

Crucified

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"Then Pilate therefore took Jesus, and scourged Him. And the soldiers platted a crown of thorns, and put it on His head, and they put on Him a purple robe; and said, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' And they hit Him with their hands. Pilate therefore went forth again, and said unto them, 'Behold, I bring Him forth to you, so that you may know that I find no fault in Him.' Then Jesus came forth, wearing the crown of thorns, and the purple robe. And Pilate said unto them, 'Behold the Man!' When the chief priests therefore and officers saw Him, they cried out, saying, '**Crucify Him, Crucify Him**.' Pilate said unto them, 'You Take Him, and crucify Him; for I find no fault in Him.' The Jews answered him, 'We have a law, and by our law He ought to die, because He made Himself to-be the Son of God.' When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he was even more afraid; and went again into the judgment hall, and said unto Jesus, 'From where are You?' But Jesus gave him no answer. Then Pilate said unto Him, 'Do You not speak unto me? Do You not know that **I have power to crucify You, and have power to release You?**' Jesus answered, 'You could have no power at all against Me, except it were given you from above (i.e. from the Father); therefore he who delivered Me unto you has the greater sin.' And from then onward Pilate sought to release Him; but the Jews cried out, saying, 'If you let this Man go, you are not Caesar's friend. Whoever makes himself a king speaks against Caesar.' When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus forth, and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called the Pavement, but in the Hebrew: Gabbatha. And it was the preparation-day of the **Passover**, and about the sixth hour; and he said unto the Jews, 'Behold your King!' But they cried out, '**Away with Him, away with Him, Crucify Him**.' Pilate said unto them, 'Shall I Crucify your King?' The chief priests answered, 'We have no king but Caesar.' Then he delivered Him, therefore, unto them **in order to be Crucified**. And they took Jesus, and led Him away. And **He (Jesus), bearing His cross went forth** into a place called The Place of a Skull, which is called in the Hebrew: Golgotha, **where they Crucified Him**, and two others with Him, one on either side, and Jesus in the middle." (John 19:1-18)

Crucified: from the Greek word **staurothe** a verb which means: to-be-crucified; from **stauroo**, a verb which means: to crucify; to nail to a cross (**stauros**); this kind of punishment is called Crucifixion. "The verb "stauroó" primarily means to crucify, referring to the act of executing someone by nailing or binding them to a cross." "A method of capital punishment used by the Romans, characterized by its extreme cruelty and public humiliation. In the New Testament, it is used to describe the crucifixion of Jesus Christ." (from Bible Hub)

Cross: from the Greek word **stauron** (**stauros**) which means: a cross; "the crosspiece of a Roman cross; the cross-beam placed at the top of the vertical member. "This transverse beam was the one carried by the criminal"

"Cultural and Historical Background: The '**stauros** - cross' was a common method of execution in the Roman Empire, reserved for the most severe criminals and slaves. It was a symbol of shame and suffering. However, in Christian theology, the cross transformed into a symbol of salvation, redemption, and the ultimate expression of God's love through the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ. The early Christians redefined the cross from a symbol of disgrace to one of victory and hope." (from Bible Hub)

Foretold prophetically:

"And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: **and they shall look upon Me whom they have pierced**, and they shall mourn for Him, as one mourns for His only Son, and shall be in bitterness for Him, as one that is in bitterness for His firstborn." (Zechariah 12:10)

"Many are the afflictions of the Righteous: but **the LORD delivers Him** out of them all. **He keeps all His bones: not one of them is broken**." (Psalm 34:19-20)

"**He (Jesus)** is despised and rejected of men; **a man of sorrows**, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces **from Him**; **He** was despised, and we esteemed **Him** not. Surely **He** has borne **our** griefs, and carried **our** sorrows: yet we did esteem **Him** stricken, **smitten of God, and afflicted**. But **He** was wounded for **our** transgressions, **He** was bruised for **our** iniquities: the chastisement of **our** peace **was upon Him**; and with **His** stripes **we** are healed. We all like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD has laid on **Him** the iniquity (sins) of **us all**. **He** was oppressed, and **He** was afflicted, yet **He** opened not **His** mouth; **He** is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so **He** did not open **His** mouth. ... **He** was **cut off (killed)** out of the land of the living; for the transgression of **My** people **He** was stricken. And **He** made **His** grave with the wicked, and with the rich in **His** death; because **He** had done no violence, nor was any deceit in **His** mouth. Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise **Him**; **He (the Father)** has put **Him** to grief; when **You** shall make **His** soul **an offering for (our) sin**." (Isaiah 53:3-10)

