

## The Throne of the Cross

### **Pilate relents, Jesus is crucified, yet power struggle remains**

Finally Pilate handed him over to them to be crucified.

So the soldiers took charge of Jesus.

Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull

(which in Aramaic is called Golgotha).

Here they crucified him, and with him two others—

one on each side and Jesus in the middle.

Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross.

It read: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS.

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.

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."

Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written." John 19:16-22

### **Four oblivious soldiers fulfill prophecy by gambling close by**

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.

"Let's not tear it," they said to one 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."

So this is what the soldiers did. John 19:23-24

### **While four loyal women stick close to their faith in Christ**

Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Dear woman, here is your son," and to the disciple, "Here is your mother."

From that time on, this disciple took her into his home. John 19:25-27

### **Finally Jesus completed his life work and died**

Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty."

A 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.

When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished."

With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. John 19:28-30

### **While the Jews stick close to their traditions**

Now it was the day of Preparation, and the next day was to be a special Sabbath. Because the Jews did not want the bodies left on the crosses during the Sabbath, they asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken down. The soldiers therefore came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other.

But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs.

Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water. John 19:31-34

### **Even their brutal "compassion" fulfills Scripture**

The man who saw it has given testimony, and his testimony is true. He knows that he tells the truth, and he testifies so that you also may believe. These things happened so that the scripture would be fulfilled:

"Not one of his bones will be broken,"

and, as another scripture says,

"They will look on the one they have pierced." John 19:35-37



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### Jesus Prevails by Humility

He gave himself over to capture and defeat  
He abandoned everything to obey his Father's will  
Yet from the cross, he started his new family, the church

### "It is Finished!" A Cry of Victory Won

The power of Satan and sin is broken  
All Scripture for the coming Messiah is fulfilled  
Forgiveness for all who believe is his eternal gift

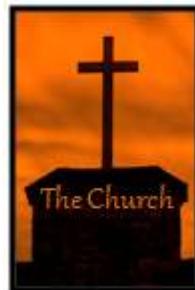
For every single one of the promises of God  
is 'Yes' in Christ Jesus, the Son of God.

2 Corinthians 1:20

### The Commands of Jesus

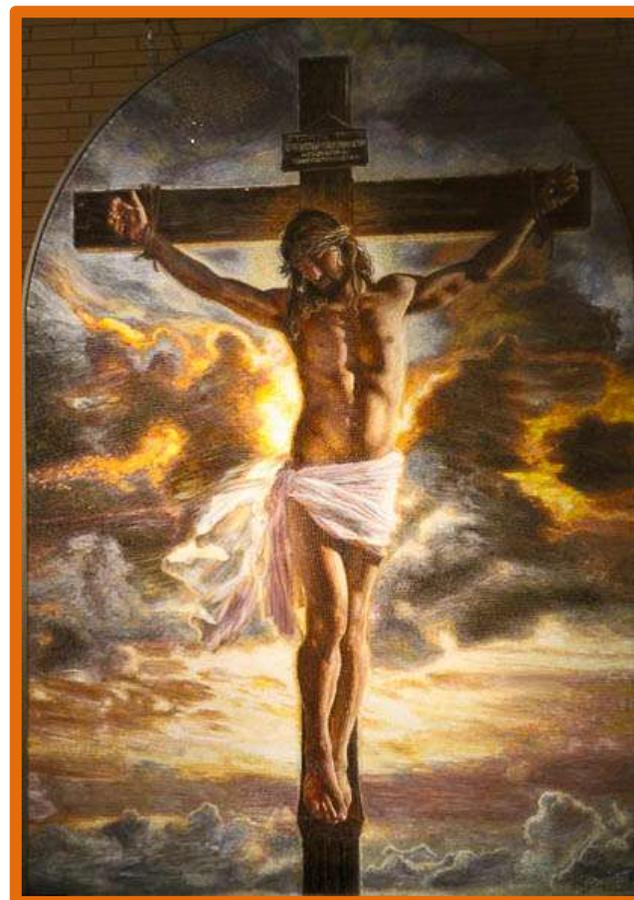
Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul  
and mind. And love your neighbor as yourself.

Portions of Matthew 22:37-38



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Now is the judgment of world; now shall the prince of this world cast out.  
And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all people unto me.

John 12:31-32 KJ21

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Later, 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.

He 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.

Taking Jesus' body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen. This was in accordance with Jewish burial customs. John 19:38-40

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At 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.

Because it was the Jewish day of Preparation and since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

John 19:41-42