

**1Corinthians 11:23-32** (*Passion Bible*) I have handed down to you what came to me by direct revelation from the Lord himself. The same night which he was handed over, He took the bread and gave thanks. Then He distributed it to the disciples, and said, **“Take it and eat your fill. It is My Body, which is given for you. Do this to remember Me.”** He did the same with the cup of wine after supper and said, **“This cup seals the new covenant with My Blood. Drink it - and whenever you drink this, do it to remember Me.”**

For every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are retelling the story, proclaiming [the fact of] the Lord's death until He comes. For this reason, whoever eats the bread and drinks the cup of the Lord in the wrong spirit will be guilty of dishonoring the Body and Blood of the Lord. So let each individual first evaluate his own attitude and only then eat the bread and drink the cup. For continually eating and drinking with a wrong spirit will bring judgement upon yourself by not recognizing the Body. This insensitivity is why many of you are weak, chronically ill and some even dying. If you do not sit in judgement of others, you will avoid judgement yourself. But when we are judged, it is the Lord's training so that we will not be condemned along with the world.

So, What are we remembering ? Jesus crucified, Jesus died, Jesus buried? On the third day He rose from the dead? Yes, but so much more.

**Genesis 4:10** The LORD said, “What have you done? The voice of your brother’s [innocent] blood is crying out to Me from the ground [for justice].

**Hebrews 9:22** In fact under the Law almost everything is cleansed with blood, and **without** the shedding of blood there is neither forgiveness nor release from sin and its guilt; nor the cancellation of the merited punishment.

**Hebrews 12:24** and to Jesus, the Mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks a better *and* nobler *and* more gracious message than *the blood* of Abel [which cried out for vengeance]. *The blood of Abel spoke vengeance but the Blood of Jesus speaks redemption.*

### **John 12:27-28 (TPT)**

Even though I am torn within, and my soul in turmoil, I will not ask the Father to rescue me from this hour of trial. *This is prior to His agony in the Garden of Gethsemane. He was dealing with His mind, will and emotions regarding His trial to come. You know the Father showed Him what He was going to go through. It had to be on His mind continually.*

**Matthew 26:37-44** And taking with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee [James and John], He began to be grieved and greatly distressed. Then He said to them, “**My soul is deeply grieved, so that I am almost dying of sorrow.** Stay here and stay awake *and* keep watch with Me.” And after going a little farther, He fell face down and prayed, saying, “**My Father, if it is possible [that is, consistent with Your will], let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as You will.**” And He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, “So, you *men* could not stay awake *and* keep watch with Me for one hour? “Keep *actively* watching and praying that you may not come into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the body is weak.” **He went away a second time and prayed, saying, “My Father, if this cannot pass away unless I drink it, Your will be done.”** Again He came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So, leaving them again, **He went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words once more.**

**Luke 22:39-44** And He came out and went, as was His habit, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed Him. When He arrived at the place Gethsemane, He said to them, “Pray *continually* that you may not fall into temptation.” And He withdrew from them about a **stone’s throw**, and knelt down and prayed, saying, “**Father, if You are willing, remove this cup [of divine wrath] from Me; yet not My will, but [always] Yours be done.**” Now an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening

Him. And being in agony [deeply distressed and anguished; almost to the point of death], **He prayed more intently; and His sweat became like drops of blood, falling down on the ground.**

**He was in agony to get His will in line with the Father's. Every drop of blood spilt on the ground paid for that ground, earth, as well as for our "will" to come in line with the Father's. The earth was under a curse and the ground had to be bought and paid for by His Blood. Genesis 3:17-18. The thorny crown on Jesus' skull not only paid for the earth and the curse it was under, it also paid for the "soul" of man: mind, will, and emotions. He paid for it all.**

