

d) *The Two Swords.*

Luke 22:35-38

35 And he said to them, "When I sent you out with no purse or bag or sandals, did you lack anything?" They said, "Nothing." 36 He said to them, "But now, let him who has a purse take it, and likewise a bag. And let him who has no sword sell his mantle and buy one. 37 For I tell you that this scripture must be fulfilled in me, 'And he was reckoned with transgressors'; for what is written about me has its fulfillment." 38 And they said, "Look, Lord, here are two swords." And he said to them, "It is enough."

238. THE WAY TO GETHSEMANE; PETER'S DENIAL PROPHESED.

Matt. 26:30-35

30 And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. 31 Then Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away because of me this night; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' 32 But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee."

Mark 14:26-31

26 And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. 27 And Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.' 28 But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee." <sup>w</sup>

Luke 22:39

39 And he came out, and went as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him.

22:31-34 (§ 237c, p. 167):

31 "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, 32 but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail; and when you have turned again, strengthen your brethren."

Matt. 26:31 = Mark 14:27—Zechariah 13:7. Luke 22:37—Isaiah 53:12.

<sup>w</sup> Verse 28 omitted in the Fayum Fragment.

To Matt. 26:30 and parallels cf. John 18:1—When Jesus had spoken these words, he went forth with his disciples across the Kidron valley, where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered.

To Matt. 26:31 and parallels cf. John 16:32—"The hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, every man to his home, and will leave me alone; yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me."

To Mark 14:27-30 cf. Fayum Fragment— . . . . while he was going out he said, "This night you will all fall away, as it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.'" When Peter said, "Even though all, not I," Jesus said, "Before the cock crows twice, you will this day deny me three times."

<p><sup>33</sup> Peter declared to him, "Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away." <sup>34</sup> Jesus said to him, "Truly, I say to you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." <sup>35</sup> Peter said to him, "Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you." And so said all the disciples.</p>	<p><sup>29</sup> Peter said to him, "Even though they all fall away, I will not." <sup>30</sup> And Jesus said to him, "Truly, I say to you, this very night, before the cock crows twice,<sup>x</sup> you will deny me three times." <sup>31</sup> But he said vehemently, "If I must die with you, I will not deny you." And they all said the same.</p>	<p><sup>33</sup> And he said to him, "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death." <sup>34</sup> He said, "I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you three times deny that you know me."</p>
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239. JESUS IN GETHSEMANE.

Matt. 26:36-46

<sup>36</sup> Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I go yonder and pray." <sup>37</sup> And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. <sup>38</sup> Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch<sup>y</sup> with me." <sup>39</sup> And going a little farther, he fell on his face and prayed,

Mark 14:32-42

<sup>32</sup> And they went to a place which was called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I pray." <sup>33</sup> And he took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly distressed and troubled. <sup>34</sup> And he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch."<sup>y</sup> <sup>35</sup> And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him.

Luke 22:40-46

<sup>40</sup> And when he came to the place he said to them, "Pray that you may not enter into temptation." <sup>41</sup> And he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed,

Matt. 26:38 = Mark 14:34—Psalm 42:6.

<sup>x</sup> text: A B Θ λ φ ϩ vg sy<sup>o</sup> sy<sup>p</sup> sa bo; omit, *twice*: S C D W it. <sup>y</sup> Or, *keep awake*.

To Matt. 26:33 and parallels cf. John 13:36-38—<sup>36</sup> Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, where are you going?" Jesus answered, "Where I am going you cannot follow me now; but you shall follow me afterward." <sup>37</sup> Peter said to him, "Lord, why cannot I follow you now? I will lay down my life for you." <sup>38</sup> Jesus answered, "Will you lay down your life for me? Truly, truly, I say to you, the cock will not crow, till you have denied me three times."

To Matt. 26:36 and parallels cf. John 18:1.

To Matt. 26:38 = Mark 14:34 cf. John 12:27—"Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, for this purpose I have come to this hour."

"My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt."

<sup>36</sup> And he said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible to thee; remove this cup from me; yet not what I will, but what thou wilt."

<sup>42</sup> "Father, if thou art willing, remove this cup from me; nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done." <sup>43</sup> And there appeared to him an angel from heaven, strengthening him. <sup>44</sup> And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down upon the ground. <sup>45</sup> And when he rose from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping for sorrow, and he said to them, "Why do you sleep?"

<sup>40</sup> And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "So you could not watch<sup>a</sup> with me one hour?"

