

a moment to prepare to hear God's Word ...

The Verdict



The late biblical scholar William Barclay, a Presbyterian minister, writes that 30 years after Jesus' crucifixion a Roman governor took a census of lambs slain in Jerusalem during Passover and found about 250,000. These lambs, eaten at Passover, were called paschal lambs.

Barclay used the number of lambs and Jewish law to determine that at least 2.5 million people were in Jerusalem to commemorate the deliverance of Israel from slavery in Egypt.

That number easily could have been in Jerusalem,





Old City from southwest



Hebrew
University

Mt. of
Olives

“Hezekiah’s
Pool”

Church of
the Redeemer

Dome of
the Rock

Church of
Holy Sepulcher

View of Christian Quarter from Citadel



19 Verdict

Mark 15:15 Wishing to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas for them,

Matt 27:24c ... see to that yourselves.”

Matt 27:25 And all the people said, “His blood shall be on us and on our children!”

Matt 27:26 Then he released Barabbas for them;

Luke 23:24 And Pilate pronounced sentence that their demand be granted.

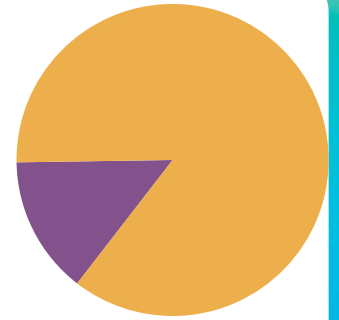
Luke 23:25 And he released the man they were asking for who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, but he delivered Jesus to their will

John 19:16 So he then handed Him over to them to be crucified.

*Fulfillment of rejection of Messiah *Mk 3*



The Sentence



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Matt 27:26b,c but after having Jesus scourged, he handed Him over to be crucified.

Luke 23:25c but he delivered Jesus to their will

Scourging

Jewish	Roman
Cords, non-lethal	cords with glass or metal tips, often lethal

John 19:1-3

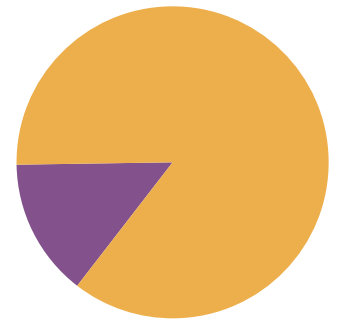
.....Pilate then took Jesus and scourged Him. And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on His head, and put a purple robe on Him; and they began to come up to Him and say, “Hail, King of the Jews!” and to give Him slaps in the face.

2 Cor 11:23-25

.....Five times I received from the Jews thirty-nine lashes. Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked, a night and a day I have spent in the deep.

Mark 15:16-19

*.....The soldiers took Him away into the palace (that is, the Praetorium), and they *called together the whole Roman cohort. They dress Him up in purple, and after twisting a crown of thorns, they put it on Him; and they began to acclaim Him, “Hail, King of the Jews!” They kept beating His head with a reed, and spitting on Him, and kneeling and bowing before Him.*