**Hebrews 10:12-22** whereas Christ, having offered the one sacrifice for sins for all time, SAT DOWN [signifying the completion of atonement for sin] AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD, waiting from that time onward UNTIL HIS ENEMIES ARE MADE A FOOTSTOOL FOR HIS FEET. For by the one offering He has perfected forever *and* completely cleansed those who are being sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also adds His testimony to us [in confirmation of this]; for after having said, **"THIS IS THE COVENANT THAT I WILL MAKE WITH THEM. AFTER THOSE DAYS, SAYS THE LORD: I WILL IMPRINT MY LAWS UPON THEIR HEART, AND ON THEIR MIND I WILL INSCRIBE THEM** [producing an inward change], *He then says,* **"AND THEIR SINS AND THEIR**

**LAWLESS ACTS I WILL REMEMBER NO MORE ”** Now where there is [absolute] forgiveness *and* complete cancellation of the penalty of these things, there is no longer any offering [to be made to atone] for sin. **Therefore, believers, since we have confidence *and* full freedom to enter the Holy Place** [the place where God dwells] by [means of] the blood of Jesus, by this new and living way which He initiated *and* opened for us through the veil [as in the Holy of Holies], that is, **Through His flesh**, and since we have a great *and* wonderful Priest [Who rules] over the house of God, let us approach [God] with a true *and* sincere heart in unqualified assurance of faith, **having had** our hearts sprinkled **clean** from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us seize *and* hold tightly the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is reliable *and* trustworthy *and* faithful [to His word];

**Matthew 26:26-28** Now as they were eating Jesus took bread, and after blessing it, He broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, **“Take, eat; this is My body.”** And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, **“Drink from it, all of you; for this is My blood of the [new and better] covenant, which [ratifies the agreement and] is being poured out for many [as a substitutionary atonement] for the forgiveness of sins.** “But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father’s kingdom.”

**Psalms 22:1-18**      My God, my God, why have You forsaken me? Why are You so far from helping me, and from the words of my groaning? O my God, I call out by day, but You do not answer; And by night, but I find no rest *nor* quiet. But You are holy, O You who are enthroned in [the holy place where] the praises of Israel [are offered]. In You our fathers trusted [leaned on, relied on, and were confident]; They trusted and You rescued them. They cried out to You and were delivered; They trusted in You and were not disappointed *or* ashamed. But I am [treated as] a worm [insignificant and powerless] and not a man; I am the scorn of men and despised by the people. All who see me laugh at me *and* mock me; They [insultingly] open their lips, they shake their head, *saying*, “He trusted *and* committed himself to the LORD, let Him save him. Let Him rescue him, because He delights in him.” Yet You are He who pulled me out of the womb; You made me trust when on my mother’s breasts. I was cast upon You from birth; From my mother’s womb You have been my God. Do not be far from me, for trouble is near; And there is no one to help. Many [enemies like] bulls have surrounded me; Strong *bulls* of Bashan have encircled me. They open wide their mouths against me,

Like a ravening and a roaring lion. I am poured out like water, And all my bones are out of joint. My heart is like wax; It is melted [by anguish] within me. My strength is dried up like a fragment of clay pottery; And my [dry] tongue clings to my jaws; And You have laid me in the dust of death. For [a pack of] dogs have surrounded me; A gang of evildoers has encircled me, They pierced my hands and my feet. I can count all my bones; They look, they stare at me. They divide my clothing among them And cast lots for my garment.

**Isaiah 52:13-15 and 53:1-12** Behold, My Servant shall deal wisely and shall prosper; He shall be exalted and extolled and shall stand very high. [For many the Servant of God became an object of horror; many were astonished at Him.] His face and His whole appearance were marred more than any man's, and His form beyond that of the sons of men - but just as many were astonished at Him, So shall He startle and sprinkle many nations, and kings shall shut their mouths because of Him; for that which has not been told them shall they see, and that which they have not heard shall they consider and understand.

