

# Matthew 27

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## **Jesus Delivered to Pilate**

**1** When the morning was come, all the chief priests and elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death:

**2** And when they had bound him, they led him away, and delivered him to Pontius Pilate the governor.

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## **Judas Hangs Himself**

**3** Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders,

**4** Saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What is that to us? see thou to that.

**5** And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself.

**6** And the chief priests took the silver pieces, and said, It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood.

**7** And they took counsel, and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in.

**8** Wherefore that field was called, The field of blood, unto this day.

**9** Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him that was valued, whom they of the children of Israel did value;

**10** And gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord appointed me.

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### **Jesus Before Pilate**

**11** And Jesus stood before the governor: and the governor asked him, saying, Art thou the King of the Jews? And Jesus said unto him, Thou sayest.

**12** And when he was accused of the chief priests and elders, he answered nothing.

**13** Then said Pilate unto him, Hearest thou not how many things they witness against thee?

**14** And he answered him to never a word; insomuch that the governor marvelled greatly.

**15** Now at that feast the governor was wont to release unto the people a prisoner, whom they would.

**16** And they had then a notable prisoner, called Barabbas.

**17** Therefore when they were gathered together, Pilate said unto them, Whom will ye that I release unto you? Barabbas, or Jesus which is called Christ?

**18** For he knew that for envy they had delivered him.

**19** When he was set down on the judgment seat, his wife sent unto him, saying, Have thou nothing to do with that just man: for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him.

**20** But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitude that they should ask Barabbas, and destroy Jesus.

**21** The governor answered and said unto them, Whether of the twain will ye that I release unto you? They said, Barabbas.

**22** Pilate saith unto them, What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ? They all say unto him, Let him be crucified.

**23** And the governor said, Why, what evil hath he done? But they cried out the more, saying, Let him be crucified.

**24** When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it.

**25** Then answered all the people, and said, His blood be on us, and on our children.

**26** Then released he Barabbas unto them: and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

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### **Jesus Is Mocked**

**27** Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the common hall, and gathered unto him the whole band of soldiers.

**28** And they stripped him, and put on him a scarlet robe.

**29** 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!

**30** And they spit upon him, and took the reed, and smote him on the head.

**31** And after that they had mocked him, they took the robe off from him, and put his own raiment on him, and led him away to crucify him.

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### **The Crucifixion**

**32** And as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name: him they compelled to bear his cross.

**33** And when they were come unto a place called Golgotha, that is to say, a place of a skull,

**34** They gave him vinegar to drink mingled with gall: and when he had tasted thereof, he would not drink.

**35** And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots.

**36** And sitting down they watched him there;

**37** And set up over his head his accusation written, THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

**38** Then were there two thieves crucified with him, one on the right hand, and another on the left.

**39** And they that passed by reviled him, wagging their heads,

**40** And saying, Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days, save thyself. If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross.

**41** Likewise also the chief priests mocking him, with the scribes and elders, said,

**42** He saved others; himself he cannot save. If he be the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him.

**43** He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God.

**44** The thieves also, which were crucified with him, cast the same in his teeth.

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## **The Death of Jesus**

**45** Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour.

**46** And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

**47** Some of them that stood there, when they heard that, said, This man calleth for Elias.

**48** And straightway one of them ran, and took a sponge, and filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink.

**49** The rest said, Let be, let us see whether Elias will come to save him.

**50** Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost.

**51** And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;

**52** And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose,

**53** And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.

**54** Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God.

**55** And many women were there beholding afar off, which followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering unto him:

**56** Among which was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joses, and the mother of Zebedee's children.

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### **The Burial of Jesus**

**57** When the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathaea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple:

**58** He went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered.

**59** And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth,

**60** And laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed.

**61** And there was Mary Magdalene, and the other Mary, sitting over against the sepulchre.

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### **The Guard at the Tomb**

**62** Now the next day, that followed the day of the preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate,

**63** Saying, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, After three days I will rise again.

**64** Command therefore that the sepulchre be made sure until the third day, lest his disciples come by night, and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead: so the last error shall be worse than the first.

