



The Cross

part 3 The Victory of the Cross

1 Corinthians 1:17 For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not in cleverness of speech, that the cross of Christ should not be made void.

¹⁸ For the word of the cross is to those who are perishing foolishness, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 1:23 but we preach Christ crucified, to Jews a stumbling block, and to Gentiles foolishness,

²⁴ but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

John 18:1 When Jesus had spoken these words, He went forth with His disciples over the ravine of the Kidron, where there was a garden, into which He Himself entered, and His disciples.

² Now Judas also, who was betraying Him, knew the place; for Jesus had often met there with His disciples.

³ Judas then, having received the *Roman* cohort, and officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, came there with lanterns and torches and weapons.

⁴ Jesus therefore, knowing all the things that were coming upon Him, went forth, and said to them, "Whom do you seek?"

⁵ They answered Him, "Jesus the Nazarene." He said to them, "I am *He*." And Judas also who was betraying Him, was standing with them.

⁶ When therefore He said to them, "I am *He*," they drew back, and fell to the ground.

⁷ Again therefore He asked them, "Whom do you seek?" And they said, "Jesus the Nazarene."

⁸ Jesus answered, "I told you that I am *He*; if therefore you seek Me, let these go their way,"

⁹ that the word might be fulfilled which He spoke, "Of those whom Thou hast given Me I lost not one."

¹⁰ Simon Peter therefore having a sword, drew it, and struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear; and the slave's name was Malchus.

¹¹ Jesus therefore said to Peter, "Put the sword into the sheath; the cup which the Father has given Me, shall I not drink it?"

¹² So the *Roman* cohort and the commander, and the officers of the Jews, arrested Jesus and bound Him,

¹³ and led Him to Annas first; for he was father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year.

¹⁴ Now Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was expedient for one man to die on behalf of the people.

¹⁵ And Simon Peter was following Jesus, and so was another disciple. Now that disciple was known to the high priest, and entered with Jesus into the court of the high priest,

¹⁶ but Peter was standing at the door outside. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the doorkeeper, and brought in Peter.

¹⁷ The slave-girl therefore who kept the door said to Peter, "You are not also *one* of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not."

¹⁸ Now the slaves and the officers were standing *there*, having made a charcoal fire, for it was cold and they were warming themselves; and Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself.

¹⁹ The high priest therefore questioned Jesus about His disciples, and about His teaching.

²⁰ Jesus answered him, "I have spoken openly to the world; I always taught in synagogues, and in the temple, where all the Jews come together; and I spoke nothing in secret.

²¹ "Why do you question Me? Question those who have heard what I spoke to them; behold, these know what I said."

²² And when He had said this, one of the officers standing by gave Jesus a blow, saying, "Is that the way You answer the high priest?"

²³ Jesus answered him, "If I have spoken wrongly, bear witness of the wrong; but if rightly, why do you strike Me?"

²⁴ Annas therefore sent Him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

²⁵ Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They said therefore to him, "You are not also *one* of His disciples, are you?" He denied *it*, and said, "I am not."

²⁶ One of the slaves of the high priest, being a relative of the one whose ear Peter cut off, said, "Did I not see you in the garden with Him?"

²⁷ Peter therefore denied *it* again; and immediately a cock crowed.

²⁸ They led Jesus therefore from Caiaphas into the Praetorium, and it was early; and they themselves did not enter into the Praetorium in order that they might not be defiled, but might eat the Passover.

²⁹ Pilate therefore went out to them, and said, "What accusation do you bring against this Man?"

³⁰ They answered and said to him, "If this Man were not an evildoer, we would not have delivered Him up to you."
³¹ Pilate therefore said to them, "Take Him yourselves, and judge Him according to your law." The Jews said to him, "We are not permitted to put anyone to death,"
³² that the word of Jesus might be fulfilled, which He spoke, signifying by what kind of death He was about to die.
³³ Pilate therefore entered again into the Praetorium, and summoned Jesus, and said to Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?"
³⁴ Jesus answered, "Are you saying this on your own initiative, or did others tell you about Me?"
³⁵ Pilate answered, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests delivered You up to me; what have You done?"
³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would be fighting, that I might not be delivered up to the Jews; but as it is, My kingdom is not of this realm."
³⁷ Pilate therefore said to Him, "So You are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say *correctly* that I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice."
³⁸ Pilate said to Him, "What is truth?" And when he had said this, he went out again to the Jews, and said to them, "I find no guilt in Him."
³⁹ "But you have a custom, that I should release someone for you at the Passover; do you wish then that I release for you the King of the Jews?"
⁴⁰ Therefore they cried out again, saying, "Not this Man, but Barabbas." Now Barabbas was a robber.