**Isa. 53. - Who has believed our message?**

**And to whom [if not us] has the arm *and* infinite power  
of the LORD been revealed? For He [the Servant of  
God] grew up before Him like a tender shoot,  
And like a root out of dry ground;**

**He has no *stately* form or *majestic* splendor**

**That we would look at Him,**

**Nor [handsome] appearance that we would be  
attracted to Him. He was despised and rejected by  
men,**

**A Man of sorrows *and* pain and acquainted with grief;**

**And like One from whom men hide their faces**

**He was despised, and we did not appreciate His worth  
*or* esteem Him. But [in fact] He has borne our griefs,**

**And He has carried our sorrows *and* pains;**

**Yet we [ignorantly] assumed that He was stricken,  
struck down by God and degraded *and* humiliated [by  
Him]. But He was wounded for our transgressions,  
He was crushed for our wickedness. The punishment  
[required] for our well-being *fell* on Him,**

**And by His stripes we are healed. All of us like sheep  
have gone astray, We have turned, each one, to his  
own way;**

**But the LORD has caused the wickedness of us all [our  
sin, our injustice, our wrongdoing] to fall on Him  
[instead of us]. He was oppressed and He was  
afflicted,**

**Yet He did not open His mouth [to complain or defend**



**Himself];**

**Like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,  
And like a sheep that is silent before her shearers,  
So He did not open His mouth. After oppression and  
judgment He was taken away;**

**And as for His generation [His contemporaries], who  
[among them] concerned himself *with the fact*  
That He was cut off from the land of the living [by His  
death]**

**For the transgression of my people, to whom the  
stroke [of death] *was due*? His grave was assigned  
with the wicked, But He was with a rich man in His  
death,**

**Because He had done no violence, Nor was there any  
deceit in His mouth. Yet the LORD was willing**

**To crush Him, causing Him to suffer;**

**If He would give Himself as a guilt offering [an  
atonement for sin], He shall see *His* [spiritual]  
offspring,**

**He shall prolong *His* days, And the will (good pleasure)  
of the LORD shall succeed *and* prosper in His hand. As  
a result of the anguish of His soul, He shall see it and  
be satisfied; By His knowledge [of what He has  
accomplished] the Righteous One,**

**My Servant, shall justify the many [making them  
righteous—upright before God, in right standing with  
Him],**

**For He shall bear [the responsibility for] their sins.**

**Therefore, I will divide *and* give Him a portion with the great [kings and rulers],  
And He shall divide the spoils with the mighty,  
Because He [willingly] poured out His life to death,  
And was counted among the transgressors;  
Yet He Himself bore *and* took away the sin of many,  
And interceded [with the Father] for the transgressors.**

### **1 Cor. 11:27-32:**

So then whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in a way that is unworthy [of Him] will be guilty of [profaning and sinning against] the body and blood of the Lord. But a person must [prayerfully] examine himself [and his relationship to Christ], and only when he has done so should he eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks [without solemn reverence and heartfelt gratitude for the sacrifice of Christ], eats and drinks a judgment on himself if he does not recognize the body [of Christ]. That [careless and unworthy participation] is the reason why many among you are weak and sick, and a number sleep [in death]. But if we evaluated *and* judged ourselves honestly [recognizing our shortcomings and correcting our behavior], we would not be judged. But when we [fall short and] are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined [by undergoing His correction] so that we will not be condemned [to eternal punishment] along with the world.

**Matthew 26:50-68** Jesus said to Judas, “Friend, do what you came for.” Then they came and seized Jesus and arrested Him.

And one of those who were with Jesus reached out and drew his sword, and struck [Malchus] the slave of the high priest and cut off his ear. Then Jesus said to him, “Put your sword back in its place; for all those who *habitually* draw the sword will die by the sword. **Do you think that I cannot appeal to My Father, and He will immediately provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels? “How then will the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must happen this way?”**

At that moment Jesus said to the crowds, “Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest Me as *you would* against a robber? Day after day I used to sit in the porches *and* courts of the temple teaching, and you did not arrest Me. “But all this has taken place so that the Scriptures of the prophets would be fulfilled.” Then all the disciples deserted Him and fled.

