

Matthew 27	Mark 15	Luke 23	John 18:28-19:42
<i>Crucifixion</i>	<i>Crucifixion</i>	<i>Crucifixion</i>	<i>Crucifixion</i>
<p>¹Early in the morning, all the chief priests and the elders of the people came to the decision to put Jesus to death.</p> <p>²They bound him, led him away and handed him over to Pilate, the governor.</p>	<p>¹Very early in the morning, the chief priests, with the elders, the teachers of the law and the whole Sanhedrin, reached a decision. They bound Jesus, led him away and handed him over to Pilate.</p>	<p>¹Then the whole assembly rose and led him off to Pilate.</p>	<p>²⁸Then the Jews led Jesus from Caiaphas to the palace of the Roman governor. By now it was early morning, and to avoid ceremonial uncleanness the Jews did not enter the palace; they wanted to be able to eat the Passover.</p>
<p>³When Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he was seized with remorse and returned the thirty silver coins to the chief priests and the elders.</p> <p>⁴"I have sinned," he said, "for I have betrayed innocent blood." "What is that to us?" they replied. "That's your responsibility."</p> <p>⁵So Judas threw the money into the temple and left. Then he went away and hanged himself.</p> <p>⁶The chief priests picked up the coins and said, "It is against the law to put this into the treasury, since it is blood money."</p> <p>⁷So they decided to use the money to buy the potter's field as a burial place for foreigners.</p> <p>⁸That is why it has been called the Field of Blood to this day.</p> <p>⁹Then what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled: "They took the thirty silver coins, the price set on him by the people of Israel,</p> <p>¹⁰and they used them to buy the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me."^[a]</p>			
<p>Jesus Before Pilate</p> <p>¹¹Meanwhile Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" "Yes, it is as you say," Jesus replied.</p> <p>¹²When he was accused by the chief priests and the elders, he gave no answer.</p> <p>¹³Then Pilate asked him, "Don't you hear the testimony they are bringing against you?"</p> <p>¹⁴But Jesus made no reply, not even to a single charge—to the great amazement of the governor.</p>	<p>Jesus Before Pilate</p> <p>²"Are you the king of the Jews?" asked Pilate. "Yes, it is as you say," Jesus replied.</p> <p>³The chief priests accused him of many things. ⁴So again Pilate asked him, "Aren't you going to answer? See how many things they are accusing you of."</p> <p>⁵But Jesus still made no reply, and Pilate was amazed.</p>	<p>³So Pilate asked Jesus, "Are you the king of the Jews?" "Yes, it is as you say," Jesus replied.</p> <p>⁴Then Pilate announced to the chief priests and the crowd, "I find no basis for a charge against this man."</p> <p>⁵But they insisted, "He stirs up the people all over Judea^[b] by his teaching. He started in Galilee and has come all the way here."</p>	<p>³³Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?"</p> <p>³⁴"Is that your own idea," Jesus asked, "or did others talk to you about me?"</p> <p>³⁵"Am I a Jew?" Pilate replied. "It was your people and your chief priests who handed you over to me. What is it you have done?"</p> <p>³⁶Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my kingdom is from another place."</p> <p>³⁷"You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of</p>

