

## Jesus' crucifixion in all four gospels

MARK 15. 22-41	MATTHEW 27.33-56	LUKE 23.33-49	JOHN 19.16-37
<p>Then they brought Jesus to the <b>place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull)</b>. And they offered him wine mixed with <b>myrrh</b>; but he did not <b>take</b> it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots <b>to decide what each should take. It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him</b> read, "The King of the Judeans." And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. <b>Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!" In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves</b> and saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. <b>Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe."</b> <b>Those who were crucified with him also taunted him. When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah."</b> <b>And someone</b> ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink,</p>	<p>And when they came to a place <b>called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull)</b>, they offered him wine <b>to drink</b>, mixed with <b>gall</b>; <b>but when he tasted it</b>, he would not <b>drink</b> it. And <b>when</b> they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; <b>then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him</b>, which read, "<b>This is Jesus</b>, the King of the Judeans." Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. <b>Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads 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 from the cross." In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'</b>" <b>The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way. From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,</b></p>	<p>When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there <b>with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."</b> And they cast lots to divide his clothing. <b>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!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Judeans, save yourself!"</b> There was also an inscription <b>over him, "This is the King of the Judeans."</b> <b>One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."</b> It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, <b>while the sun's light failed</b>; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "<b>Father, into your</b></p>	<p>Then he handed him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus; and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called <b>The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha.</b> There they crucified him, and with him two <b>others</b>, one on either side, with Jesus between them. <b>Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross.</b> It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Judeans." <b>Many of the Judeans read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. Then the chief priests of the Judeans said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Judeans,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Judeans.'" Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."</b> When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them <b>into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it." This was to fulfill what the scripture says, "They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots."</b> And that is what the soldiers did. Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, <b>Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus</b></p>

saying, "**Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.**" Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, **who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he** said, "Truly this man was God's Son!" There were also women looking on from a distance; **among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joseph, and Salome.** These used to follow him **and provided for him** when he was in Galilee; and **there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.**

"**This man is calling for Elijah.**" At once **one of them** ran and **got** a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. **But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him."** Then Jesus **cried again with** a loud voice and breathed his last. **At that moment** the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. **The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many.** Now when the centurion **and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and** said, "Truly this man was God's Son!" **Many** women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee **and had provided for him. Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.**

**hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, "Certainly this man was just." And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.**

saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home. After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty." A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. Since it was the day of Preparation, the Judeans did not want the bodies left on the cross during the sabbath, especially because that sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed. Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. (He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, "None of his bones shall be broken." And again another passage of scripture says, "They will look on the one whom they have pierced."