Those who had seized Jesus led Him away to Caiaphas, the high priest, where the scribes and the elders (Sanhedrin, Jewish High Court) had gathered [illegally] together. But Peter followed Him at a distance as far as the courtyard of the [elegant home of the Jewish] high

priest, and went inside, and sat with the guards to see the outcome.

Now the chief priests and the whole Council (Sanhedrin, Jewish High Court) tried to get false witnesses to testify against Jesus, so that they might [have a reason to] put Him to death. They found none, even though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward, and testified, “This man said, ‘I am able to tear down the temple of God and rebuild it in three days.’” The high priest stood up and said to Jesus, “Have You no answer to give? What is it that these men are testifying against You?” But Jesus kept silent. And the high priest said to Him, “I call on You to swear a binding oath by the living God, that you tell us whether You are the Christ, the Son of God.” Jesus said to him, “You have [in fact] said it; but more than that I tell you [regardless of what you do with Me now], in the future you will see [Me revealed as] THE SON OF MAN SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF POWER, and COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF HEAVEN.”

Then the high priest tore his robes [in mock horror] and exclaimed, “He has blasphemed [by making Himself God’s equal]! What further need have we of witnesses *or* evidence? See, you have now heard the blasphemy. “What do you think?” They answered, “He deserves to be put to death.”

Then they spat in His face and struck Him with their fists; and some slapped Him, saying, “Prophecy to us, You Christ (Messiah, Anointed); who was it that struck You?”

**Matthew 27:20-54** But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to put Jesus to death. The governor said to them, “Which of the two do you wish me to set free for you?” And they said, “Barabbas.” Pilate said to them, “Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?” They all replied, “Let Him be crucified!” And he said, “Why, what has He done that is evil?” But they continued shouting all the louder, “Let Him be crucified!”

So when Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but rather that a riot was breaking out, he took water and washed his hands [to ceremonially cleanse himself of guilt] in the presence of the crowd, saying, “I am innocent of this [righteous] Man’s blood; see *to that* yourselves.” And all the people answered, “Let [the responsibility for] His blood be on us and on our children!” So he set Barabbas free for them; but after having Jesus severely whipped (scourged), he handed Him over to be crucified.

Then the governor’s soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium, and they gathered the whole Roman cohort around Him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on Him [as a king’s robe]. And after twisting together a crown

of thorns, they put it on His head, and put a reed in His right hand [as a scepter]. Kneeling before Him, they ridiculed Him, saying, “Hail (rejoice), King of the Jews!” They spat on Him, and took the reed and struck Him *repeatedly* on the head. After they finished ridiculing Him, they stripped Him of the *scarlet* robe and put His own clothes on Him, and led Him away to crucify Him.

Now as they were coming out, they found a man of Cyrene named Simon, whom they forced into service to carry the cross of Jesus.

And when they came to a place called Golgotha, which means Place of a Skull, they offered Him wine mixed with gall (myrrh, a bitter-tasting narcotic) to drink; but after tasting it, He refused to drink it.

And when they had crucified Him, they divided His clothes among them by casting lots. Then sitting down there, they *began* to keep watch over Him [to guard against any rescue attempt]. And above His head they put the accusation against Him which read, “THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS.”

At the same time two robbers were crucified with Jesus, one on the right and one on the left. Those who passed by were hurling abuse at Him *and* jeering at Him, wagging their heads [in scorn and ridicule], and they said [tauntingly], “You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save Yourself [from death]! If You

are the Son of God, come down from the cross.” In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, mocked Him, saying, “He saved others [from death]; He cannot save Himself. He is the King of Israel; let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe in Him *and* acknowledge Him. “HE TRUSTS IN GOD; LET GOD RESCUE *Him* now, IF HE DELIGHTS IN HIM; for He said, ‘I am the Son of God.’” The robbers who had been crucified with Him also began to insult Him in the same way.