			<p>truth listens to me."</p> <p>³⁸"What is truth?" Pilate asked. With this he went out again to the Jews and said, <u>"I find no basis for a charge against him."</u></p>
<p>¹⁵Now it was the governor's custom at the Feast to release a prisoner chosen by the crowd.</p> <p>¹⁶At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Barabbas.</p> <p>¹⁷So when the crowd had gathered, Pilate asked them, "Which one do you want me to release to you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?"</p> <p>¹⁸For he knew it was out of envy that they had handed Jesus over to him.</p> <p>¹⁹While Pilate was sitting on the judge's seat, his wife sent him this message: "Don't have anything to do with that innocent man, for I have suffered a great deal today in a dream because of him."</p> <p>²⁰<u>But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus executed.</u></p> <p>²¹"Which of the two do you want me to release to you?" asked the governor.</p> <p>"Barabbas," they answered.</p> <p>²²<u>"What shall I do, then, with Jesus who is called Christ?" Pilate asked. They all answered, "Crucify him!"</u></p> <p>²³<u>"Why? What crime has he committed?" asked Pilate. But they shouted all the louder, "Crucify him!"</u></p>	<p>⁶Now it was the custom at the Feast to release a prisoner whom the people requested. ⁷A man called Barabbas was in prison with the insurrectionists who had committed murder in the uprising. ⁸The crowd came up and asked Pilate to do for them what he usually did.</p> <p>⁹"Do you want me to release to you the king of the Jews?" asked Pilate, ¹⁰knowing it was out of envy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over to him. ¹¹<u>But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have Pilate release Barabbas instead.</u></p> <p>¹²<u>"What shall I do, then, with the one you call the king of the Jews?" Pilate asked them.</u></p> <p>¹³"Crucify him!" they shouted.</p> <p>¹⁴<u>"Why? What crime has he committed?" asked Pilate. But they shouted all the louder, "Crucify him!"</u></p>	<p>¹⁸With one voice they cried out, "Away with this man! Release Barabbas to us!" ¹⁹(Barabbas had been thrown into prison for an insurrection in the city, and for murder.)</p> <p>²⁰Wanting to release Jesus, Pilate appealed to them again. ²¹<u>But they kept shouting, "Crucify him! Crucify him!"</u></p> <p>²²<u>For the third time he spoke to them: "Why? What crime has this man committed?"</u> I have found in him no grounds for the death penalty. Therefore I will have him punished and then release him."</p> <p>²³<u>But with loud shouts they insistently demanded that he be crucified, and their shouts prevailed.</u></p> <p>²And they began to accuse him, saying, "We have found this man subverting our nation. He opposes payment of taxes to Caesar and claims to be Christ,^[a] a king." <i>(Out of order but here for parallel purposes)</i></p>	<p>³⁹But it is your custom for me to release to you one prisoner at the time of the Passover. Do you want me to release the king of the Jews?"</p> <p>⁴⁰They shouted back, "No, not him! Give us Barabbas!" Now Barabbas had taken part in a rebellion.</p> <p>²⁹So Pilate came out to them and asked, <u>"What charges are you bringing against this man?"</u></p> <p>³⁰"If he were not a criminal," they replied, "we would not have handed him over to you."</p> <p>³¹Pilate said, "Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law."</p> <p>"But we have no right to execute anyone," the Jews objected. ³²This happened so that the words Jesus had spoken indicating the kind of death he was going to die would be fulfilled. <i>(Out of order but here for parallel purposes)</i></p>
<p>²⁴When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that instead an uproar was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. "I am innocent of this man's blood," he said. "It is your responsibility!"</p> <p>²⁵<u>All the people answered, "Let his blood be on us and on our children!"</u></p> <p>²⁶<u>Then he released Barabbas to them. But he had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified.</u></p>	<p>⁵Wanting to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them. He had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified.</p>	<p>²⁴So Pilate decided to grant their demand. ²⁵He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, the one they asked for, and surrendered Jesus to their will.</p>	<p>¹⁶Finally Pilate handed him over to them to be crucified.</p>
<p><u>The Soldiers Mock Jesus</u></p> <p>²⁷<u>Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him. ²⁸They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand and knelt in front of him and mocked him. "Hail, king of the</u></p>	<p><u>The Soldiers Mock Jesus</u></p> <p>¹⁶The soldiers led Jesus away into the palace (that is, the Praetorium) and called together the whole company of soldiers. ¹⁷They put a purple robe on him, then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on him. ¹⁸And they began to call out to him, "Hail, king of the Jews!" ¹⁹Again and again they struck him on the head with a staff and spit on</p>		<p>²The soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head. They clothed him in a purple robe ³and went up to him again and again, saying, "Hail, king of the Jews!" And they struck him in the face.</p>

