

Matthew 27:31

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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.

Analysis

They took the robe off from him, and put his own raiment on him—the mock coronation concludes. Jesus is re-dressed in his own clothing, which will soon be gambled away (v. 35). **Led him away to crucify him** (ἀπήγαγον ἀπήγαγον εἰς τὸ σταυρῶσαι, apēgagon...staurōsai)—the journey to Golgotha begins.

The transition from theatrical mockery to judicial execution is swift. The One who clothed Adam and Eve (Genesis 3:21) is himself stripped and re-clothed by mockers. He will soon be stripped again at the cross, bearing our shame completely.

Historical Context

Condemned men typically carried the crossbeam (patibulum) to the execution site while a placard (titulus) announcing their crime was carried before them or hung around their neck. The vertical post usually remained fixed at the crucifixion site.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. Why was it necessary for the mockery to end and the actual crucifixion to proceed?
2. How does the pattern of stripping, clothing, and re-stripping foreshadow the burial garments and resurrection?

Interlinear Text

καὶ	ὅτε	ἐνέπαιξαν	αὐτὸν	ἐξέδυσαν	αὐτὸν	τὴν
And	after	that they had mocked	from him	off	from him	G3588
G2532	G3753	G1702	G846	G1562	G846	
χλαμύδα	καὶ	ἐνέδυσαν	αὐτὸν	τὰ	ἱμάτια	αὐτὸν καὶ
the robe	And	on	from him	G3588	raiment	from him And
G5511	G2532	G1746	G846		G2440	G846 G2532
ἀπήγαγον	αὐτὸν	εἰς	τὸ	σταυρῶσαι		
away	from him	to	G3588	crucify		
G520	G846	G1519		G4717		

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 53:7 (Parallel theme): 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 dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.