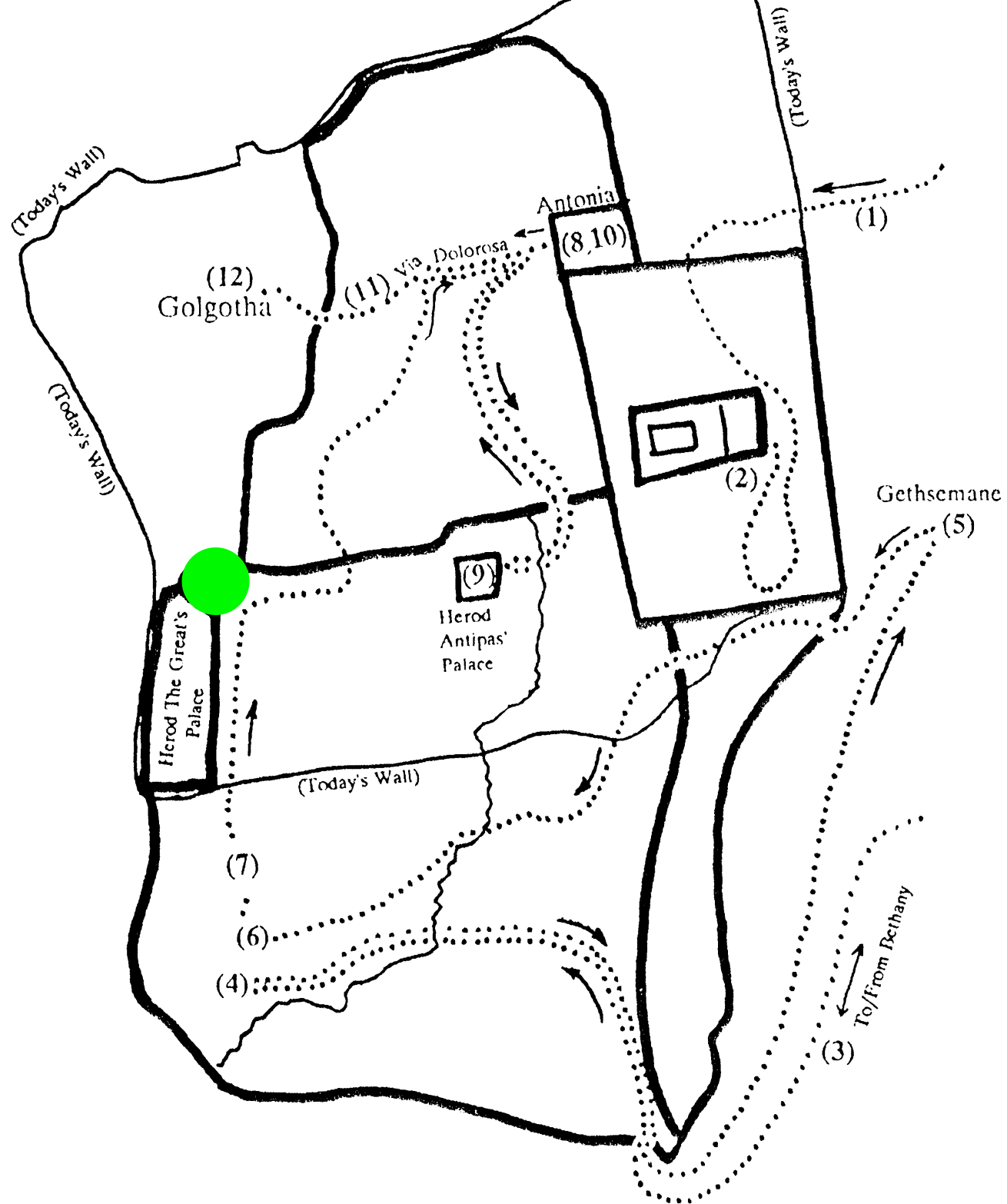


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First Century Jerusalem







Matt 27:31 After they had mocked Him, they took the ~~scarlet~~ robe off Him and put His own garments back on Him, and led Him away to crucify Him.

Mark 15:20 After they had mocked Him, they took the purple robe off Him and put His own garments on Him. And they lead Him out to crucify Him.

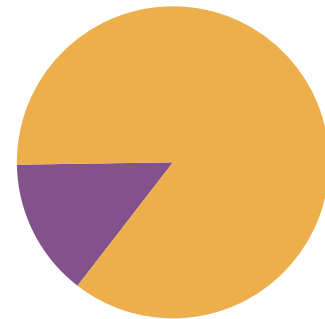
PORPHYRAN

Luke 23:26 When they led Him away,

John 19:16 So he then handed Him over to them to be crucified.

In deference to Jewish custom (in the city), the Romans return His garments.

A titulus, or small sign, stating the victims crime was usually carried at the front of the processions and later nailed to the cross above the head. This sign with its staff nailed to the top of the cross would have given it somewhat the characteristic form of the Latin cross.



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Relic From Jesus' Cross?

An Examination of the "Titulus Crucis"



1492, within the Roman Basilica of the Holy Cross of Jerusalem, an astonishing discovery was made. Behind a memorial plaque entitled "Titulus Crucis," a compelling piece of walnut wood was extracted. It is a fragment of a sign, recording in Latin, Greek and Hebrew the words "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews."

*The Roman Catholic Church possesses the relic.
Wrong! Carbon dating to the Crusader period.*

The Procession

Via Dolorosa (way of the sorrows)

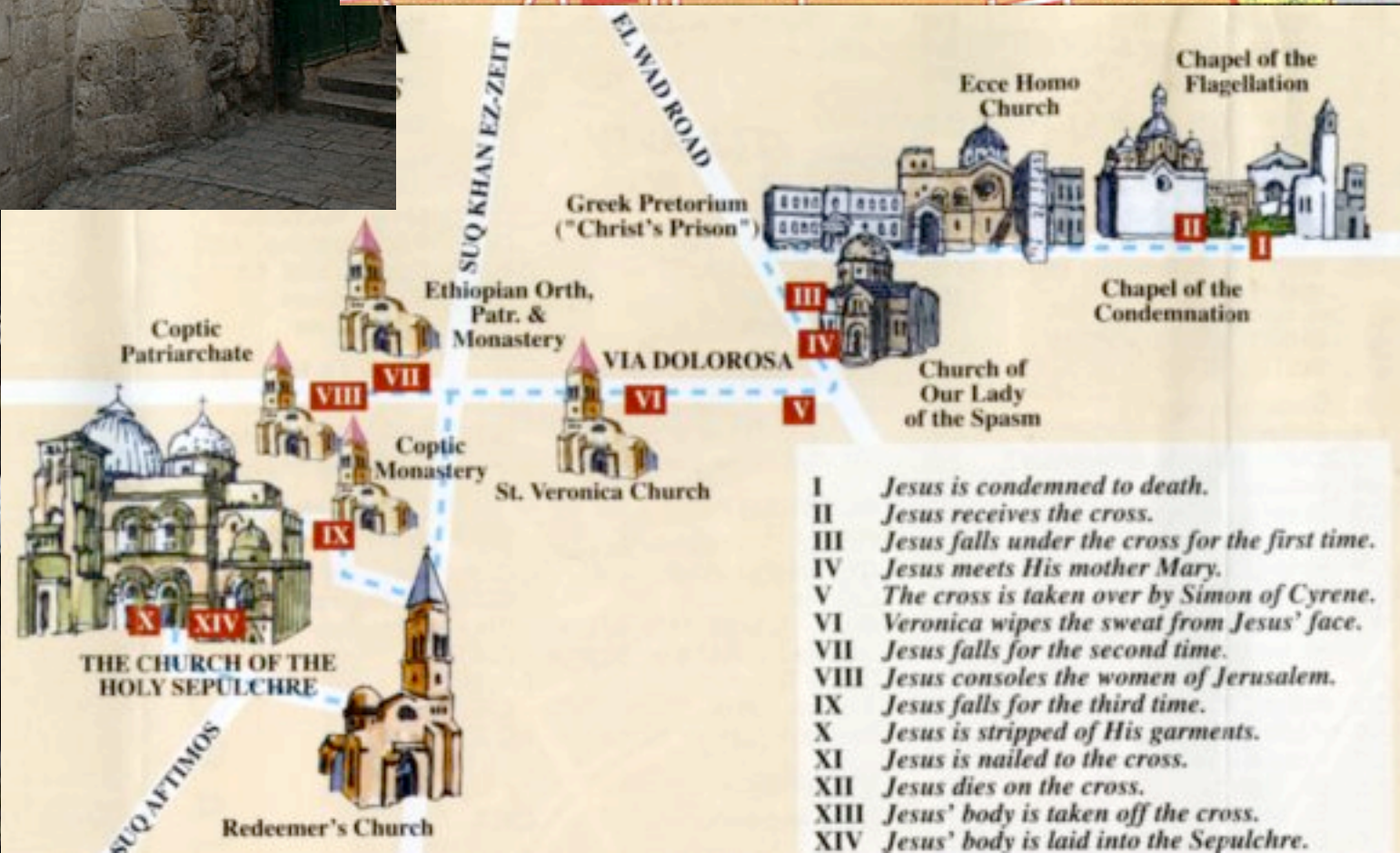
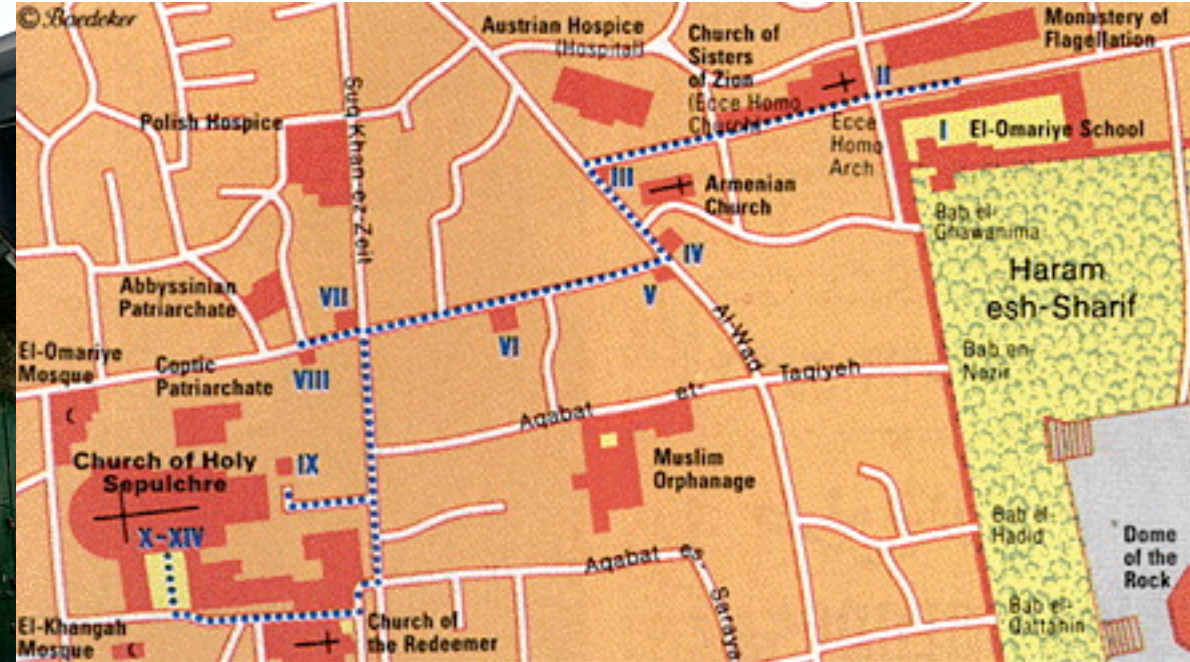
The **Stations** themselves are usually a series of 14 pictures or sculptures depicting the following scenes:

1. *Jesus is condemned to death*
2. *Jesus receives the cross*
3. *Jesus falls the first time*
4. *Jesus meets His Mother*
5. *Simon of Cyrene carries the cross*
6. *Veronica wipes Jesus' face with her veil*
7. *Jesus falls the second time*
8. *Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem*
9. *Jesus falls the third time*
10. *Jesus is stripped of His garments*
11. *Crucifixion: Jesus is nailed to the cross*
12. *Jesus dies on the cross*
13. *Jesus' body is removed from the cross (Pieta)*
14. *Jesus is laid in the tomb*

began 15-16th centuries

The tradition exists in [Roman Catholicism](#), [Anglicanism](#), and [Lutheranism](#).

Complete Myth. Only last four items are historical events.



<p><i>Matt 27:32 _As they were coming out, they found a man of Cyrene named Simon, whom they pressed into service to bear His cross.</i></p>	<p><i>Mark 15:21 They press into service a passer-by coming from the country, Simon of Cyrene (the father of Alexander and Rufus), to bear His cross.</i></p>	<p><i>Luke 23:26 When they led Him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, coming in from the country, and placed on him the cross to carry behind Jesus.</i></p>	<p><i>John 19:17They took Jesus, therefore, and He went out, bearing His own cross,</i></p>
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Roman law required the victim to carry his cross to the execution location

Jesus was weakened by interrogation scourging plus having been awake 36 hours (Thursday early morning)

Simon, believing Jew, coming into the city to observe Passover activity

traditional story is that Simon became a believer in Jesus

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*Mark 15:21_They *pressed into service a passer-by coming from the country, Simon of Cyrene (the father of Alexander and Rufus), to bear His cross.*

Rom 16:13 Greet Rufus, a choice man in the Lord, also his mother and mine.

Acts 19:33 Some of the crowd concluded *it* was Alexander, since the Jews had put him forward; and having motioned with his hand, Alexander was intending to make a defense to the assembly.