<p>Jews!" they said. ³⁰They spit on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again. ^{31a}After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him.</p>	<p>him. Falling on their knees, they paid homage to him. ^{20a}And when they had mocked him, they took off the purple robe and put his own clothes on him.</p>		
<p>^{31b} Then they led him away to crucify him.</p> <p>The Crucifixion</p> <p>³² As they were going out, they met a man from Cyrene, named Simon, and they forced him to carry the cross.</p>	<p>^{20b} Then they led him out to crucify him.</p> <p>The Crucifixion</p> <p>²¹ A certain man from Cyrene, Simon, the father of Alexander and Rufus, was passing by on his way in from the country, and they forced him to carry the cross.</p>	<p>²⁶ As they led him away, they seized Simon from Cyrene, who was on his way in from the country, and put the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus. ²⁷ A large number of people followed him, including women who mourned and wailed for him. ²⁸ Jesus turned and said to them, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹ For the time will come when you will say, 'Blessed are the barren women, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' ³⁰ Then</p> <p>" 'they will say to the mountains, "Fall on us!"</p> <p>and to the hills, "Cover us!" ^d</p> <p>³¹ For if men do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?"</p> <p>³² Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed.</p>	
<p>³ They came to a place called Golgotha (which means The Place of the Skull). ³⁴ There they offered Jesus wine to drink, mixed with gall; but after tasting it, he refused to drink it. ³⁵ When they had crucified him, they divided up his clothes by casting lots. ^b ³⁶ And sitting down, they kept watch over him there. ⁷ Above his head they placed the written charge against him: THIS IS JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS.</p>	<p>²² They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means The Place of the Skull). ²³ Then they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. ²⁴ And they crucified him. Dividing up his clothes, they cast lots to see what each would get.</p> <p>²⁵ It was the third hour when they crucified him. ²⁶ The written notice of the charge against him read: THE KING OF THE JEWS.</p>	<p>³³ When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. ³⁴ Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." ^e And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.</p> <p>³⁸ There was a written notice above him, which read: ^{sc} THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS. (this is out of order but for parallel reasons it is placed here)</p>	<p>¹⁷ Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). ¹⁸ Here they crucified him, and with him two others—one on each side and Jesus in the middle.</p> <p>¹⁹ Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: ^{sc} JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. ²⁰ Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Aramaic, Latin and Greek. ²¹ The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate, "Do not write 'The King of the Jews,' but that this man claimed to be king of the Jews."</p> <p>²² Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written."</p> <p>²³ When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom.</p> <p>²⁴ "Let's not tear it," they said to one</p>

another. "Let's decide by lot who will get it."
This happened that the scripture might be fulfilled which said,
"They divided my garments among them
and cast lots for my clothing."^[i] So this is what the soldiers did.

³⁸Two robbers were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left.³⁹ Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying, "You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!"

⁴¹In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him.⁴² "He saved others," they said, "but he can't save himself! He's the King of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him."⁴³ He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, "I am the Son of God."

⁴⁴In the same way the robbers who were crucified with him also heaped insults on him.

²⁷They crucified two robbers with him, one on his right and one on his left.^[a] ²⁹Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying, "So! You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days,³⁰ come down from the cross and save yourself!"

³¹In the same way the chief priests and the teachers of the law mocked him among themselves. "He saved others," they said, "but he can't save himself!"^{32a} "Let this Christ,^[b] this King of Israel, come down now from the cross, that we may see and believe."

^{32b}Those crucified with him also heaped insults on him.

³⁵The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One."

³⁶The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar,³⁷ and said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself."

³⁹One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!"

⁴⁰But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? ⁴¹We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong."

⁴²Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."^[f]

⁴³Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise."

The Death of Jesus

⁴⁵From the sixth hour until the ninth hour darkness came over all the land.⁴⁶ About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi,^[c] lama sabachthani?"—which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"^[d]

⁴⁷When some of those standing there heard this, they said, "He's calling Elijah."

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³³At the sixth hour darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour.³⁴ And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?"—which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"^[c]

³⁵When some of those standing near heard this, they said, "Listen, he's calling Elijah."