<sup>37</sup> And he came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch<sup>a</sup> one hour?"

<sup>41</sup> Watch<sup>a</sup> and pray that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

<sup>38</sup> Watch<sup>a</sup> and pray that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

<sup>42</sup> Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, 'thy will be done.'" <sup>43</sup> And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy.

again he went away and prayed, saying the same words.

<sup>40</sup> And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to answer him.

<sup>44</sup> So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. <sup>45</sup> Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. <sup>46</sup> Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand."

<sup>41</sup> And he came the third time, and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough; the hour has come; the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. <sup>42</sup> Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand."

<sup>a</sup> text: S D Θ λ ϩ it vg sy<sup>c</sup> sy<sup>p</sup> Justin, Irenaeus, Hippolytus; omit verses 43-44: A B W φ sy<sup>o</sup> sa bo. <sup>a</sup> Or, *keep awake*.

To Matt. 26:39b and parallels cf. John 18:11—Jesus said to Peter, "... shall I not drink the cup which the Father has given me?"

To Matt. 26:46 = Mark 14:42 cf. John 14:31—"Rise, let us go hence."

240. JESUS TAKEN CAPTIVE.

Matt. 26:47-56

47 While he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. 48 Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I shall kiss is the man; seize him." 49 And he came up to Jesus at once and said, "Hail, Master!"<sup>b</sup> And he kissed him. 50 Jesus said to him, "Friend, why are you here?"<sup>c</sup> Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus and seized him.

51 And behold, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword, and struck the slave of the high priest, and cut off his ear. 52 Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. 53 Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? 54 But how then should the scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?" 55 At that hour Jesus said to the crowds,

"Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me?"

Mark 14:43-52

43 And immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. 44 Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I shall kiss is the man; seize him and lead him away safely." 45 And when he came, he went up to him at once, and said, "Master!"<sup>b</sup> And he kissed him.

46 And they laid hands on him and seized him.

47 But one of those who stood by drew his sword, and struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his ear.

48 And Jesus said to them,

"Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me?"

Luke 22:47-53

47 While he was still speaking, there came a crowd, and the man called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them.

He drew near to Jesus to kiss him; 48 but Jesus said to him, "Judas, would you betray the Son of man with a kiss?" 49 And when those who were about him saw what would follow, they said, "Lord, shall we strike with the sword?" 50 And one of them

struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. 51 But Jesus said, "No more of this!" And he touched his ear and healed him.

52 Then Jesus said to the chief priests and captains of the temple and elders, who had come out against him, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs?

<sup>b</sup> Or, *Rabbi*. <sup>c</sup> Or, *do that for which you have come*.

To § 240 cf. John 18:2-11.

Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me.

56 But all this has taken place, that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled." Then all the disciples forsook him and fled.

49 Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me.

But let the scriptures be fulfilled."

50 And they all forsook him and fled.

51 And a young man followed him, with nothing but a linen cloth about his body; and they seized him, 52 but he left the linen cloth and ran away naked.

53 When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness."

241. JESUS BEFORE THE SANHEDRIN. PETER'S DENIAL.

Matt. 26:57-75

57 Then those who had seized Jesus led him to Caiaphas, the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had gathered. 58 But Peter followed him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and going inside he sat with the guards to see the end.

Mark 14:53-72

53 And they led Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes were assembled. 54 And Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, and warming himself at the fire.

Luke 22:54-71

54 Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him<sup>d</sup> into the high priest's house. Peter followed at a distance; 55 and when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them.

<sup>d</sup> text: S A B φ R sa bo; omit, *bringing him*: D Θ λ it vg sy<sup>o</sup> sy<sup>a</sup>.

To Matt. 26:55b, and parallels cf. John 18:20—Jesus answered him, "I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all Jews come together; I have said nothing secretly."

To Matt. 26:57 and parallels, cf. John 18:12-14—<sup>12</sup> So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Jews seized Jesus and bound him. <sup>13</sup> First they led him to Annas; for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. <sup>14</sup> It was Caiaphas who had given counsel to the Jews that it was expedient that one man should die for the people.

To Matt. 26:58 and parallels, cf. John 18:15-16—<sup>15</sup> Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. As this disciple was known to the high priest, he entered the court of the high priest along with Jesus, <sup>16</sup> while Peter stood outside at the door. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the maid who kept the door, and brought Peter in.

See vv. 69-75, § 241, pp. 174-175.

See vv. 66-72, § 241, pp. 174-175.