Now from the sixth hour (noon) there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour (3:00 p.m.). About the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud [agonized] voice, “ELI, ELI, LAMA SABACHTHANI?” that is, “MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?” When some of the bystanders there heard it, they *began* saying, “This man is calling for Elijah.” Immediately one of them ran, and took a sponge, soaked it with sour wine and put it on a reed, and gave Him a drink. But the rest said, “Let us see whether Elijah will come to save Him [from death].” And Jesus cried out again with a loud [agonized] voice, and gave up His spirit [voluntarily, sovereignly dismissing and releasing His spirit from His body in submission to His Father’s plan]. And [at once] the veil [of the Holy of Holies] of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; the earth shook and the rocks were split apart. The tombs were opened, and many bodies of the saints (God’s people) who had fallen asleep [in death] were raised [to life]; and coming out of the

tombs after His resurrection, they entered the holy city (Jerusalem) and appeared to many people. Now the centurion, and those who were with him keeping guard over Jesus, when they saw the earthquake and the things that were happening, they were terribly frightened *and* filled with awe, and said, “Truly this was the Son of God!”

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Mark 14:53-65    They led Jesus away to the high priest, and all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes (Sanhedrin, Jewish High Court) gathered together. Peter had followed Him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the officers [guards and servants] and warming himself at the fire. Now the chief priests and the entire Council (Sanhedrin, Jewish High Court) were trying to obtain testimony against Jesus [which they could use] to have Him [condemned and] executed, but they were not finding any. For many [people] were giving false testimony against Him, but their testimonies were not consistent. Some stood up and *began* to give false testimony against Him, saying, “We heard Him say, ‘I will destroy this temple (sanctuary) that was made with hands, and in three days I will build another made without hands.’” even in this respect was their testimony consistent. The high priest stood up and came forward and asked Jesus, “Have You no answer to give [in response] to what these men are testifying against You?” But Jesus kept silent and gave no



answer at all. Again the high priest was questioning Him, and saying to Him, “Are You the Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed), the Son of the Blessed One?” Jesus said, “I am; and you will [all] see THE SON OF MAN SEATED [with authority] AT THE RIGHT HAND OF POWER (the Father), and COMING WITH THE CLOUDS OF HEAVEN.” Then tearing his robe [to express his indignation], the high priest said, “What further need do we have of witnesses? “You have heard the blasphemy [that is, His claim to be the Son of God]. What is your decision?” And they all condemned Him to be [guilty and] deserving of death. And some began to spit on Him, and to blindfold Him, and to beat Him with their fists, and to say to Him, “Prophecy [by telling us who hit you]!” Then the officers took custody of Him and struck him in the face.

Mark 15:9-39      Pilate answered them, saying, “Do you want me to set free for you the King of the Jews?” For he was aware that the chief priests had turned Jesus over to him because of envy *and* resentment. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to get him to release Barabbas for them instead. Again Pilate answered, “Then what shall I do with Him whom you call the King of the Jews?” They screamed back, “Crucify Him!” But Pilate asked them, “Why, what has He done that is evil?” But they screamed all the more, “Crucify Him!” So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, set Barabbas free for them; and after having Jesus scourged, he handed Him over [to his soldiers] to be crucified.

Jesus Is Mocked The soldiers led Him away into the palace (that is, the Praetorium), and they called together the entire [Roman] battalion [of 600 soldiers]. They dressed Him up in [a ranking Roman officer's robe of] purple, and after twisting [together] a crown of thorns, they placed it on Him; and they began saluting *and* mocking Him: "Hail, King of the Jews!" They kept beating Him on the head with a reed and spitting on Him, and kneeling and bowing in [mock] homage to Him. After they had mocked Him, they took off the purple robe and put His own clothes on Him. And they led Him out [of the city] to crucify Him.

They forced into service a passer-by coming in from the countryside, Simon of Cyrene (the father of Alexander and Rufus), to carry His cross. Then they brought Him to the place [called] Golgotha, which is translated, Place of a Skull. They tried to give Him wine mixed with myrrh [to dull the pain], but He would not take it. And they crucified Him, and divided up His clothes among themselves, casting lots for them to see who should take what. It was the third hour (9:00 a.m.) when they crucified Him. The inscription of the accusation against Him had been written [above Him]: "THE KING OF THE JEWS."

