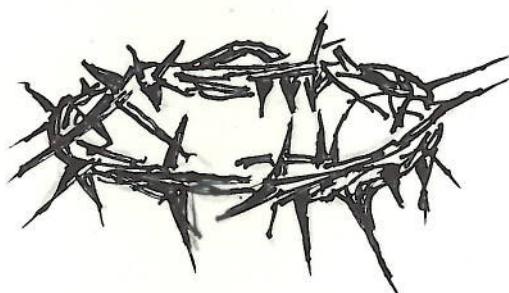


Luke 23. verse 3.

Then Pilate asked him "Are you the King of the Jews?" He answered, "You say ["] so.



Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate.² They began to accuse him, saying 'We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king'.³ Then Pilate asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' He answered, 'You say so!' Then Pilate said to the chief priest and the crowds, 'I find no basis for an accusation against this man.'⁴ But they were insistent and said, 'He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.'⁵

When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was, he said, 'Has this nothing to do with Herod? He's his judge, not me.'

Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time.

⁸ When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus

¹⁰ gave him no answer. ¹⁰ The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him.

¹¹ Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him and sent him back to Pilate.

¹² That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before that they had been enemies.

¹³ Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, ¹⁴ and said to them, 'You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found

this man guilty of any of your charges against him.¹⁵ Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death.

¹⁶ I will therefore have him flogged and release him.

¹⁸ Then they all shouted out together, "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!" ¹⁹ (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.)

²⁰ Pilate wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; ²¹ but they kept shouting, 'Crucify, crucify him!' ²² A third time he said to them why what evil has done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death. I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.

²³ But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and so it was.

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So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand
²⁵ should be granted. He released the man they asked
for, the one who had been put in prison for
insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus
over as they wished.

The Crucifixion of Jesus

²⁶ As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind ^{27.}

JESUS. A GREAT NUMBER OF THE PEOPLE FOLLOWED HIM,

AND AMONG THEM WERE WOMEN WHO WERE BEATING THEIR ^{28.}

BREASTS AND WAILING FOR HIM. BUT JESUS TURNED TO THEM AND SAID, "DAUGHTERS OF JERUSALEM, DO NOT WEEP FOR ME, BUT WEEP FOR YOURSELVES AND FOR YOUR CHILDREN.

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For the days are surely coming when they will say,

"Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed."

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Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ³¹ "Fall on us"; and to the hills "Cover us". For If they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?

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Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place they call The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one ^{33.} to his left and one to his right.

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Father, forgive them; for they know not what they are doing. And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵ And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' ³⁶

The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷ and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." ³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? 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 have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' ⁴² Then he said "Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom." ⁴³ He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise".

The Death of Jesus

⁴⁴ It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon,⁴⁵ while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two.⁴⁶ Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit". Having said this, he breathed his last.⁴⁷ When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, "Certainly this man was innocent".⁴⁸ And when all the crowds who had gathered there for his spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home beating their breasts.⁴⁹ But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

The Burial of Jesus.

⁵⁰ Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph,

to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God.⁵²

This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.⁵³ Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid.⁵⁴ It was the day of preparation and the sabbath was beginning.⁵⁵ The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they 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.

The Resurrection of Jesus

- 1 But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices which they had prepared.
- 2 And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb,
3 but when they went in they did not find the body. 4 While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. 5 And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead?
- 6 Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee,⁷ that the Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and on the third day rise." 8 And they remembered his words.

9 and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest 10 Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told this to the apostles; 11 but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them 12 But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stopping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home wondering at what had happened.

The Walk to Emmaus

¹³ That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁴

15 While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them.¹⁶ But their eyes were kept from recognizing him.

17 And he said to them, "What is this conversation which you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad.

18 Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"¹⁹ And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty indeed and word before God and all the people.²⁰ and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him.

21 But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since this happened.²² Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning²³ and did not find his body; and they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive.²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb, and found it just as the women had said; but him they did not see."

25 And he said to them, "O foolish men, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?"

26 Was it necessary that I ^{should} suffer these things and enter into glory?.

27 And beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself. 28 so they drew near to the village to which they were going. He ²⁹ appeared to be going further, but they constrained him, saying, "Stay with us, for it is towards evening and the day is now far spent," so he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ And their eyes were opened and they recognized him; and he vanished out of their sight. 32 They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the scriptures?"

33. And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven gathered together and those who were with them, 34. who said "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!"³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.³⁶ While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."³⁷ They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost.

³⁸ He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?

³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have."⁴⁰ And when he

had said this, he showed them his hands and

his feet. ⁴¹ While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you

anything here to eat?" ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate in their presence. ⁴⁴ Then he said to them, "These are many My words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the ~~the~~ prophets, and the Psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and rise from the dead on the third day" ⁴⁷ And that Repentance and Forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." ⁵⁰ Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them.

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While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵² And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³ and they were continually in the temple blessing God.