<sup>56</sup> Then a maid, seeing him as he sat in the light and gazing at him, said, "This man also was with him." <sup>57</sup> But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him." <sup>58</sup> And a little later some one else saw him and said, "You also are one of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not." <sup>59</sup> And after an interval of about an hour still another insisted, saying, "Certainly this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean." <sup>60</sup> But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are saying." And immediately, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. <sup>61</sup> And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times." <sup>62</sup> And he went out, and wept bitterly.

<sup>63</sup> Now the men who were holding Jesus mocked him and beat him; <sup>64</sup> they also blindfolded him and asked him, "Prophesy! Who is it that struck you?" <sup>65</sup> And they spoke many other words against him, reviling him.

<sup>66</sup> When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people gathered together, both chief priests and scribes; and they led him away to their council,

<sup>59</sup> Now the chief priests and the whole council sought false testimony against Jesus that they might put him to death, <sup>60</sup> but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward.

<sup>55</sup> Now the chief priests and the whole council sought testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. <sup>56</sup> For many bore false witness against him, and their witness did not agree.

See v. 67

See v. 65

See 27:1

See 15:1

To Matt. 26:59 = Mark 14:55, cf. John 18:19-24.

At last two came forward <sup>61</sup> and said, "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to build it in three days.'"

<sup>62</sup> And the high priest stood up and said "Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?" <sup>63</sup> But Jesus was silent.

And the high priest said to him, "I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God."

<sup>64</sup> Jesus said to him, "You have said so. But I tell you, hereafter you will see the Son of man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven."

<sup>65</sup> Then the high priest tore his robes, and said, "He has uttered blasphemy. Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. <sup>66</sup> What is your judgment?" They answered, "He deserves death."

<sup>67</sup> Then they spat in his face, and struck him; and some slapped him, <sup>68</sup> saying, "Prophesy to us, you Christ! Who is it that struck you?"

<sup>57</sup> And some stood up and bore false witness against him, saying, <sup>58</sup> "We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.'"

<sup>59</sup> Yet not even so did their testimony agree. <sup>60</sup> And the high priest stood up in the midst, and asked Jesus, "Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?" <sup>61</sup> But he was silent and made no answer.

Again the high priest asked him,

"Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?"

<sup>62</sup> And Jesus said, "I am; and you will see the Son of man sitting at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven."

<sup>63</sup> And the high priest tore his mantle, and said,

"Why do we still need witnesses? <sup>64</sup> You have heard his blasphemy. What is your decision?" And they all condemned him as deserving death. <sup>65</sup> And some began to spit on him, and to cover his face, and to strike him, saying to him, "Prophesy!"

And the guards received him with blows.

and they said,

<sup>67</sup> "If you are the Christ, tell us." But he said to them, "If I tell you, you will not believe; <sup>68</sup> and if I ask you, you will not answer.

<sup>66</sup> But from now on the Son of man shall be seated at the right hand of the Power of God."

<sup>70</sup> And they all said, "Are you the Son of God, then?" And he said to them, "You say that I am." <sup>71</sup> And they said,

"What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips."

<sup>63</sup> (See above, p. 173): Now the men who were holding Jesus mocked him and beat him; <sup>64</sup> they also blindfolded him and asked

him, "Prophesy! Who is it that struck you?" <sup>65</sup> And they spoke many other words against him, reviling him.

Matt. 26:64 (24:30) = Mark 14:62 (13:26) = Luke 22:69 (21:27)—Psalm 110:1, Daniel 7:13. Matt. 26:65f. = Mark 14:64, cf. Leviticus 24:16.

To Matt. 26:61 and Mark 14:58 cf. John 2:19—Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

69 Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. And a maid came up to him,

and said, "You also were with Jesus the Galilean." 70 But he denied it before them all, saying, "I do not know what you mean."

71 And when he went out to the porch, another maid saw him, and she said to the bystanders, "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth."

72 And again he denied it with an oath, "I do not know the man."

73 After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, "Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you."

74 Then he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, "I do not know the man."

And immediately the cock crowed.

75 And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus,

"Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

66 And as Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the maids of the high priest came; 67 and seeing Peter warming himself, she looked at him, and said, "You also were with the Nazarene, Jesus." 68 But he denied it, saying, "I neither know nor understand what you mean."

And he went out into the gateway. 69 And the maid saw him, and began again to say to the bystanders, "This man is one of them."

70 But again he denied it. And after a little while again the bystanders said to Peter, "Certainly you are also one of them; for you are a Galilean."

71 But he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, "I do not know this man of whom you speak." 72 And immediately the cock crowed a second time.

