

Matthew: Jesus, The King of Kings

Golgotha (They Crucified Him)

Matthew 27:32-66

<p>Previously</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pilate, The Mob, The Murderer, The Just Man 	<p>Today</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Skull, The Cross, The King • Bible: His-Story (flashbacks today)
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[Pray]

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<p>Coming out of the Praetorium Jesus very beat up (remember the scourging) Someone to help carry the heavy cross (whole thing or cross member)</p> <p>Cyrene Roman city in Libya, North Africa 800 mile boat trip - likely for Passover</p>	<p>How far do we go for God? Sabbath day's journey. Muslims pilgrimage to mecca (whole message in Simon's task)</p> <p>Finding a Good Church</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • just because it's physically close? • it leads us spiritually close to God? • hard to find - worth the trip
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<p>Simon, common name "hearing" <i>Simon Peter's opportunity if he hadn't denied?</i></p> <p>Compelled him to carry the cross</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obviously not desirable • heavy, • people would look at you and think you were the one going to be crucified • You wouldn't want to end up there and have them forget they made you just carry it and end up putting you up on it. 	<p>Cross Jewelry, Church Logos</p> <p>It was a torturous execution device.</p> <p>Shameful to be seen around.</p> <p>Imagine a church logo or jewelry of Electric chair. Guillotine.</p>
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<p>Golgotha (gall ga tha) - skull Rock formation of hill looked like a skull</p> <p>Skull is symbol of death, pirates, poison, danger, evil to be feared (biker patches, masks)</p> <p><i>Coollest imagery for a church IMO Calvary Chapel translates to basically GOLGOTHA GROUP</i></p>	<p>This is where they led the King Not a throne, but a cross</p> <p>Remember who Jesus is - the creator of everything. Son (image) of God. Ruler of the Heaven, the spiritual world, the physical universe.</p> <p>Remember how awful the cross was</p>
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<p>Sour wine, mingled with gall</p> <p>We take our beverage choices for granted Not so Back then - irty water, warm milk/cream, warm wine (occasionally fresh) Not as alcoholic - wine was the way to preserve the juice - only thing you could do with it</p> <p>Sour wine - been sitting in some soldier's bag, sat on a horse in the sun for a few days - 3-5 days old at minimum</p> <p>Word is vinegar (vine - v is w - winegar) "posca" the mixture of sour wine or vinegar and water which the Roman soldiers were accustomed to drink</p>	<p>Gall - bitter, wormwood, myrrh Roman wormwood - plant oil - used for absinthe or vermouth - liquor</p> <p><i>Roman soldiers have their irish coffee, a little old wine spiked</i></p> <p><i>Interesting, at least in English, the similarity of golgotha and gall - this was a very bitter, sour, unpleasant place</i></p> <p>He wouldn't drink it after tasting Why not? He had to have been thirsty. Likely it was offered to give him reprieve, maybe even a little painkiller</p> <p><u>Jesus wouldn't lessen the pain of life with illicit substances</u></p> <p><u>Mt. 26:29 won't drink until anew in the kingdom (can't we wait, too?)</u></p>
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<p>Then they crucified him Matthew gives three short words - words which we might have to unpack but would have sent chills down the spine of any contemporary reader</p>	<p>Large, long nails - railroad spikes</p> <p>Placement: Likely wrists, not hands as they would tear Feet nailed in place, likely over top of another - through top of foot ankle bones</p>
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<p>Nails on chalkboard is bad, let alone the scraping of rusty iron nails across bone in flesh</p> <p>Cross pulled up into place? likely falls into ground - or if he was held up and nailed to a tree?</p>	<p>Painful? No. Excruciating. You'd die by suffocation - trying to pull yourself up by the nails in between your bones Jesus also scourged...back raw, now rubbing with each pull and breath on the rough wood</p>
<p>Numbers 21:8-9 - Then the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and it shall be that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, shall live." So Moses made a bronze serpent, and put it on a pole; and so it was, if a serpent had bitten anyone, when he looked at the bronze serpent, he lived. Bronze judgment, serpent (sin)</p>	<p>Deuteronomy 21:22-23 - "If a man has committed a sin deserving of death, and he is put to death, and you hang him on a tree, "his body shall not remain overnight on the tree, but you shall surely bury him that day, so that you do not defile the land which the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance; for he who is hanged is accursed of God. Acacia wood - ark of cov - good for water</p>
<p>Divided garments - clothes, expensive, hard to find - not torn, one piece Maybe also the robe from herod</p> <p>Cast lots, dice Prov 16:31 - God knew who'd win the clothes of His Son Ps. 22:18 fulfilled (read 1-18 if time)</p>	<p>Soldiers sat down - on the ground, on a rock? Hanging out as if by a campfire. Not worried (standing guard) sitting down, at ease, <u>resting - while Jesus hung there</u> fighting for every breath just above them.</p>
<p>Normal for the guys at this post, at this awful place, blood stained ground, maybe old crucifixion nails strewn about, just a normal day for them like any other</p>	<p>The places many people live, work, frequent - have become normal lives led in awful, bitter places, numb and unaware of the horrors above and below</p>
<p>The sign above Him?</p> <p>Supposed to be his crimes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● crime committed. ● criminal caught. Displayed in his shame, naked for all to see. ● verdict - excruciating death. <p>Jesus' crime? Being King. The real king.</p>	<p>John 19:20-22 - Then many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin. Therefore the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'He said, 'I am the King of the Jews.' ' ' Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written."</p>