They crucified two robbers with Him, one on His right and one on His left. [And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "He was counted with the transgressors."] Those who were passing by were insulting Him with abusive *and*

insolent language, wagging their heads [as a sign of contempt], and saying, “Ha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in [only] three days, save Yourself by coming down from the cross!” In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes, were ridiculing *and* mocking *Him* among themselves and saying, “He saved others [from death]; He cannot save Himself! “Let the Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed), the King of Israel, now come down from the cross, so that we may see and believe *and* trust [in Him]!” Those who were crucified with Him were also insulting Him.

When the sixth hour (noon) came, darkness covered the whole land until the ninth hour (3:00 p.m.). And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, “ELOI, ELOI, LAMA SABACHTHANI?” — which is translated, “MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?” Some of the bystanders heard Him and said, “Look! He is calling for Elijah!” Someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed and gave Him a drink, saying, “Let us see whether Elijah is coming to take Him down.” But Jesus uttered a loud cry, and breathed out His last [voluntarily, sovereignly dismissing and releasing His spirit from His body in submission to His Father’s plan]. And the veil [of the Holy of Holies] of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. When the centurion, who was standing opposite Him, saw the way He breathed His last [being fully in control], he said, “Truly this man was the Son of God!”

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Luke 23:33-47 Pilate addressed them again, wanting to release Jesus, but they kept shouting out, “Crucify, crucify Him!” A third time he said to them, “Why, what wrong has He done? I have found no guilt [no crime, no offense] in Him *demanding* death; therefore I will punish Him [to teach Him a lesson] and release Him.” But they were insistent *and* unrelenting, demanding with loud voices that Jesus be crucified. And their voices *began* to prevail *and* accomplish their purpose. Pilate pronounced sentence that their demand be granted. And he released the man they were asking for who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, but he handed over Jesus to their will.

When they led Him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in [to the city] from the country, and placed on him the cross to carry behind Jesus.

Following Him was a large crowd of the people, including women who were mourning and wailing for Him. But Jesus, turning toward them, said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For behold, the days are coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that have not given birth, and the breasts that have never nursed.’ Then they will begin TO SAY TO THE

MOUNTAINS, 'FALL ON US!' AND TO THE HILLS, 'COVER US!' "For if they do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

Two others also, who were criminals, were being led away to be executed with Him.

When they came to the place called The Skull, there they crucified Him and the criminals, one on the right and one on the left. And Jesus was saying, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots, dividing His clothes among themselves. Now the people stood by, watching; but even the rulers ridiculed *and* sneered at Him, saying, "He saved others [from death]; let Him save Himself if He is the Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed) of God, His Chosen One." The soldiers also mocked Him, coming up to Him and [cruelly] offering Him sour wine, and sarcastically saying, "If you are [really] the King of the Jews, save Yourself [from death]!" Now there was also an inscription above Him: "THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS."

One of the criminals who had been hanged [on a cross beside Him] kept hurling abuse at Him, saying, "Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us [from death]!" But the other one rebuked him, saying, "Do you not even fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? *"We are suffering* justly, because we are getting what we deserve for what we have done; but this Man has done nothing wrong." And he was saying,

“Jesus, [please] remember me when You come into Your kingdom!” Jesus said to him, “I assure you *and* most solemnly say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.”

It was now about the sixth hour (noon), and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour (3:00 p.m.), because the sun was obscured; and the veil [of the Holy of Holies] of the temple was torn in two [from top to bottom]. And Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, “Father, INTO YOUR HANDS I COMMIT MY SPIRIT!” Having said this, He breathed His last. Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he *began* praising *and* honoring God, saying, “Certainly this Man was innocent.”