*Luke 23:26
from the*

*Acts 6:9
including
and argu*

*Acts 11:20
Antioch a*

*Acts 13:1
teachers:
Manaen u*

**Was
the Jew Simon
the ROOT OF
the CHURCH
AT ROME ?**

*Simon of Cyrene, coming in
and Jesus.*

*of the Freedmen,
in Cilicia and Asia, rose up*

*of Cyrene, who came to
the Lord Jesus.*

*there, prophets and
of Lucius of Cyrene, and
and Saul.*



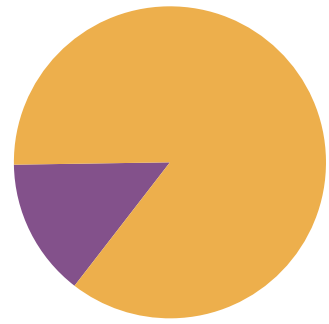
Luke 23:27_And following Him was a large crowd of the people, and of women who were mourning and lamenting Him. 28 But Jesus turning to them said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, stop weeping for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. 29 “For behold, the days are coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.’ 30 “Then they will begin TO SAY TO THE MOUNTAINS, ‘FALL ON US,’ AND TO THE HILLS, ‘COVER US.’ 31 “For if they do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

Mob from trial, not supporters

Professional mourners, not believing women at the Cross

*Consequence of their words at the trial *Mt 27:51 (His blood be upon us and our children) and Mark 3*

Ezk 20:47 principle of light to heavier



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<p><i>Matt 27:33_ And when they came to a place called Golgotha, which means Place of a Skull, 34 they gave Him wine to drink mixed with gall; and after tasting it, He was unwilling to drink.</i></p>	<p><i>Mark 15:22_ Then they bring Him to the place Golgotha, which is translated, Place of a Skull.</i></p>	<p><i>Luke 23:32-33_ Two others also, who were criminals, were being led away to be put to death with Him. _ When they came to the place called The Skull, there they crucified Him and the criminals, one on the right and the other on the left.</i></p>	<p><i>John 19:17_ They took Jesus, therefore, and He went out, bearing His own cross, to the place called the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha.</i></p>
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Aramaic - golga (skull(s)) + atha (place)

Γολγοθᾶ (Aramaic) = Latin calvaria 'skull = Place of Skull/quality

ܬܠܬܐܠܥܐ = Skull

Κρανίου Τόπος

PROPHECIES CONCERNING THE DEATH OF CHRIST

PROPHECIES	FULFILLMENT
Genesis 3:15	John 19:18 (<i>Seed of woman being bruised</i>)
Psalms 22:1	Matthew 27:46 (<i>"My God, My God"</i>)
Psalms 22:2	Matthew 27:45 (<i>darkness on earth</i>)
Psalms 22:6	Matthew 27:39-44 (<i>despised by people</i>)
Psalms 22:7, 8, 13	Matthew 27:39-44 (<i>surrounded by enemies</i>)
Psalms 22:14, 16	John 19:34, 37 (<i>pierced hands and feet</i>)
Psalms 22:17	John 19:36 (<i>no broken bones</i>)
(Exodus 12:46;	
Psalms 34:20)	
Psalms 22:17	Matthew 27:36 (<i>look at Him</i>)
Psalms 22:18	Matthew 27:35 (<i>cast lots</i>)
Psalms 22:18	John 19:24 (<i>did not tear garment</i>)
Psalms 22:21; 31:5	John 19:30 (Luke 23:46; John 10:18) (<i>gave up spirit</i>)
Psalms 35:11	Mark 14:56 (<i>false witness</i>)
Psalms 38:11	Luke 23:49 (<i>friends stood far off</i>)

Psalm 38:11

Luke 23:49 (*friends stood far off*)

Psalm 41:9

Mark 14:10 (John 13:18-19) (*Judas's betrayal*)

Psalm 69:3

John 19:28 (*"I am thirsty"*)

Psalm 69:19

Matthew 27:28-29 (*shame, reproach*)

Psalm 69:21

John 19:29 (*sour wine to drink*)

Psalm 109:25

Matthew 27:39-40 (*when they looked, they shook their heads*)

Daniel 9:26

John 11:50-52 (*exact time of death*)

Isaiah 50:6

Matthew 27:26, 30 (*beating, spitting*)

Isaiah 52:14

Matthew 27:27-30 (*disfigured by cruelty*)

Isaiah 53:1-3

Mark 15:29-32 (*despised and rejected of men*)

Isaiah 53:4-6

Mark 15:25 (1 Peter 2:24) (*crucified for our sins*)

Isaiah 53:5-6

John 19:16 (Romans 4:25; 2 Corinthians 5:21) (*an offering*)

Isaiah 53:7

Matthew 27:13-14 (*opened not His mouth*)

Isaiah 53:7

John 1:29 (*the Lamb of God*)

Isaiah 53:9

Matthew 27:56-60 (*grave with the rich*)

Isaiah 53:12

Luke 23:34 (*made intercession for transgressors*)

Isaiah 53:12

Mark 15:27-28 (*numbered with transgressors*)

Zechariah 11:12

Zechariah 11:13

Zechariah 12:10

Zechariah 13:7

Zechariah 13:7

Matthew 26: 15 (*thirty pieces of silver*)

Matthew 27:3-7 (*potter*)

Luke 23:27 (*lamented and mourned*)

Mark 14:27, 50 (*disciples scattered*)

Matthew 26:31 (*God to strike the shepherd*)

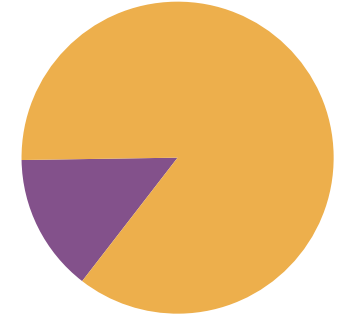
**p.1569 Ryrie NASB Study Bible*

Mark 15:23

.....They tried to give Him wine mixed with myrrh; but He did not take it.

Matt 27:34

.....they gave Him wine to drink mixed with gall; and after tasting it, He was unwilling to drink.



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~~*Soldiers are mocking Him with an undrinkable concoction*~~

By Roman law, sedative given to victim to prolong execution

Ps 69:21 They also gave me gall for my food, And for my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

It is well known that the Romans gave wine with frankincense to criminals before their execution ...

Luke 19:36 The soldiers also mocked Him, coming up to Him, offering Him sour wine,



Matt 27:34 they gave Him wine to drink mixed with gall; and after tasting *it*, He was unwilling to drink.

Matt 27:34 ἔδωκαν αὐτῷ πиеῖν οἶνον μετὰ χολῆς μεμιγμένον· καὶ γευσάμενος οὐκ ἠθέλησεν πиеῖν.