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<p>Business as usual in the Empire</p> <p>Two other Roman crucifixions that day passover didn't matter to them,</p> <p>One on right hand, other left</p> <p>Remember James & John asking this at the prompting of their mother?</p>	<p>Matthew 20:22-23 - But Jesus answered and said, "You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They said to Him, "We are able." So He said to them, "You will indeed drink My cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with; but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared by My Father."</p>
<p>Like a billboard on the way in and out of town</p> <p>Everyone travelling for Passover Priests, scribes, pharisees, saducees</p> <p>Matthew says they blasphemed him - this is ultimate blasphemy. God on a cross and judging him as worthy of it. Not able to do what he's claimed.</p> <p>Flesh cannot understand the things of the spirit</p>	<p>Matthew 5:22 - "But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, 'Raca!' shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, 'You fool!' shall be in danger of hell fire.</p> <p><i>OH yeah, you're God? Son of God? Get off of there! You have power? Use it!</i></p> <p>The temptation from satan in the wilderness given slyly now hurled as insults</p>
<p>The robbers joined in- did they know who he was, they'd probably heard something. Were these guys caught stealing during passover? Were they tried the day before, same morning, right after Jesus? Passover pickpockets? Robbing merchants? On the road going after all the travellers?</p>	

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<p>Sixth hour to ninth hour</p> <p>Noon to 3pm - Jesus likely 9am-3pm</p> <p>Brightest part of the day covered in darkness Eclipse? They only last a handful of minutes Impossible. Passover during full moon. Phlegon stars seen</p>	<p>Joshua 10:13 - So the sun stood still, And the moon stopped, Till the people had revenge Upon their enemies. Is this not written in the Book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and did not hasten to go down for about a whole day.</p>
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<p>Supernatural darkness</p> <p>God took revenge upon his enemies - by taking it out on His Son</p> <p>Jesus, the son of God, taking the place of God's enemies</p> <p>Read >></p> <p>Romans talks of abandonment judgment Darkness, without light, in our age</p>	<p>Exodus 10:21-23 - Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, darkness which may even be felt." So Moses stretched out his hand toward heaven, and there was thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days. They did not see one another; nor did anyone rise from his place for three days. But all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings.</p>
<p>Jesus is the light of the world - snuffing out the light of the world leaves nothing but darkness</p>	<p>Matthew 6:22-23 - "The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. "But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness!</p>

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<p>Eli Eli lama Sabachthani?</p> <p>Mishearing God</p> <p><i>the utterance was not meant for the ears of men."</i> (Bruce)</p> <p>Jewish idea that Elijah was coming back Empty seat at the table</p> <p><< after verse</p> <p>At this moment God the Father considered the Son a sinner - separated - this the cup</p>	<p>Matthew 17:10-13 - And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Why then do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Indeed, Elijah is coming first and will restore all things. But I say to you that Elijah has come already, and they did not know him but did to him whatever they wished. Likewise the Son of Man is also about to suffer at their hands." Then the disciples understood that He spoke to them of John the Baptist.</p>
<p>Let us see if Elijah will come Did they really think so? Felt like superstition - if Elijah answers!</p>	<p>False belief of praying to the godly dead -certainly not the truth the Bible teaches - in fact, the very opposite</p>

<p>Matthew 16:1 - Then the Pharisees and Sadducees came, and testing Him asked that He would show them a sign from heaven.</p> <p><< after</p> <p><i>O sirs, if I had a dear brother who had been murdered, what would you think of me if I valued the knife which had been crimsoned with his blood? — If I made a friend of the murderer, and daily consorted with the assassin, who drove the dagger into my brother's heart? Surely I, too, must be an accomplice in the crime! Sin murdered Christ; will you be a friend to it? Sin pierced the heart of the Incarnate God; can you love it?"</i> (Spurgeon)</p>	<p>Matthew really touches on the main points versus John, likely because he wasn't there? Maybe this is a soldier's account? Or a pharisee who got saved?</p> <p>John 19:28-30 - After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I thirst!" Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there; and they filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on hyssop, and put it to His mouth. So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.</p>
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<p>The Temple Veil - Giant Curtain</p> <p>Tabernacle, Solomon's Temple, Second temple, now the contested area in Israel with the wailing wall and dome of the rock</p> <p>Site will be important in the last days</p>	<p>Separating the holy place (showbread, menorah, alter of incense)</p> <p>And the holy place (Ark of Covenant: manna, Aaron's staff, 10 Commandments inside)</p> <p>Mercy seat - couldn't touch - priest went in once a year - day of atonement</p>
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Josephus' descriptions - Wars 5.5.4

before these doors there was a veil of equal largeness with the doors. It was a Babylonian curtain, embroidered with blue, and fine linen, and scarlet, and purple, and of a contexture that was truly wonderful. Nor was this mixture of colors without its mystical interpretation, but was a kind of image of the universe; for by the scarlet there seemed to be enigmatically signified fire, by the fine flax the earth, by the blue the air, and by the purple the sea; two of them having their colors the foundation of this resemblance; but the fine flax and the purple have their own origin for that foundation, the earth producing the one, and the sea the other. This curtain had also embroidered upon it all that was mystical in the heavens, excepting that of the [twelve] signs, representing living creatures

