. 27.48 And straightway one of them ran, and took a sponge, and filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink. 27.49 The rest said, Let be, let us see whether Elias will come to save him. 27.50 Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. 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;</p>	<p>Mark 15.33 And when the sixth hour was come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. 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? 15.35 And some of them that stood by, when they heard it, said, Behold, he calleth Elias. 15.36 And one ran and filled a sponge full of vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink, saying, Let alone; let us see whether Elias will come to take him down. 15.37 And Jesus cried with a loud voice, and gave up the ghost. 15.38 And the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom. 15.39 And when the <u>centurion</u>, which stood over against him, saw that he so cried out, and gave up the ghost, he said, Truly this man was the Son of God.</p>	<p>Luke 23.40 But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? 23.41 And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss. 23.42 And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. 23.43 And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise. 23.44 And it was about the sixth hour, and there was a darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour. 23.45 And the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was rent in the midst. 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. 23.47 Now when the <u>centurion</u> saw what was done, he glorified God, saying, Certainly this was a righteous man.</p>	<p>John 19.25 Now there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene. 19.26 When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son! 19.27 Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home. 19.28 After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst. 19.29 Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar: and they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put it upon hyssop, and put it to his mouth. 19.30 When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.</p>

Jesus Dies – Continued

Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
<p>Matthew 27.52 And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, 27.53 And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many. 27.54 Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and these things that were done, they were afraid greatly, saying, Truly this is the Son of God. 27.55 And many women were there holding afar off, which followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering unto him: 27.56 Among which was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joses, and a mother of Zebedee's children.</p>	<p>Mark 15.40 There were also women looking on afar off: among whom was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the less and of Joses, and Salome; 15.41 (Who also, when he was in Galilee, followed him, and ministered unto him;) and many other women which came up with him unto Jerusalem.</p>	<p>Luke 23.48 And all the people that came together to that sight, beholding the things which were done, smote their breasts, and returned. 23.49 And all his acquaintance, and the women that followed him from Galilee, stood afar off, beholding these things.</p>	<p>John 19.31 The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the sabbath day, (for that sabbath day was an high day,) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. 19.32 Then came the soldiers, and brake the legs of the first, and of the other which was crucified with him. 19.33 But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs: 19.34 But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water. 19.35 And he that saw it bare record, and his record is true: and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe. 19.36 For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken. 19.37 And again another scripture saith, They shall look on him whom they pierced.</p>

Jesus' Last Words on the Cross

1	Luke 23:34	Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do.	→ Forgiveness
2	Luke 23:43	Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.	→ Salvation
3	John 19:26–27	Woman, behold your son. Son, behold your mother.	→ Relationship
4	Matthew 27:46 & Mark 15:34	My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?	→ Abandonment
5	John 19:28	I thirst.	→ Distress
6	John 19:30	It is finished (in Greek it means “it is accomplished or complete, was stamped on ancient tax receipts to mean “ paid in full ”)	→ Triumph
7	Luke 23:46	Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit	→ Reunion

Mark 15:24-32

Darkness from 12-3 PM

- Mark 15:33 – “**when it was the 6th hour** (noon, the brightest part of the day), **DARKNESS CAME OVER THE WHOLE LAND UNTIL the 9th HOUR**”
- **God is often spoken of as Light**
 - Psalm 27:1 “**The LORD is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear?**”
- **God is also spoken of as Darkness** – in context of **God’s Judgement**
- **The Ninth Plague: Darkness - Exodus 10:21-22**
 - ²¹ Then the LORD said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, darkness *which* may even be felt.” ²² So Moses stretched out his hand toward heaven, and **there was thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days.**
- **The Day of the Lord** – Time of Divine Judgement on the Second Coming of the Lord – **God is revealed in Darkness** – **Joel 2:10, 30-32**

Mark 15:24-32

The Death

- Friday afternoon at 3:00 PM in AD 30, the exact time that Jerusalem sacrificed their Passover Lambs, Jesus gave up His life.
 - John 10:17-18 – “**no one takes My life from me, I give it up**”
 - Rev. 1:18 “**He has the Keys of death**”

Mark 15:24-32

The Death

- **Math 27:51** - The **Veil splitting** – symbolizes the opening the way of salvation to everyone who chooses to enter.
- **Math 27:51**– the **earth quaked** and the rock split – earthquakes are like darkness – **judgement**
- **Math 27:52-53** - **Graves were opened and dead people came back to life** and appeared to many – **precursor to resurrection**
- **Psalm 22:15** “my throat is so dry that I cannot speak” This is probably why Jesus took the last drink on the Cross and wouldn’t take the prior offer of wine

Mark 15:24-32

The Death – No Broken Bones

- **John 19:31** – “because it was the Day of Preparation, the bodies should not remain on the Cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a High Day), they asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away”
- When Jesus died, the other 2 prisoners were still alive and needed their legs broken. Isn't it amazing that Jesus did not have His legs broken...fulfilling prophecy.
- **The scriptures were fulfilled**
 - **Ps 34:20** “**Not a bone of Him shall be broken**”:
 - **Ex. 12:46; Num. 9:12** – **the Passover Lamb cannot have a broken Limb – must be a lamb without blemish**
 - **Zech 12:10** – they looked on Him who they **Pierced**

The Thief on the Cross

- The two thieves began their time on the cross by mocking and blaspheming Jesus, as did many of the spectators.
- One of the thieves responded in faith to the message of salvation and was taken to paradise that very day
- While the **other man's pride kept him from submitting to the only One who could save him**, and he is now suffering in hell.
- What we learn from the saved thief on the cross is that we are all sinners in need of a Savior, and it doesn't matter if our sins are minor or extreme, it is never too late to repent and accept the free gift of salvation.
- As long as someone still has a mind and the will to choose life over death, it's not too late to proclaim the gospel and receive salvation.

The Centurion's Confession

- A Centurion is a trustworthy, battle-hardened soldier familiar with death. Probably witnessed all the mocking, beating, etc.
- He would have heard the things Jesus said on the Cross heard Pilate repeatedly declare Jesus was innocent.
- The Centurion is a key figure in the story.
- **Mark 15:39** “Truly this Man was the Son of God.”
- **Luke 23:47** “So when the centurion saw what had happened, he glorified God, saying, “Certainly this was a righteous Man!”
- He is the first Gentile saved after the Cross, fulfilling the purpose of the Gospel writings: **that you may believe that Jesus is the Son of God, and by believing, you may have eternal life.**

Mark 15:40-41

The Women at the Cross

- These women had followed Jesus for over 2 years
- Women normally didn't even attend crucifixions.
- These women were the only ones who **ministered** to Jesus other than the Holy Angels.
- Some of Jesus' last words on the Cross was to His mother.
- **For all that can be said about the greatness of the apostles, these women were there, they were not.** They were also the first eye witnesses to the resurrection.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qldSo-8xGnU> – At the Cross, Where I first Saw the Light