Foretold by Jesus:

"From that time forth began Jesus to show unto His disciples, how that **He [the Son of Man]** must go unto Jerusalem, [be rejected by], and suffer many things by the elders and chief priests and scribes, **and be killed**, and be raised again the third day." (Matt. 16:21) & [Mark 8:31]

"And Jesus going up to Jerusalem took the twelve disciples apart in the way, and said unto them, 'Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and **the Son of Man** shall be betrayed unto the chief priests and unto the scribes, and **they shall condemn Him to death**, and shall deliver Him unto the Gentiles **to mock, and to scourge, and to Crucify Him**; and the third day **He** shall rise again.'" (Matthew 20:17-19) (see also: Matthew 17:22-23, & Matthew 26:2)

This was the Father's eternal plan:

"For **He (the Father)** Made **Him (Jesus)** who knew no sin, (to be) **Sin on Our Behalf**; so that **We** might become the Righteousness of God **in Him** (in Christ Jesus).'" (2 Corinthians 5:17-21)

"For what the Law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, **God (the Father)** did, by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh (through Jesus' death on the Cross)." (Romans 8:1-4)

The Crucifixion:

Then "Pilate said unto them, 'What shall I do then with Jesus who is called Christ?' They all said unto him, 'Let **Him be Crucified**.' And the governor said, 'Why, what evil has **He** done?' But they cried out even more, saying, 'Let **Him be Crucified**.' When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was happening, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this **Just Person**: see you to it.' Then all the people answered, and said, 'His blood be on us, and on our children.' Then he released Barabbas unto them: and when he **had scourged Jesus**, he delivered **Him to be Crucified**. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the common hall, and gathered unto **Him** the whole band of soldiers. And they stripped Him, and put on **Him** a scarlet robe. And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon **His** head, and a reed in **His** right hand: and they bowed the knee before **Him, and mocked Him**, saying, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' And they spit upon Him, and took the reed, and struck Him on the head. And after that they had **mocked Him**, they took the robe off from **Him**, and put **His** own clothing on **Him, and led Him away to Crucify Him**." (Matthew 27:22-31)

"And with Him they crucified two thieves; the one on **His** right hand, and the other on **His** left. And the scripture was fulfilled, which said, 'And He was numbered with the transgressors.'" (Mark 15:27-28) (quote from Isaiah 53:12)

"And Pilate wrote a title, and put it on the cross. And the writing was, JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS. This title then was read by many of the Jews; for the place where Jesus was crucified was near to the city; and it was written in Hebrew, and Greek, and Latin. Then said the chief priests of the Jews 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.' " (John 19:19-23)

"Then the soldiers, **when they had Crucified Jesus**, took His garments, and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also **His** robe; now the robe was without seam, woven from the top throughout. They said therefore among themselves, Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be, so that the scripture might be fulfilled, which said, '*They parted My garments among them, and for My robe they did cast lots.* (Psalm 22:18)' These things therefore the soldiers did." (John 19:23-25)

"Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' " (Luke 23:34)

"And those who passed by **reviled Him**, wagging their heads, and saying, "You who destroys the Temple, and builds it in three days, save Yourself. If You are **the Son of God**, come down from the Cross.' Likewise also the chief priests **mocking Him**, with the scribes and elders, said, '**He saved others**; Himself He cannot save. If **He** is the King of Israel, let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe Him. **He** trusted in God; let Him (the Father) deliver Him (Jesus) now, if He will have Him; for he said, 'I am **the Son of God**.' " (Matthew 27:39-44)

"And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. At the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, 'Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?' Which is, being interpreted, '**My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?**' And some of those who stood by, when they heard it, said, 'Behold, He is calling Elijah.' " (Mark 15:33-35)