And Peter remembered how Jesus had said to him, "Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times." And he broke down and wept.

73 And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times."

74 And he went out and wept bitterly.

56 (See above, p. 173): Then a maid, seeing him as he sat in the light and gazing at him, said, "This man also was with him."

57 But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him."

58 And a little later some one else saw him and said, "You also are one of them."

But Peter said, "Man, I am not."

59 And after an interval of about an hour still another insisted, saying, "Certainly this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean."

60 But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are saying." And immediately, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed.

61 And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times."

62 And he went out and wept bitterly.

\* text: S B W sy<sup>a</sup> sa bo; add, and the cock crowed: A C D Θ λ φ Ϟ it vg sy<sup>p</sup>

To Matt. 26:69ff and parallels, cf. John 18:17, 25-27: 17 The maid who kept the door said to Peter, "Are you also one of this man's disciples?" He said, "I am not." . . . 25 Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They said to him, "Are not you also one of his disciples?" He denied it and said, "I am not." 26 One of the servants of the high priest, a kinsman of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?" 27 Peter again denied it; and at once the cock crowed.

To Matt. 26:74 cf. Gospel according to the Hebrews, according to a marginal note in some manuscripts—The Jewish gospel has: and he denied, and he swore and he cursed.

242. JESUS DELIVERED TO PILATE.

Matt. 27:1-2

1 When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death; 2 and they bound him and led him away

and delivered him to Pilate, the governor.

Mark 15:1

1 And as soon as it was morning the chief priests, with the elders and scribes, and the whole council held a consultation; and they bound Jesus and led him away

and delivered him to Pilate.

Luke 23:1

22:66 (See above, p. 173): When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people gathered together, both chief priests and scribes; and they led him away to their council.

23:1 Then the whole company of them arose, and brought him before Pilate.

243. THE DEATH OF JUDAS.

Matt. 27:3-10

3 When Judas, his betrayer, saw that he was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders, 4 saying, "I have sinned in betraying innocent blood." They said, "What is that to us? See to it yourself." 5 And throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself. 6 But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money." 7 So they took counsel, and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in. 8 Therefore that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. 9 Then was fulfilled what had been spoken by the prophet Jeremiah, saying, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him on whom a price had been set by some of the sons of Israel, 10 and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord directed me."

244. THE TRIAL BEFORE PILATE.

Matt. 27:11-14

11 Now Jesus stood before the governor;

Mark 15:2-5

Luke 23:2-5

2 And they began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man perverting our nation, and forbidding us to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ a king."

Matt. 27:9-10—Zechariah 11:12-13; Jeremiah 32:6-15; 18:2-3.

To § 242, cf. John 18:28-32. To § 243 cf. Acts 1:18-19.

To Matt. 27:9 cf. Gospel according to the Hebrews (Jerome, Commentary on Matthew 27:9)—I read not long ago in a certain Hebrew book which a Jew of the Nazarene sect gave me—an apocryphal book of Jeremiah, in which I found this (Matt. 27:9b-10) written word for word.

and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said to him, "You have said so." <sup>12</sup> But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he made no answer. <sup>13</sup> Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?" <sup>14</sup> But he gave them no answer, not even to a single charge; so that the governor wondered greatly.

<sup>2</sup> And Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" And he answered him, "You have said so." <sup>3</sup> And the chief priests accused him of many things. <sup>4</sup> And Pilate again asked him, "Have you no answer to make? See how many charges they bring against you." <sup>5</sup> But Jesus made no further answer, so that Pilate wondered.

<sup>3</sup> And Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" And he answered him, "You have said so." <sup>4</sup> And Pilate said to the chief priests and the multitudes, "I find no crime in this man." <sup>5</sup> But they were urgent, saying, "He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee even to this place."

245. JESUS BEFORE HEROD.  
Luke 23:6-16

<sup>6</sup> When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. <sup>7</sup> And when he learned that he belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him over to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. <sup>8</sup> When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had long desired to see him, because he had heard about him, and he was hoping to see some sign done by him. <sup>9</sup> So he questioned him at some length; but he made no answer. <sup>10</sup> The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. <sup>11</sup> And Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then, arraying him in gorgeous apparel, he sent him back to Pilate. <sup>12</sup> And Herod and Pilate became friends with each other that very day, for before this they had been at enmity with each other.