**65** Pilate said unto them, Ye have a watch: go your way, make it as sure as ye can.

**66** So they went, and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch.

## HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

### **Believe** — πιστεύω (Pisteuo)

To believe, trust, have faith

The Greek **pisteuo** (πιστεύω) means to believe or trust—active reliance upon Christ. 'For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish' (John 3:16).

### **Blood** — αἷμα (Haima)

Blood

The Greek **haima** (αἷμα) denotes blood. Christ's blood 'cleanseth us from all sin' (1 John 1:7), securing 'eternal redemption' (Hebrews 9:12) through His once-for-all sacrifice. Believers have been 'purchased with his own blood' (Acts 20:28).

### **God** — Θεός (Theos)

God

The Greek **Theos** (Θεός) refers to deity, used both for the one true God and false gods. Context determines whether it denotes the Father specifically or the Godhead generally.

### **Holy** — ἅγιος (Hagios)

Holy, sacred, set apart

The Greek **hagios** (ἅγιος) denotes holiness—moral purity and separation unto God. Believers are called 'saints' (hagioi), those set apart for God through Christ's sanctifying work.

### **Lord** — Κύριος (Kurios)

Lord, Master

The Greek **Kurios** (Κύριος) means 'lord' or 'master,' used both for human masters and divinely for God the Father and Jesus Christ. Its application to Jesus affirms His deity, as it translates YHWH in the Septuagint.

### **Prophet** — προφήτης (Prophētēs)

Prophet

The Greek **prophētēs** (προφήτης) denotes a prophet—one who speaks forth God's message. Jesus was recognized as 'a prophet mighty in deed and word' (Luke 24:19), fulfilling and surpassing the prophetic office.

**Righteous** — δίκαιος (Dikaios)

Righteous, just

The Greek **dikaios** (δίκαιος) means righteous or just—conforming to God's standard. Christ's righteousness is imputed to believers through faith (Romans 4:5), making them legally righteous before God.

**Word** — λόγος (Logos)

Word, reason, message

The Greek **Logos** (Λόγος) means word, reason, or message—the rational principle underlying reality. John identifies Christ as the eternal Logos: 'In the beginning was the Word' (John 1:1).

**Save** — σώζω (Sozo)

To save, deliver, heal

The Greek **sozo** (σώζω) means to save—deliverance from sin, death, and judgment. 'Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved' (Acts 16:31). The word also encompasses physical healing and spiritual wholeness.

**CROSS REFERENCES**

**Matthew 27:1** **References Jesus:** Mark 15:1; John 18:28. **Parallel theme:** Matthew 23:13; Psalms 2:2; Micah 2:1; Luke 22:66

**Matthew 27:2** **Parallel theme:** Matthew 20:19; Luke 13:1; Acts 3:13; 1 Timothy 6:13

**Matthew 27:3** **Repentance:** 2 Corinthians 7:10

**Matthew 27:4** **Parallel theme:** 1 Timothy 4:2

**Matthew 27:5** **Parallel theme:** 2 Samuel 17:23

**Matthew 27:6** **Parallel theme:** Deuteronomy 23:18

**Matthew 27:8** **Blood:** Acts 1:19. **Parallel theme:** Matthew 28:15

**Matthew 27:9** **Prophecy:** Matthew 1:22

**Matthew 27:10** **References Lord:** Zechariah 11:13

**Matthew 27:11**

**Parallel theme:** Matthew 10:25; 26:25. **References Jesus:** Matthew 26:64; Mark 14:62; 1 Timothy 6:13. **Kingdom:** Matthew 2:2; 10:18

**Matthew 27:12** **Parallel theme:** Matthew 26:63; Isaiah 53:7

**Matthew 27:13** **Witness:** Matthew 26:62

**Matthew 27:14** **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 8:18

**Matthew 27:16** **Parallel theme:** Mark 15:7

**Matthew 27:17** **Parallel theme:** Joshua 24:15; 1 Kings 18:21; John 19:15

**Matthew 27:18** **Parallel theme:** Genesis 37:11; Proverbs 27:4; Mark 15:10; Acts 5:17; 7:9; 13:45; James 4:5

**Matthew 27:19** **Righteousness:** Matthew 27:24; Isaiah 53:11; Zechariah 9:9; Luke 23:47. **Parallel theme:** Matthew 1:20; 2:22; 27:4; Proverbs 29:1; 1 Peter 2:22. **Judgment:** John 19:13