Jesus' Death

⁴⁴It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour.⁴⁵ for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two.⁴⁶ Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last.

⁴⁷The centurion, seeing what had happened, praised God and said, "Surely this was a righteous man."

The Death of Jesus

²⁸Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." ²⁹A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips.³⁰ When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

⁴⁸Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a stick, and offered it to Jesus to drink. ⁴⁹The rest said, "Now leave him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to save him."

⁵⁰And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit.

⁵¹At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook and the rocks split. ⁵²The tombs broke open and the bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. ⁵³They came out of the tombs, and after Jesus' resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many people.

⁵⁴When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, "Surely he was the Son of God!"

⁵⁵Many women were there, watching from a distance. They had followed Jesus from Galilee to care for his needs. ⁵⁶Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of Zebedee's sons.

The Burial of Jesus

⁵⁷As evening approached, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus. ⁵⁸Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus' body, and Pilate ordered that it be given to him. ⁵⁹Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and placed it in his own new tomb, that he had cut out of the rock. He rolled a big stone in front of the entrance to the tomb and went away. ⁶¹Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were sitting there opposite the tomb.

³⁶One man ran, filled a sponge with wine vinegar, put it on a stick, and offered it to Jesus to drink. "Now leave him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to take him down," he said.

³⁷With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last.

³⁸The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. ³⁹And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, heard his cry and saw how he died, he said, "Surely this man was the Son of God!"

⁴⁰Some women were watching from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joseph, and Salome. ⁴¹In Galilee these women had followed him and cared for his needs. Many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem were also there.

The Burial of Jesus

⁴²It was Preparation Day (that is, the day before the Sabbath). So as evening approached, ⁴³Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent member of the Council, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body. ⁴⁴Pilate was surprised to hear that he was already dead. Summoning the centurion, he asked him if Jesus had already died. ⁴⁵When he learned from the centurion that it was so, he gave the body to Joseph. ⁴⁶So Joseph bought some linen cloth, took down the body, wrapped it in the linen, and placed it in a tomb cut out of rock. Then he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. ⁴⁷Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph saw where he was laid.

⁴⁸When all the people who had gathered to witness this sight saw what took place, they beat their breasts and went away.

⁴⁹But all those who knew him, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

Jesus' Burial

⁵⁰Now there was a man named Joseph, a member of the Council, a good and upright man, ⁵¹who had not consented to their decision and action. He came from the Judean town of Arimathea and he was waiting for the kingdom of God. ⁵²Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus' body. ⁵³Then he took it down, wrapped it in linen cloth and placed it in a tomb cut in the rock, one in which no one had yet been laid. ⁵⁴It was Preparation Day, and the Sabbath was about to begin. ⁵⁵The women who had come with Jesus from Galilee followed Joseph and saw the tomb and how his body was laid in it. ⁵⁶Then they went home and prepared spices and perfumes. But they rested on the Sabbath in obedience to the commandment.

²⁵Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Dear woman, here is your son," ²⁷and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home

The Burial of Jesus

³⁸Later, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus. Now Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly because he feared the Jews. With Pilate's permission, he came and took the body away. ³⁹He was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night. Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds. ⁴⁰Taking Jesus' body, the two of them wrapped it with the spices, in strips of linen. This was in accordance with Jewish burial customs. ⁴¹At the place where Jesus was crucified, there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had ever been laid. ⁴²Because it was the Jewish day of Preparation and since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

The Guard at the Tomb

⁶²The next day, the one after Preparation Day, the chief priests and the Pharisees went to Pilate.

⁶³"Sir," they said, "we remember that while he was still alive that deceiver said, 'After three days I will rise again.' ⁶⁴So give the order for the tomb to be made secure until the third day. Otherwise, his disciples may come and steal the body and tell the people that he has been raised from the dead. This last deception will be worse than the first."

⁶⁵"Take a guard," Pilate answered. "Go, make the tomb as secure as you know how." ⁶⁶So they went and made the tomb secure by putting a seal on the stone and posting the guard.