John 19:1-42     **1** So then Pilate took Jesus and had Him scourged (flogged, whipped). And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on His head, and put a purple robe around Him; and they kept coming up to Him, saying [mockingly], “Hail, King of the Jews [Good health! Peace! Long life to you, King of the Jews]!” And they slapped Him *in the face*. Then Pilate came out again and said to them, “Look, I am bringing Him out to you so that you may know that I find no guilt in Him [no crime, no cause for an accusation].” So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe, and *Pilate* said to them, “Look! The Man!” When the chief priests and officers saw Him, they shouted, “Crucify [Him]! Crucify

[Him]!” Pilate said to them, “Take Him yourselves and crucify Him, for I find no guilt in Him [no crime, no cause for an accusation].” The Jews answered him, “We have a law [regarding blasphemy], and according to that law He should die, because He made Himself out to be the Son of God.”

So when Pilate heard this said, he was [even] more alarmed *and* afraid. He went into the Praetorium again and said to Jesus, “Where are You from?” But Jesus did not answer him. So Pilate said to Him, “You do not speak to me? Do You not know that I have authority to release You, and I have authority to crucify You?” Jesus answered, “You would have no authority over Me at all if it had not been given to you from above. For this reason the sin *and* guilt of the one who handed Me over to you is greater [than your own].” As a result of this, Pilate kept making efforts to release Him, but the Jews kept screaming, “If you release this Man, you are no friend of Caesar! Anyone who makes himself out [to be] a king opposes Caesar [and rebels against the emperor]!”

When Pilate heard this, he brought Jesus out, and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Pavement, but in Hebrew, Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover [week], and it was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, “Look, your King!” But they shouted, “Away with *Him*, away with *Him*, crucify Him!” Pilate said to them, “Shall I crucify your King?” The

chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar!" Then he handed Him over to them to be crucified.

So they took Jesus, and He went out, bearing His own cross, to the place called the Place of the Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha. There they crucified Him, and with Him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. Pilate also wrote an inscription [on a placard] and put it on the cross. And it was written: "JESUS THE NAZARENE, THE KING OF THE JEWS." And many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews'; but, 'He said, "I am King of the Jews."'" Pilate replied, "What I have written I have written [and it remains written]."

Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His outer clothes and made four parts, a part for each soldier, and also the tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven [in one piece] from the top throughout. So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, *to decide* whose it will be." *This was to fulfill the Scripture,* "THEY DIVIDED MY OUTER CLOTHING AMONG THEM, AND FOR MY CLOTHING THEY CAST LOTS." So the soldiers did these things.

**But standing by the cross of Jesus were His mother,**



**His mother's sister [Salome], Mary the *wife* of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. So Jesus, seeing His mother, and the disciple whom He loved (esteemed) standing near, said to His mother, "[Dear] woman, look, [here is] your son!" Then He said to the disciple (John), "Look! [here is] your mother [protect and provide for her]!" From that hour the disciple took her into his own *home*.**

After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said in fulfillment of the Scripture, "I am thirsty." A jar full of sour wine was placed there; so they put a sponge soaked in the sour wine on [a branch of] hyssop and held it to His mouth. When Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And He bowed His head and [voluntarily] gave up His spirit.

Since it was the day of Preparation [for the Sabbath], in order to prevent the bodies from hanging on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high holy day) the Jews asked Pilate to have their legs broken [to hasten death] and the bodies taken away. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first man, and of the other who had been crucified with Him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came [flowing] out. And he (John, the eyewitness) who has seen it has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows

that he is telling the truth, so that you also [who read this] may believe. For these things took place to fulfill the Scripture, “NOT A BONE OF HIS SHALL BE BROKEN.” And again another Scripture says, “THEY SHALL LOOK AT HIM WHOM THEY HAVE PIERCED.”

And after this, Joseph of Arimathea—a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews—asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus; and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away His body. Nicodemus, who had first come to Him at night, also came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, [weighing] about a hundred [Roman] pounds. So they took Jesus’ body and bound it in linen wrappings with the fragrant spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. Now there was a garden at the place where He was crucified, and in the garden a new tomb [cut out of solid rock] in which no one had yet been laid. Therefore, because of the Jewish day of Preparation, and since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.