To Matt. 27:11ff and parallels, cf. John 18:33-37. To Matt. 27:14 and Mark 15:5 cf. John 19:9-10—<sup>9</sup> He entered the praetorium again and said to Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave no answer. <sup>10</sup> Pilate therefore said to him, "You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?" To Luke 23:4-5 cf. John 19:6—When the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out, "Crucify him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no crime in him."

<sup>13</sup> Pilate then called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, <sup>14</sup> and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and after examining him before you, behold, I did not find this man guilty of any of your charges against him; <sup>15</sup> neither did Herod, for he sent him back to us. Behold, nothing deserving death has been done by him; <sup>16</sup> I will therefore chastise him and release him."

246. THE SENTENCE OF DEATH.

Matt. 27:15-26

<sup>15</sup> Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. <sup>16</sup> And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. <sup>17</sup> So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Barabbas<sup>g</sup> or Jesus who is called Christ?" <sup>18</sup> For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up. <sup>19</sup> Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much over him today in a dream." <sup>20</sup> Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the people to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. <sup>21</sup> The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." <sup>22</sup> Pilate said to

Mark 15:6-15

<sup>6</sup> Now at the feast he used to release for them one prisoner whom they asked. <sup>7</sup> And among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in the insurrection, there was a man called Barabbas. <sup>8</sup> And the crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do as he was wont to do for them. <sup>9</sup> And he answered them, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" <sup>10</sup> For he perceived that it was out of envy that the chief priests had delivered him up. <sup>11</sup> But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him released for them Barabbas instead.

<sup>12</sup> And Pilate again said to them,

Luke 23:17-25

(17)<sup>f</sup> <sup>18</sup> But they all cried out together, "Away with this man, and release to us Barabbas"—<sup>19</sup> a man who had been thrown into prison for an insurrection started in the city, and for murder. <sup>20</sup> Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release Jesus;

Cf. v. 19

<sup>f</sup> text: A B sa bo; add verse 17, *Now he was obliged to release one man to them at the festival*: S W Θ λ φ ϩ it vg sy<sup>p</sup>; verse 17 follows verse 19:D. <sup>g</sup> text: S A B D W φ ϩ it vg sy<sup>p</sup> sa bo; *Jesus Barabbas*: Θ λ sy<sup>p</sup>.

To § 246 cf. John 18:38-40; 19:4-16.

To Matt. 27:16 cf. Gospel according to the Hebrews (in Jerome, *Commentary on Matthew 27:16*)—Barabbas, in the gospel which is written according to the Hebrews, is interpreted, "Son of their master." He had been condemned because of insurrection and murder.

them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?"

They all said, "Let him be crucified."

<sup>23</sup> And he said, "Why, what evil has he done?"

But they shouted all the more. "Let him be crucified."

<sup>24</sup> So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood,<sup>h</sup> see to it yourselves." <sup>25</sup> And all the people answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!"

<sup>26</sup> Then he released for them Barabbas,

and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified.

"Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?"

<sup>13</sup> And they cried out again, "Crucify him."

<sup>14</sup> And Pilate said to them, "Why, what evil has he done?"

But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him."

<sup>15</sup> So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd,

released for them Barabbas;

and having scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

<sup>21</sup> but they shouted out, "Crucify, crucify him!"

<sup>22</sup> A third time he said to them, "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no crime deserving death; I will therefore chastise him and release him." <sup>23</sup> But they were urgent, demanding with loud cries that he should be crucified. And their voices prevailed.

<sup>24</sup> So Pilate gave sentence that their demand should be granted. <sup>25</sup> He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, whom they asked for; but Jesus he delivered up to their will.

To Matt. 27:24 cf. Deuteronomy 21:6-8.

<sup>h</sup> text: B D Θ it (many MSS.) sy<sup>a</sup> sa; this righteous blood or this righteous man's blood: S A W λ & it (many MSS.) vg (most MSS.) sy<sup>p</sup> bo.

To Matt. 27:23 and parallels, cf. John 19:6, 7, 15—<sup>6</sup> When the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out, "Crucify him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no crime in him." <sup>7</sup> The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and by that law he ought to die, because he has made himself the Son of God." . . . <sup>15</sup> They cried out, "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."

To Matt. 27:26 and parallels, cf. John 19:16—Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

To Matt. 27:26b-31 = Mark 15:15b-20 cf. *Gospel of Peter II.5b—III.9*—And he delivered him to the people before the first day of Unleavened Bread, their feast day. *III.6* And having taken the Lord, they pushed him as they ran and said, "Let us drag around the Son of God now that we have power over him." <sup>7</sup> And they put a purple robe on him, and made him sit on the seat of judgment, saying, "Judge justly, king of Israel." <sup>8</sup> And one of them brought a crown of thorns and put it on the Lord's head; <sup>9</sup> and others stood and spat in his eyes and still others slapped his cheeks; others pricked him with a reed, and some of them scourged him, saying, "With this honor let us honor the Son of God."