Matt 27:48 Immediately one of them ran, and taking a sponge, he filled it with sour wine and put it on a reed, and gave Him a drink.

Matt 27:48 καὶ εὐθέως δραμὼν εἷς ἐξ αὐτῶν καὶ λαβὼν σπὸγγον πλήσας τε ὄξους καὶ περιθεὶς καλάμῳ ἐπότιζεν αὐτόν.

Mark 15:23 They tried to give Him wine mixed with myrrh; but He did not take it.

Mark 15:23 καὶ ἐδίδουν αὐτῷ ἐσμυρνισμένον οἶνον· ὃς δὲ οὐκ ἔλαβεν.

Mark 15:36 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 will come to take Him down.”

Mark 15:36 δραμὼν δέ τις [καὶ] γεμίσας σπὸγγον ὄξους περιθεὶς καλάμῳ ἐπότιζεν αὐτόν λέγων· ἄφετε ἴδωμεν εἰ ἔρχεται Ἡλίας καθελεῖν αὐτόν.

Luke 23:36 The soldiers also mocked Him, coming up to Him, offering Him sour wine,

Luke 23:36 ἐνέπαιζαν δὲ αὐτῷ καὶ οἱ στρατιῶται προσερχόμενοι, ὄξος προσφέροντες αὐτῷ

John 19:29 A jar full of sour wine was standing there; so they put a sponge full of the sour wine upon *a branch of hyssop* and brought it up to His mouth.

John 19:29 σκεῦος ἔκειτο ὄξους μεστόν· σπὸγγον οὖν μεστόν τοῦ ὄξους ὑσσώπῳ περιθέντες προσήνεγκαν αὐτοῦ τῷ στόματι.

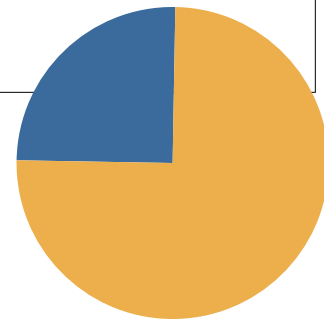
The Crucifixion

*Mark 15:24-25
.....And they
*crucified
Him, (...) It
was the third
hour when
they crucified
Him.*

*Matt
27:35
.....And
when they
had
crucified
Him,*

*Luke 23:33
.....When they came to
the place called The
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right and the other on
the left.*

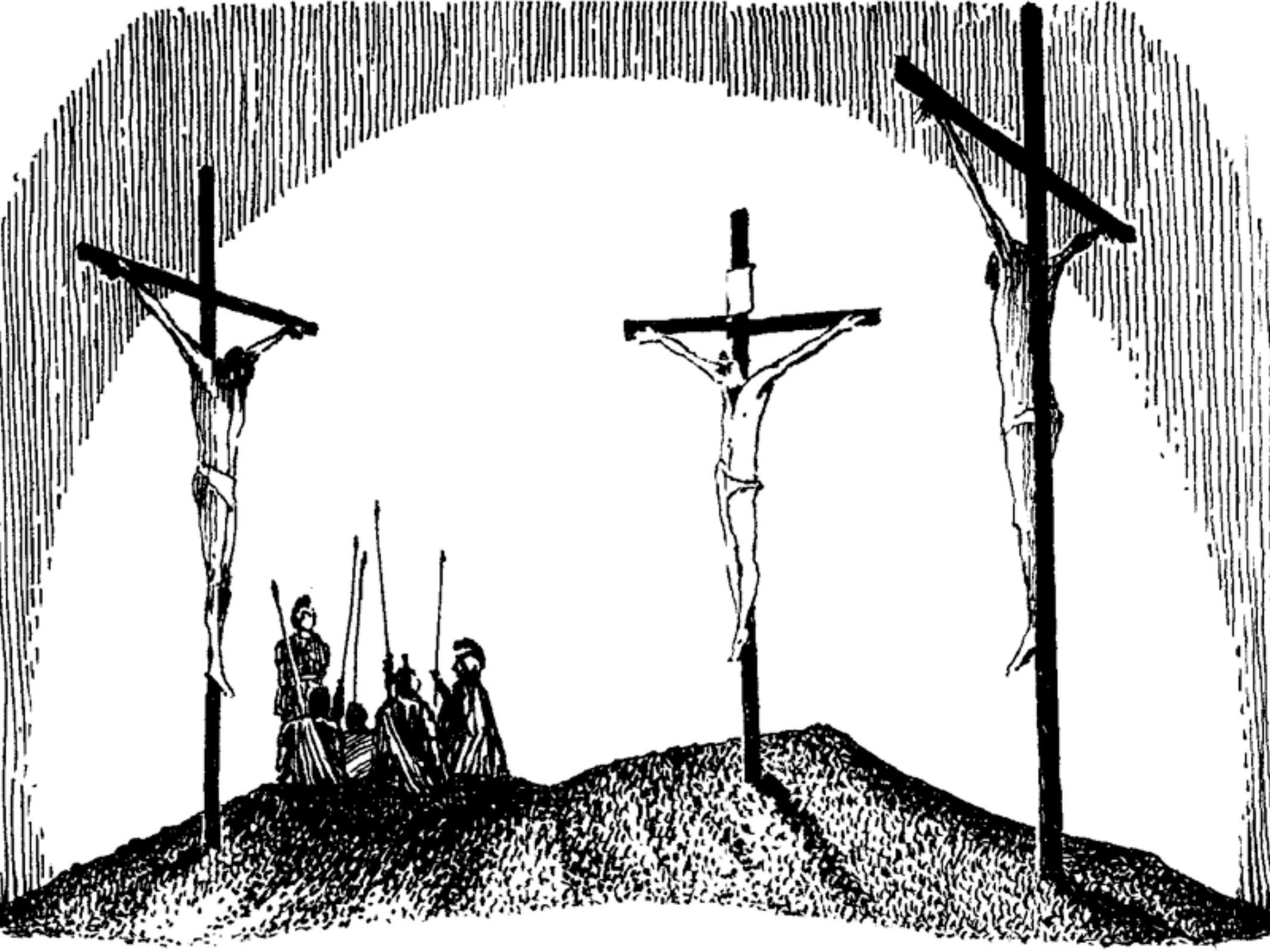
*John 19:18
.....There they
crucified Him, and
with Him two other
men, one on either
side, and Jesus in
between.*