John 19:1 Then Pilate therefore took Jesus, and scourged Him.

² And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on His head, and arrayed Him in a purple robe;
³ and they *began* to come up to Him, and say, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and to give Him blows *in the face*.
⁴ And Pilate came out again, and said to them, "Behold, I am bringing Him out to you, that you may know that I find no guilt in Him."
⁵ Jesus therefore came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. And *Pilate* said to them, "Behold, the Man!"
⁶ When therefore the chief priests and the officers saw Him, they cried out, saying, "Crucify, crucify!" Pilate said to them, "Take Him yourselves, and crucify Him, for I find no guilt in Him."
⁷ The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and by that law He ought to die because He made Himself out *to be* the Son of God."
⁸ When Pilate therefore heard this statement, he was the more afraid;
⁹ and he entered into the Praetorium again, and said to Jesus, "Where are You from?" But Jesus gave him no answer.
¹⁰ Pilate therefore said to Him, "You do not speak to me? Do You not know that I have authority to release You, and I have authority to crucify You?"
¹¹ Jesus answered, "You would have no authority over Me, unless it had been given you from above; for this reason he who delivered Me up to you has *the* greater sin."
¹² As a result of this Pilate made efforts to release Him, but the Jews cried out, saying, "If you release this Man, you are no friend of Caesar; everyone who makes himself out *to be* a king opposes Caesar."
¹³ When Pilate therefore heard these words, he brought Jesus out, and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Pavement, but in Hebrew, Gabbatha.
¹⁴ Now it was the day of preparation for the Passover; it was about the sixth hour. And he said to the Jews, "Behold, your King!"
¹⁵ They therefore 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."
¹⁶ So he then delivered Him to them to be crucified.
¹⁷ They took Jesus therefore, and He went out, bearing His own cross, to the place called the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha.
¹⁸ There they crucified Him, and with Him two other men, one on either side, and Jesus in between.
¹⁹ And Pilate wrote an inscription also, and put it on the cross. And it was written, "JESUS THE NAZARENE, THE KING OF THE JEWS."
²⁰ Therefore this inscription many of the Jews read, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Latin, *and* in Greek.
²¹ And so the chief priests of the Jews were saying to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews'; but that He said, 'I am King of the Jews.'"
²² Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."
²³ The soldiers therefore, when they had crucified Jesus, took His outer garments and made four parts, a part to every soldier and *also* the tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece.

²⁴ They said therefore to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, *to decide* whose it shall be"; that the Scripture might be fulfilled, "They divided My outer garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots."

²⁵ Therefore the soldiers did these things. But there were standing by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the *wife* of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

²⁶ When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold, your son!"

²⁷ Then He said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her into his own *household*.

²⁸ After this, Jesus, knowing that all things had already been accomplished, in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I am thirsty."

²⁹ A jar full of sour wine was standing there; so they put a sponge full of the sour wine upon a *branch of hyssop*, and brought it up to His mouth.

³⁰ When Jesus therefore had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And He bowed His head, and gave up His spirit.

³¹ The Jews therefore, because it was the day of preparation, so that the bodies should not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high *day*), asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and *that* they might be taken away.

³² The soldiers therefore came, and broke the legs of the first man, and of the other man who was crucified with Him;

³³ but coming to Jesus, when they saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs;

³⁴ but one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately there came out blood and water.

³⁵ And he who has seen has borne witness, and his witness is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you also may believe.

³⁶ For these things came to pass, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, "Not a bone of Him shall be broken."

³⁷ And again another Scripture says, "They shall look on Him whom they pierced."

³⁸ And after these things Joseph of Arimathea, being a disciple of Jesus, but a secret *one*, for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus; and Pilate granted permission. He came therefore, and took away His body.

³⁹ And Nicodemus came also, who had first come to Him by night; bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds *weight*.

⁴⁰ And so they took the body of Jesus, and bound it in linen wrappings with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews.

⁴¹ Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden; and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had yet been laid.

⁴² Therefore on account of the Jewish day of preparation, because the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

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