247. THE MOCKING BY THE SOLDIERS.

Matt. 27:27-31

<sup>27</sup> Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the praetorium, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. <sup>28</sup> And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe upon him, <sup>29</sup> and plaiting a crown of thorns they put it on his head, and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him they mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" <sup>30</sup> And they spat upon him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. <sup>31</sup> And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe, and put his own clothes on him, and led him away to crucify him.

Mark 15:16-20

<sup>16</sup> And the soldiers led him away inside the palace (that is, the praetorium); and they called together the whole battalion. <sup>17</sup> And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and plaiting a crown of thorns they put it on him. <sup>18</sup> And they began to salute him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" <sup>19</sup> And they struck his head with a reed, and spat upon him, and they knelt down in homage to him. <sup>20</sup> And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak, and put his own clothes on him. And they led him out to crucify him.

See v. 26

248. THE ROAD TO GOLGOTHA.

Matt. 27:32

<sup>32</sup> As they were marching out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; this man they compelled to carry his cross.

Mark 15:21

<sup>21</sup> And they compelled a passer-by, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross.

Luke 23:26-32

<sup>26</sup> And as they led him away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus. <sup>27</sup> And there followed him a great multitude of the people, and of women who bewailed and lamented him. <sup>28</sup> But Jesus turning to them said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. <sup>29</sup> 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 gave suck!' <sup>30</sup> Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' <sup>31</sup> For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?" <sup>32</sup> Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him.

See v. 38

See v. 27

Luke 23:30—Hosea 10:8.

To § 247 cf. John 19:1-3.

249. THE CRUCIFIXION.

Matt. 27:33-44

33 And when they came to a place called Golgotha, (which means the place of a skull), 34 they offered him wine to drink, mingled with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it.

35 And when they had crucified him,

See v. 38

they divided his garments among them by casting lots; 36 then they sat down and kept watch over him there.

37 And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus the King of the Jews." 38 Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. 39 And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads 40 and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down<sup>k</sup> from the cross."

Mark 15:22-32

22 And they brought him to the place called Golgotha, (which means the place of a skull). 23 And they offered him wine mingled with myrrh; but he did not take it.

24 And they crucified him,

See v. 27

and divided his garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take. 25 And it was the third hour, when they crucified him. 26 And the inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." 27 And with him they crucified two robbers, one on his right and one on his left.<sup>j</sup> 29 And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads, and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, 30 save yourself,

and come down from the cross!"

Luke 23:33-43

33 And when they came to the place which is called The Skull,

there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on the right and one on the left.

34 And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."<sup>i</sup> And they cast lots to divide his garments. 35 And the people stood by, watching;

See v. 38

See vv. 32, 33

See v. 37

Matt. 27:34 (= Mark 15:23) = Luke 23:36—cf. Psalm 69:21. Matt. 27:35 = Mark 15:24 = Luke 23:34b—Psalm 22:18. Matt. 27:39 = Mark 15:29 = Luke 23:35—Psalm 22:7.

<sup>i</sup> text: S A C λ φ ϩ it vg sy<sup>o</sup> sy<sup>p</sup> Marcion, Irenaeus, Origen; omit, And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do"; B D W Θ sy<sup>a</sup> sa bo. <sup>j</sup> text: S A B C D sy<sup>a</sup> sa bo; add verse 28, And the scripture was fulfilled which says, "He was reckoned with transgressors": Θ λ φ ϩ it vg sy<sup>p</sup>. (Cf. Isaiah 53:12.) <sup>k</sup> text: B W Θ λ φ ϩ vg sa bo; save yourself, if you are the Son of God, and come down: S A D it sy<sup>a</sup> sy<sup>p</sup>.

To Matt. 27:33 and parallels cf. John 19:17—So they took Jesus, and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which is called in Hebrew Golgotha.

To Matt. 27:35 and parallels cf. John 19:23-24.

To Matt. 27:37 and parallels cf. John 19:19—Pilate also wrote a title and put it on the cross; it read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews."

To Matt. 27:38 and parallels cf. John 19:18—There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them.