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*How much we emphasize the physical
aspects of the crucifixion! How little
the gospel writers.*

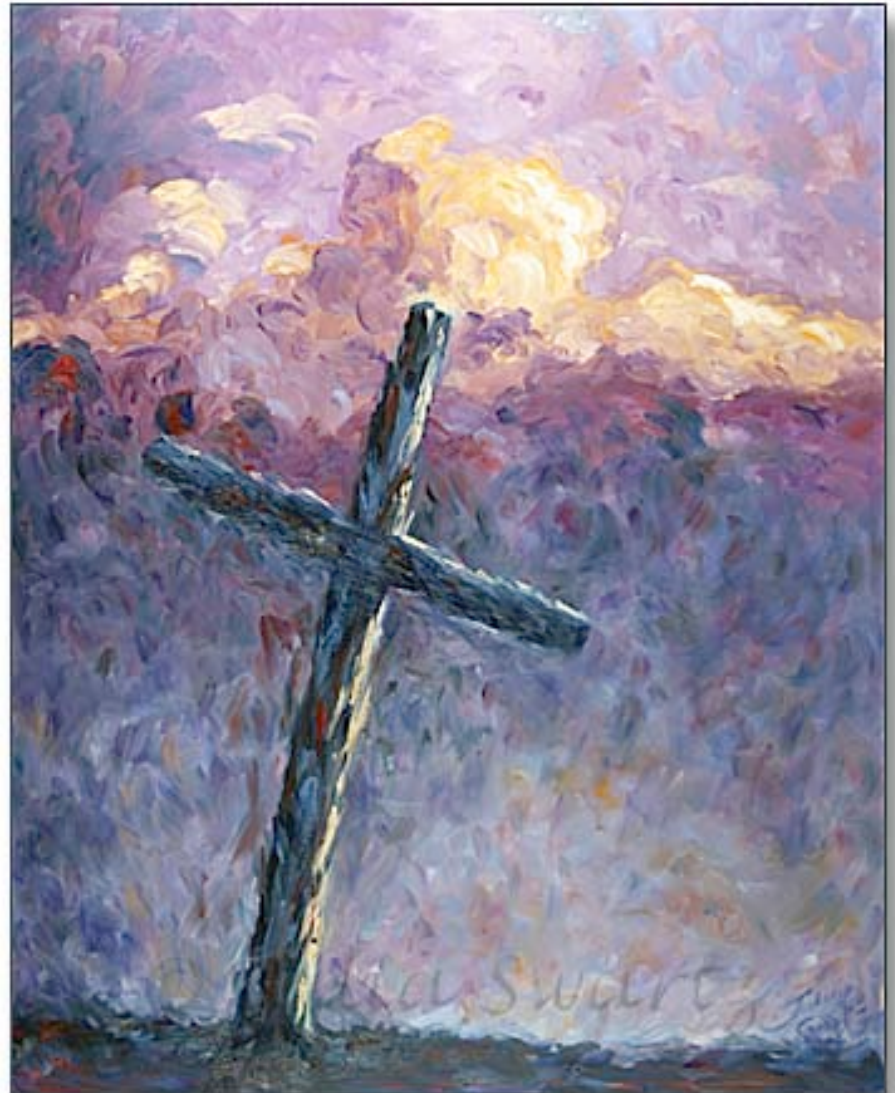
At the Temple Mount the offering the Passover Lamb is occurring



Luke 23:34

*.....But
Jesus was
saying,
“Father,
forgive
them; for
they do not
know what
they are
doing.”*

*This prayer
is only for
those who
are
ignorant,
not Annas,
Caiaphas,
etc.*



Seven Statements on the Cross

Luke 23:14	Father, Forgive them ...
Luke 23:43	Today you shall be with me ...
John 19:26-27	Woman, behold your son ...
Mk 15: 34-36 Mt 27:46-47	My God My God ...
John 19:28	I thirst ...
John 19:30	It is finished ...
Luke 23:46	Father, Into Your Hands

*Mk 15:24
And they
are
crucifying
Him, and
are dividing
up His
garments
among
themselves,
casting lots
for them to
decide what
each man
should take.*

*Matt 27:35-36
.....they
divided up
His
garments
among
themselves by
casting lots.
And sitting
down, they
began to
keep watch
over Him
there.*

*Luke
23:34
.....And
they cast
lots,
dividing
up His
garments
among
themselves
.*

*John 19:23_Then the soldiers,
when they had crucified Jesus,
took His outer garments and
made four parts, a part to
every soldier and also the
tunic; now the tunic was
seamless, woven in one piece.
24 So they said to one another,
“Let us not tear it, but cast lots
for it, to decide whose it shall
be”; this was to fulfill the
Scripture: “THEY DIVIDED
MY OUTER GARMENTS
AMONG THEM, AND FOR
MY CLOTHING THEY CAST
LOTS.” 25 Therefore the
soldiers did these things.*



Psa 22.18

*Four soldiers, each got one
piece, but did not want to cut
fifth garment, so they drew
lots for it.*









*The Wrath
of
Men*

<p><i>Mark</i> 15:25-26It was the third hour when they crucified Him. The inscription of the charge against Him read, “THE KING OF THE JEWS.”</p>	<p><i>Matt 27:37</i>And above His head they put up the charge against Him which read, “THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS.”</p>	<p><i>Luke 23:38</i>Now there was also an inscription above Him, “THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.”</p>	<p><i>John 19:19-22</i>Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It was written, “JESUS THE NAZARENE, THE KING OF THE JEWS.” Therefore many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Latin and in Greek. So the chief priests of the Jews were saying to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews’; but that He said, ‘I am King of the Jews.’” Pilate answered, “What I have written I have written.”</p>
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*Pilate’s Perspective:
This is what happens to those who attempt to usurp the rightful Roman king Caesar*

Jews’ Perspective: This is what Jesus said, He actually is not a king, so please change the sign to say He ‘claimed’ to be a king of the Jews.