"After this, **Jesus** knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, said, '**I thirst.**' Now there was set (nearby) a vessel full of vinegar; and they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put it upon hyssop (~ mint), and put it to His mouth." (John 19:28-29)

"When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, He said, 'It is finished.' " (John 19:30)

"And Jesus crying-out with a loud voice, He said, '**Father, into Your hands I commend My spirit.**' And having said this, **He gave up the spirit (He died!)**." (Luke 23:46)

"And the curtain of the Temple was torn in two from the top to the bottom. And when the centurion, who stood over against Him, saw how **He** so cried out, and gave up the spirit, he said, '**Truly this Man was the Son of God.**' " (Mark 15:38-39)

"The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation-day, and so that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the Sabbath day; for that Sabbath day was a high day, they asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. Then came the soldiers, and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who was crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus, and saw that **He** was already dead, they did not brake His legs. But one of the soldiers with a spear **pierced His side**, and immediately there came out blood and water. ... For these things were done, so that the scripture should be fulfilled, '**A bone of Him shall not be broken.** (Psalm 34:19-20)' And again another scripture says, '**They shall look on Him whom they pierced.** (Zechariah 12:10)' And after this Joseph of Arimathaea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus; and Pilate gave him permission. He came therefore, and took the body of Jesus. And there came also Nicodemus, who at the first came to Jesus by night, and brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about an hundred pounds weight. Then took they the body of Jesus, and wound it in linen cloth with the spices, as the manner of the Jews is to bury. Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden; and in the garden a new tomb, in which a man had never yet been laid. Therefore, there they laid Jesus because of the Jews' preparation-day; for the tomb was nearby at hand." (John 19:31-42)

The apostle Peter testified:

"You men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did through Him in the midst of you, as you yourselves also know; **Him**, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, you have taken, and by wicked (Roman) hands have **Crucified and slain**." (Acts 2:22-23)

"Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that **God has made this same Jesus**, whom you have **Crucified**, both **Lord and Christ**." (Acts 2:36)

The apostle Paul testified:

"For the preaching **of the Cross** is to those who perish foolishness; but unto us who are saved **it is the power of God**. For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this world? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For since **in the wisdom of God** the world through wisdom **knew not God**, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching **to save those who believe**. For the Jews require a sign (a miracle), and the Greeks seek after wisdom; but **we preach Christ Crucified**, unto the Jews **a stumbling-block**, and unto the Greeks **foolishness**; But unto those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, **Christ the power of God**, and **the wisdom of God**." (1 Corinthians 1:21-24)

An anonymous disciple testified:

"Therefore, seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which does so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, **looking unto Jesus** the author and finisher of our faith; who for the **joy** that was set before Him **endured the Cross**, despising the shame, and has sat down at the Right Hand of the Throne of God. For **consider Him** who **endured** such contradiction of sinners against Himself, lest you be wearied and faint in your minds." (Hebrews 12:1-3)

Finally, please consider the testimony of one of the thieves who was crucified alongside Jesus, who, while **on his Cross**, came to understanding who Jesus truly is:

"And one of the criminals who was hanged **railed on Him (on Jesus)**, saying, 'If You are Christ, save Yourself **and us**.' **But the other** answering rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, seeing you are in the same condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this Man has done nothing amiss.' And he said unto Jesus, '**Lord**, remember me when You come into Your Kingdom.' **And Jesus said unto him, Truly** I say unto you, '**Today** you shall be **with Me** in paradise.'" (Luke 23:39-43)

Jesus was indeed Crucified on the Cross

And just prior to His Crucifixion He was despised and rejected by men !!
He was severely scourged and mocked by Roman soldiers !!
Then, after Jesus had been nailed to the Cross He was further reviled and mocked !!
While on the Cross He bore our sins – becoming sin - for our redemption from sin !!
As such Jesus cried out in despair: My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me ??

For the joy that was set before Him endured the Cross !!
That Joy was in our salvation !!

Dear lord Jesus, Thank you for enduring Crucifixion on the Cross for us !!
Truly, You are the Power of God, and the Wisdom of God in our lives. !!

All Praise, and Honor, and Glory, and Dominion are Yours Forever !! Amen !