To Luke 23:34 cf. Gospel according to the Hebrews (in Haimo of Auxerre, Commentary on Isaiah 53:12)—For as is contained in the gospel of the Nazarenes: at this word of the Lord, many thousands of Jews standing around the cross, believed.

41 So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, 42 "He saved others; he cannot save himself.

He is 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 deliver him now, if he desires him; for he said, 'I am the Son of God.'"

See v. 48

See v. 40

See v. 37

44 And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.

31 So also the chief priests mocked him to one another with the scribes, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. 32 Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross, that we may see and believe."

See v. 36

See v. 30

See v. 26

Those who were crucified with him also reviled him.

but the rulers scoffed at him saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!"

36 The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him vinegar, 37 and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" 38 There was also an inscription over him,<sup>l</sup> "This is the King of the Jews."

39 One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" 40 But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? 41 And we indeed justly; for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." 42 And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingly power."<sup>m</sup> 43 And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Matt. 27:43—Psalm 22:8.

<sup>l</sup> text: B sy<sup>o</sup> sy<sup>a</sup> sa bo; add, in letters of Greek and Latin and Hebrew: S A D W Θ λ φ ϩ it vg sy<sup>p</sup>. (Cf. John 19:20.) <sup>m</sup> Greek, kingdom.

To Matt. 27:33-44 cf. Gospel of Peter IV. 10-14—<sup>10</sup> And they brought two criminals and crucified the Lord between them; and he was silent, as one having no pain. <sup>11</sup> And when they had set up the cross, they wrote on it, "This is the King of Israel." <sup>12</sup> And they laid his garments before him, and divided them, and cast lots for them. <sup>13</sup> But one of those criminals reviled them, saying, "We have suffered in this way for the evils we have done; but in what way has this man injured you, who has become the Savior of men?" <sup>14</sup> And they were angry with him and commanded that his legs should not be broken in order that he might die in agony.



250. THE DEATH ON THE CROSS.

<p><b>Matt. 27:45-56</b> 45 Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land<sup>a</sup> until the ninth hour.</p> <p>46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" 47 And some of the bystanders hearing it said, "This man is calling Elijah." 48 And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave it to him to drink. 49 But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." 50 And Jesus cried again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.</p>	<p><b>Mark 15:33-41</b> 33 And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land<sup>a</sup> until the ninth hour.</p> <p>34 And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" 35 And some of the bystanders hearing it said, "Behold, he is calling Elijah." 36 And one ran and, filling a sponge full of vinegar, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." 37 And Jesus uttered a loud cry, and breathed his last.</p>	<p><b>Luke 23:44-49</b> 44 It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land<sup>a</sup> until the ninth hour, 45 while the sun's light failed;° and the curtain of the temple was torn in two.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">See v. 36</p> <p>46 Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into thy hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last.</p>
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Matt. 27:46 = Mark 15:34—Psalm 22:1. Matt. 27:48 = Mark 15:36—Psalm 69:21. Luke 23:46—Psalm 31:5.

<sup>a</sup> Or, *earth*. ° text: S B C sa bo Origen; *the sun was darkened*: A D W Θ λ φ ϩ it vg sy<sup>o</sup> sy<sup>p</sup>.  
<sup>p</sup> text: A D W Θ λ φ ϩ it vg sy<sup>p</sup> sa bo; add, *and another took a spear and pierced his side, and there came out water and blood*: S B C. Cf. John 19:34.

To Matt. 27:48 and parallels cf. John 19:29—A bowl full of vinegar stood there; so they put a sponge full of the wine on hyssop and held it to his mouth.

To Luke 23:46 cf. John 19:30—When Jesus had received the vinegar, he said, "It is finished"; and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. Cf. also John 19:31-37.

To Matt. 27:45-51 cf. *Gospel of Peter V. 15-20*—<sup>15</sup> Now it was noonday, and darkness prevailed over all Judea, and they were afraid and distressed for fear the sun had set while he was still alive. For it is written for them that the sun should not set upon one put to death. <sup>16</sup> And one of them said, "Give him gall with vinegar to drink." And they mixed them and gave it to him. <sup>17</sup> And they fulfilled all things and brought their sins to an end upon their own heads. <sup>18</sup> And many went about with lamps, supposing it was night, and fell. <sup>19</sup> And the Lord cried out, "My power, my power, thou hast forsaken me." And, saying this, he was taken up. <sup>20</sup> And in the same hour the curtain of the temple of Jerusalem was torn in two.