**Matthew 27:20** **Parallel theme:** Mark 15:11; John 18:40

**Matthew 27:22** **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 49:7; Acts 13:38

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**Matthew 27:24** **Blood:** Matthew 27:4. **Parallel theme:** Matthew 26:5; Psalms 26:6. **Righteousness:** 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 3:18

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**Matthew 27:26** **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 50:6; 53:5; Mark 10:34; Luke 23:16; 1 Peter 2:24. **References Jesus:** John 19:1. **Cross:** Matthew 20:19; Mark 15:15; John 19:16

**Matthew 27:27** **References Jesus:** John 18:28; 18:33. **Parallel theme:** Acts 10:1; 23:35

**Matthew 27:28** **Parallel theme:** Mark 15:17; Luke 23:11

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**Matthew 27:30** **Parallel theme:** Matthew 26:67; Isaiah 50:6; 53:7; Mark 15:19

**Matthew 27:31** **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 53:7

**Matthew 27:32**

**Cross:** Matthew 16:24; Mark 15:21; Luke 23:26; John 19:17. **Parallel theme:** Leviticus 4:12; 1 Kings 21:13; Acts 2:10; 6:9; 11:20; 13:1

**Matthew 27:33** **Parallel theme:** Mark 15:34

**Matthew 27:34** **Parallel theme:** Matthew 27:48; Psalms 69:21; Mark 15:23

**Matthew 27:35** **Parallel theme:** Psalms 22:16; 22:18; Luke 23:34; John 20:27. **Cross:** Acts 4:10

**Matthew 27:36** **Parallel theme:** Matthew 27:54

**Matthew 27:37** **Kingdom:** Mark 15:26; Luke 23:38

**Matthew 27:38** **Cross:** Matthew 27:44; Mark 15:27; John 19:18. **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 53:12; Luke 22:37

**Matthew 27:39** **Parallel theme:** Psalms 109:25; Lamentations 1:12

**Matthew 27:40** **Temple:** Matthew 26:61. **References God:** Matthew 4:3; 4:6. **Parallel theme:** Revelation 11:10

**Matthew 27:41** **Parallel theme:** Psalms 35:26

**Matthew 27:42** **Kingdom:** Matthew 27:37; John 1:49

**Matthew 27:43** **Faith:** Psalms 22:8. **References God:** John 10:36

**Matthew 27:44** **Cross:** Matthew 27:38; Mark 15:32

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**Matthew 27:46** **References God:** Psalms 22:1; 71:11. **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 53:10; Lamentations 1:12; Hebrews 5:7. **References Jesus:** Mark 15:34; Luke 23:46

**Matthew 27:47** **Parallel theme:** Malachi 4:5

**Matthew 27:48** **Parallel theme:** Matthew 27:34; Psalms 69:21; Luke 23:36

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**Spirit:** Mark 15:37; Luke 23:46; John 19:30; Hebrews 9:14. **Parallel theme:** Matthew 20:28; Daniel 9:26; John 10:11; 10:15

**Matthew 27:51** **Temple:** Mark 15:38; Luke 23:45; Hebrews 9:3; Revelation 11:19. **Parallel theme:** Matthew 27:54; 28:2; Isaiah 25:7; Habakkuk 3:10; Hebrews 6:19; Revelation 11:13

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**Parallel theme:** Isaiah 25:8; 26:19; Daniel 12:2; Hosea 13:14; 1 Corinthians 11:30; 15:20; 15:51; 1 Thessalonians 4:14; 5:10

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**Matthew 27:56** **Parallel theme:** Matthew 13:55; 27:61; 28:1; Mark 16:9; Luke 24:10; John 19:25; 20:1; 20:18

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**Matthew 27:61** **Parallel theme:** Matthew 27:56; 28:1

**Matthew 27:62** **Parallel theme:** Mark 15:42; John 19:14; 19:42

**Matthew 27:63** **Resurrection:** Matthew 16:21; 17:23; 20:19; Mark 8:31; 10:34; Luke 9:22; 18:33; John 2:19. **Parallel theme:** Matthew 26:61; John 7:12

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**Matthew 27:66** **Parallel theme:** Daniel 6:17