Tells the style of cross used at Jesus execution

Mark 15:27-28

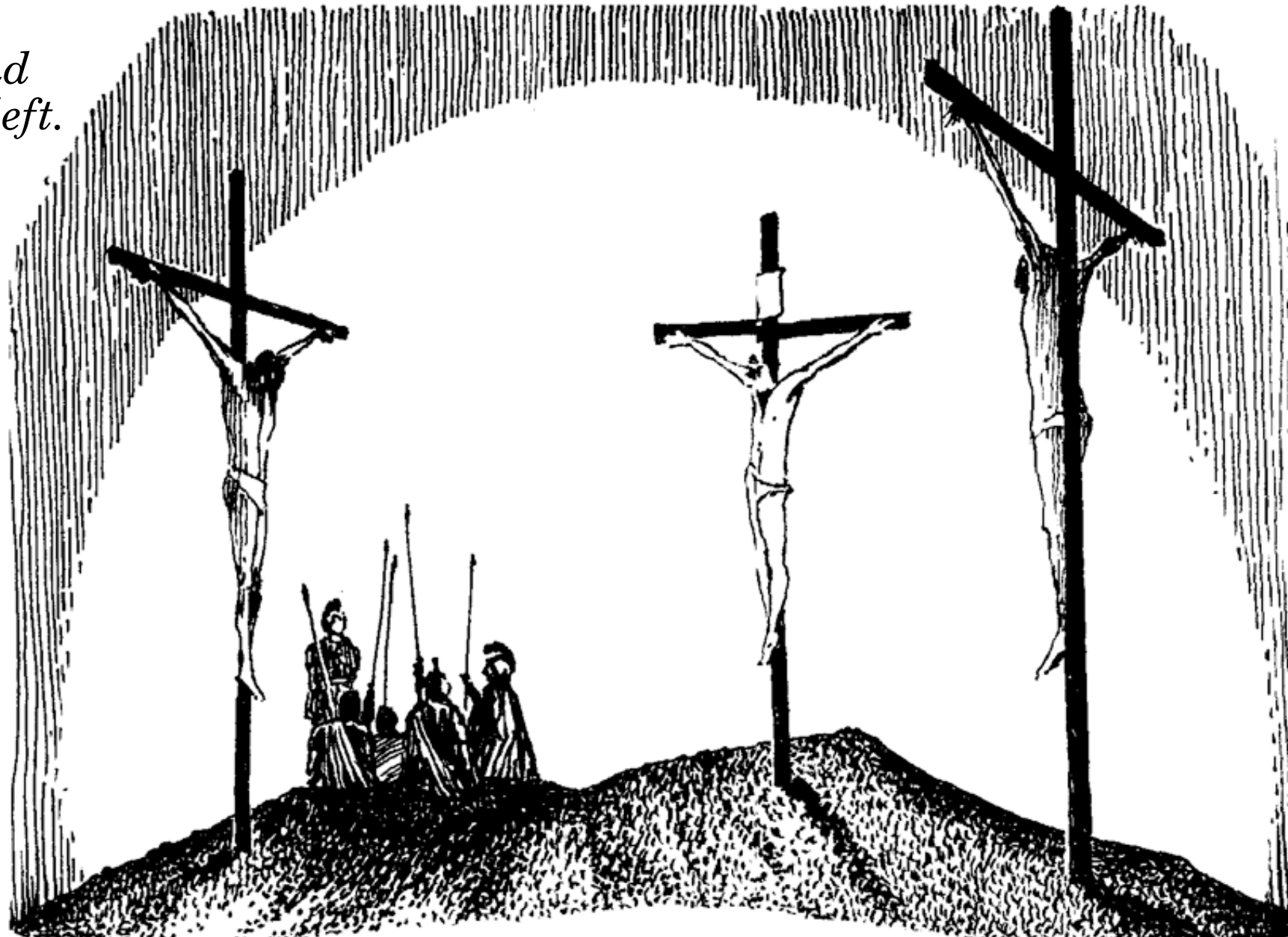
*.....They
crucify two
robbers with
Him, one on
His right and
one on His left.*

*not robbers, rebels or insurrectionists,
probably terrorists since killings were
part of Barabbas description*

Isa 53:12

*.....And was
numbered
with the
transgressors;*

.....