Alfred Edersheim, The Life and Times of Jesus the Messiah:

*The Veils before the Most Holy Place were 40 cubits (60 feet) long, and 20 (30 feet) wide, of the thickness of the palm of the hand, and wrought in 72 squares, which were joined together; **and these Veils were so heavy, that, in the exaggerated language of the time, it needed 300 priests to manipulate each.** If the Veil was at all such as is described in the Talmud, it could not have been rent in twain by a mere earthquake or the fall of the lintel, although its composition in squares fastened together might explain, how the rent might be as described in the Gospel.*

Revelation 6:12-17 (for homework? Sun darkened, stars fall, earthquake, sky rolled up)

<p>The veil tearing was no act of man</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Father tearing his clothes in anguish • Father removing any separation • Feely enter into His presence through the sacrifice of Jesus 	<p>John 4:23-24 - "But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."</p>
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<p>Do we ever talk of what happens here? The dead who came to life at Jesus' resurrection</p> <p>We think Jesus was the only one! He was the firstborn of the dead (Col 1:18)</p>	<p>Imagine: You wake up in your grave, the tombs are open and you just walk out and head back home? The last thing you remembered was being sick or getting hit by the donkey cart in the road...</p>
<p>They didn't rise during the cross, when Jesus resurrected</p> <p>The explosion of Jesus' resurrection power. Zombies!</p> <p>Like Lazarus, each would live again, to die again.</p> <p>Jesus will never die again. And we will all be resurrected into our heavenly bodies</p>	<p>We think that heaven is some ethereal plane where we play harps on clouds <u>It is more real than everything we know to be real</u></p> <p>We think spirits to be vapor, but the opposite, Everything we know to be real is a vapor (vanity) compared to the reality of heaven!</p> <p>The resurrection is real! It is the proof The Holy Spirit the guarantee of our forgiveness. Of heaven. Without it, as a component of the cross, salvation is incomplete. we're all lost if there's no resurrection.</p>

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<p>Centurion and those with him Roman NCO - commands 100+ soldiers</p> <p><u>Again, the Gentiles got it!</u></p>	<p>Matthew 8:8-10 - The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. "For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, 'Go,'</p>
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<p>and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!</p>	<p>Same guy? Heard from the grapevine? Some of the scoffers from earlier?</p> <p>Maybe this alone was enough to convince them? <u>Unlike any of the 100s of crucifixions this was different.</u></p>
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The women!

The big old tough men got scared and afraid and ashamed and ran away from Jesus

John was the only disciple to stick around.

But the women they stuck around!

:57-61

<p>The violence of the cross is left out. The breaking of the legs. The scattering crowds and terror of the earthquake and darkness. Nobody was there to take the body.</p> <p>The Romans still had charge over Jesus' body after death</p> <p>Joseph had a new tomb, one in which no one had been Fitting for Jesus, the son of God. He had no where to be born, but he had a wonderful place to be buried.</p> <p>One that had not experienced death before</p>	<p>Our bodies of sin and death - tombs until Jesus came in and filled us with life</p> <p>Clean cloth - Shroud of Turin?</p> <p>There's problems there, but maybe it is. I wouldn't be surprised, but people also seem to be fascinated with it versus the fascination over Jesus. Lying sign and wonder or actual artifact? Will we ever know?</p> <p>Does it matter? Jesus isn't in it. It's just a cloth with no purpose for burial only to point to life.</p>
<p>The stone was large, so I think he <i>had</i> it rolled in front, unless Joseph was buff</p>	<p>Mary's still there How long do we hang around Jesus ?</p>

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<p>Day of preparation Slaughter the lambs Prepare the feast</p>	<p>Three days? Third day! 72 hours to fourth day? No. 1,2,3 today, tomorrow, day after</p>
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John 2:18-22 - So the Jews answered and said to Him, "**What sign do You show to us, since You do these things?**" Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." Then the Jews said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?" **But He was speaking of the temple of His body.**

Therefore, when He had risen from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this to them; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had said.

Pharisees were worried about a false resurrection

Again worried about their own losing control

<p>Requested on the Sabbath...</p> <p>Secure as you know how</p> <p>His Roman detail knew how to secure a VIP Enough men to guard the tomb on shifts.</p> <p>Sealed the stone like sealing an envelope. Proof if broken</p>	<p>Roman guarding of prisoners meant if the prisoner escaped the guard would take the sentence</p> <p>Motivation to do a good job Only had to wait a few days...</p>
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Problem is, the soldiers were guarding the outside from anyone getting in...not anyone inside getting out!

Are you dead in the tomb? Are you still looking for the resurrection? Or are you living, reborn with no fear of death?