<p>51 And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom; and the earth shook, and the rocks were split; 52 the tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. 53 and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. 54 When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe, and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"</p> <p style="text-align: center;">See v. 36</p> <p>55 There were also many women there, looking on from afar, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him; 56 among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.</p>	<p>38 And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.</p> <p>39 And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that he thus<sup>a</sup> breathed his last, he said "Truly this man was the Son of God!"</p> <p>40 There were also women looking on from afar, among whom were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joseph, and Salome, 41 who, when he was in Galilee, followed him, and ministered to him; and also many other women who came up with him to Jerusalem.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">See v. 45</p> <p>47 Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, and said, "Certainly this man was innocent!" 48 And all the multitudes who assembled to see the sight, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts. 49 And all his acquaintances and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance and saw these things.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">To Matt. 27:55f = Mark 15:40f cf. Luke 8:3 (§ 84, p. 60).</p>
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Luke 23:49—Psalm 38:11

<sup>a</sup> text: S B sa; *saw that he having thus cried out breathed his last*: A C λ φ it vg sy<sup>p</sup>; *saw him having thus cried out and breathed his last*: D; *saw that he having cried out breathed his last*: W Θ sy<sup>o</sup>; *saw that he breathed his last*: bo.  
<sup>o</sup> Or, *a son*.

To Matt. 25:55 and parallels cf. John 19:25—Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

To Matt. 27:51 cf. *Gospel according to the Hebrews* (in Jerome, *Letter to Hedibia 120.8.2*. and *Commentary on Matthew 27:51*): In the gospel that is written in Hebrew letters, we read, not that the curtain of the temple was torn, but that the astonishingly large lintel of the temple fell down.

To Luke 23:48 cf. *Gospel of Peter VII. 25*—Then the Jews and the elders and the priests, when they perceived what great evil they had done to themselves, began to lament and to say, "Woe for our sins; the judgment and the end of Jerusalem has drawn near."

To Matt. 27:55ff. and parallels, cf. Tatian, *Diatessaron* in Dura Parchment 24— . . . of Zebedee and Salome, and the women who followed him from Galilee seeing him who had been crucified. It was the day of Preparation; the sabbath was beginning. And when it was evening on the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, there came a man from Erinmathaias, a city of Judea, whose name was Joseph. He was good and righteous, being a disciple of Jesus, but had been condemned secretly on account of the fear of the Jews, and looked for the kingdom of God. He had not consented to the purpose. . . .

## 251. THE BURIAL OF JESUS.

## Matt. 27:57-61

57 When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus.

58 He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.

Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him.

59 And Joseph took the body, and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud, 60 and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock; and he rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb, and departed. 61 Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the sepulchre.

## Mark 15:42-47

42 And when evening had come, since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, 43 Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council,

who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. 44 And Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead.<sup>r</sup>

45 And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph.

46 And he bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud, and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb.

47 Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus saw where he was laid.

*Cf. 16:1*

## Luke 23:50-56

50 Now there was a man named Joseph from the Jewish town of Arimathea. He was a member of the council, a good and righteous man, 51 who had not consented to their purpose and deed, and he was looking for the kingdom of God. 52 This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.

53 Then he took it down and wrapped it in a linen shroud, and laid him in a rock-hewn tomb, where no one had ever yet been laid. 54 It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning.<sup>s</sup> 55 The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and saw the tomb, and how his body was laid; 56 then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments.

On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

Matt. 27:57-60 = Mark 15:43-46 = Luke 23:50-54—cf. Deuteronomy 21:22-23, Exodus 34:25. Luke 23:56—cf. Exodus 12:16; 20:9-10; Deuteronomy 5:13-14.

<sup>r</sup> text: B D W Θ it vg bo; *whether he had been some time dead*: S A C λ φ Ⓢ sy<sup>p</sup> sa; *whether he was dead*: sy<sup>s</sup>.  
<sup>s</sup> Greek, *was dawning*.

To § 251 cf. John 19:38-42.

To Matt. 27:57ff. and parallels, cf. *Gospel of Peter VI. 21-24*—<sup>21</sup> And then they drew out the nails from the hands of the Lord and laid him upon the earth. And the whole earth was shaken and there came a great fear. <sup>22</sup> Then the sun shone and it was found to be the ninth hour. <sup>23</sup> And the Jews rejoiced and gave his body to Joseph, to bury it, because he had seen all the good things which he did. <sup>24</sup> And he took the Lord, and washed him, and wrapped him in a linen shroud, and brought him to his own tomb, called the garden of Joseph.