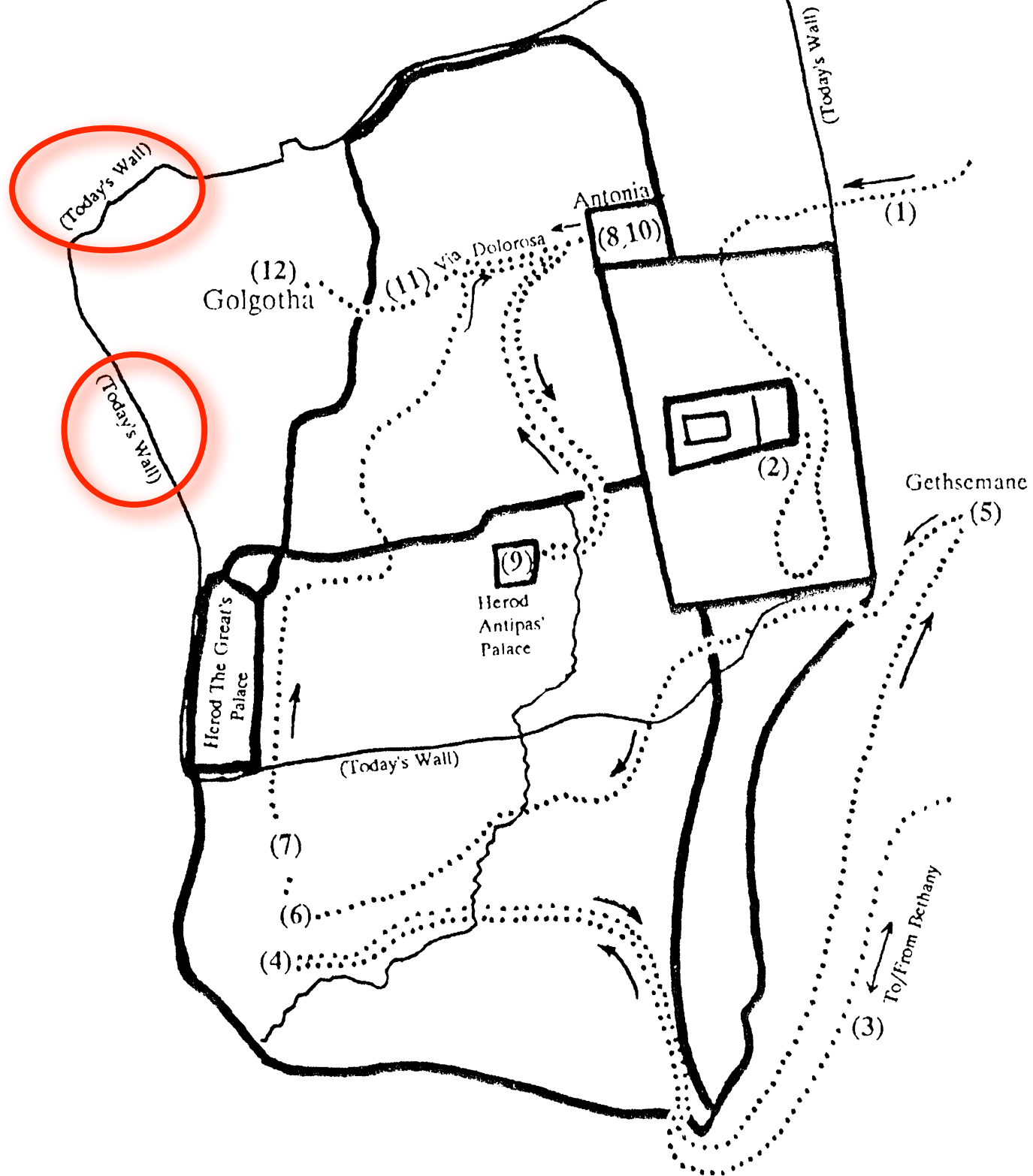
The Jews Passing By

Mark 15:29-30

.....Those passing by were hurling abuse at Him, wagging their heads, and saying, “Ha! You who are going to destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save Yourself, and come down from the cross!”

those passing my on the main road on the way to the Passover activities





The Rulers - Sadducees and Pharisees

Mark 15:31-32

.....In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes, were mocking Him among themselves and saying, “He saved others; He cannot save Himself. “Let this Christ, the King of Israel, now come down from the cross, so that we may see and believe!”

Matt 27:41-43

.....In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking Him and saying, “He saved others; He cannot save Himself. He is the King of Israel; let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe in Him. “HE TRUSTS IN GOD; LET GOD RESCUE Him now, IF HE DELIGHTS IN HIM; for He said, ‘I am the Son of God.’”

Luke 23:35

.....And even the rulers were sneering at Him, saying, “He saved others; let Him save Himself if this is the Christ of God, His Chosen One.”

The Roman Soldiers

Luke 23:36-38

*.....The
soldiers also
mocked Him,
coming up to
Him, offering
Him sour wine,
and saying, “If
You are the
King of the
Jews, save
Yourself!*

The Others Being Crucified

*Mark 15:32
.....Those
who were
crucified
with Him
were also
insulting
Him.*

Even fellow victims join in the reproaching

Both at the beginning

καὶ οἱ συνεσταυρωμένοι σὺν
αὐτῷ ὠνείδιζον αὐτόν.

*Last attempts by Satan to divert the Son from the Cross
All mockings attack His Messianic claims
All mockings attack His power to save*

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Luke 23:14

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Luke 23:43

Today you shall be with me ...

John 19:26-27

Woman, behold your son ...

Mk 15: 34-36
Mt 27:46-47

My God My God ...

John 19:28

I thirst ...

John 19:30

It is finished ...

Luke 23:46

Father, Into Your Hands

Luke 23:39-43

.....One of the criminals who were hanged there was hurling abuse at Him, saying, "Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!" But the other answered, and rebuking him said, "Do you not even fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? "And we indeed are suffering justly, for we are receiving what we deserve for our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." And he was saying, "Jesus, remember me when You come in Your kingdom!" And He said to him, "Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise."

*he recognized he was sinful
he recognized Jesus was sinless
he concluded Jesus could save him
he believed in the truth about Jesus
he believed a future kingdom to come*

*καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· ἀμήν σοι λέγω,
σήμερον μετ' ἐμοῦ ἔσῃ ἐν τῷ
παραδείσῳ.*

Jesus responds:

-Jesus and he (sg.) will be together in The Paradise place,

Observations:

-the faith of the murder would save him

-the man was unable to merit saving

-the man was unable to clean away his sin

***OT Saints were saved by faith!
End of discussion.***

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John 19:25-27

*.....But standing by the cross of Jesus were His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus then saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He *said to His mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then He *said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" From that hour the disciple took her into his own household.*

Mark 15:40-41

.....There were also some women looking on from a distance, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the Less and Joses, and Salome. When He was in Galilee, they used to follow Him and minister to Him; and there were many other women who came up with Him to Jerusalem.

Matt 27:56; Mark 15:40, 47-16:1; Luke 24:10; John 19:25; Acts 1:14

Lord, Come Soon!