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When evening had come, He sat down with the twelve. Now as they were eating, He said, “Assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me.”

And they were exceedingly sorrowful, and each of them began to say to Him, “Lord, is it I

Matthew 26:20-22, *NKJV*

He answered and said, “He who dipped *his* hand with Me in the dish will betray Me. The Son of Man indeed goes just as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man if he had not been born.”

Matthew 26:23-24, *NKJV*

Then Judas, who was betraying Him,
answered and said, “Rabbi, is it I?”
He said to him, “You have said it.”

Matthew 26:25, *NKJV*

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And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke *it*, and gave *it* to the disciples and said, “Take, eat; this is My body.”

Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave *it* to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you.

Matthew 26:26-27, NKJV

For this is *My* blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in *My* Father's kingdom.”

Matthew 26:28-29, NKJV

And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Then Jesus said to them, “All of you will be made to stumble because of Me this night, for it is written: *‘I will strike the Shepherd, And the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’*

Matthew 26:30-31, NKJV

But after I have been raised, I will go
before you to Galilee.”

Peter answered and said to Him, “Even if
all are made to stumble because of You, I
will never be made to stumble.”

Matthew 26:32-33, NKJV

Jesus said to him, “Assuredly, I say to you that this night, before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times.” Peter said to Him, “Even if I have to die with You, I will not deny You!” And so said all the disciples.

Matthew 26:34-35, NKJV

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Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to the disciples, “Sit here while I go and pray over there.” And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and He began to be sorrowful and deeply distressed.

Matthew 26:36-37, NKJV

Then He said to them, “My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch with Me.” He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, “O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You *will.*”

Matthew 26:38-39, NKJV

Then He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, “What! Could you not watch with Me one hour? Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed *is* willing, but the flesh *is* weak.”

Matthew 26:40-41, NKJV

Again, a second time, He went away and prayed, saying, “O My Father, if this cup cannot pass away from Me unless I drink it, Your will be done.” And He came and found them asleep again, for their eyes were heavy. So He left them, went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words.

Matthew 26:42-44, NKJV

Then He came to His disciples and said to them, “Are *you* still sleeping and resting? Behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going. See, My betrayer is at hand.”

Matthew 26:45-46, NKJV

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And while He was still speaking, behold, Judas, one of the twelve, with a great multitude with swords and clubs, came from the chief priests and elders of the people. Now His betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “Whomever I kiss, He is the One; seize Him.”

Matthew 26:47-48, NKJV

Immediately he went up to Jesus and said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” and kissed Him. But Jesus said to him, “Friend, why have you come?” Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and took Him.

Matthew 26:49-50, NKJV

And suddenly, one of those *who were* with Jesus stretched out *his* hand and drew his sword, struck the servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear.

Matthew 26:51, NKJV

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But Jesus said to him, “Put your sword in its place, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Or do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He will provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels? How then could the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must happen thus?”

Matthew 26:52-54, NKJV

In that hour Jesus said to the multitudes, “Have you come out, as against a robber, with swords and clubs to take Me? I sat daily with you, teaching in the temple, and you did not seize Me. But all this was done that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled.” Then all the disciples forsook Him and fled.

Matthew 26:55-56, NKJV

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And those who had laid hold of Jesus led *Him* away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled. But Peter followed Him at a distance to the high priest's courtyard. And he went in and sat with the servants to see the end.

Matthew 26:57-58, NKJV

Now the chief priests, the elders, and all the council sought false testimony against Jesus to put Him to death, but found none. Even though many false witnesses came forward, they found none. But at last two false witnesses came forward

Matthew 26:59-60, NKJV

and said, “This *fellow* said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.’ ”

And the high priest arose and said to Him, “Do You answer nothing? What *is it* these men testify against You?”

Matthew 26:61-62, NKJV

But Jesus kept silent. And the high priest answered and said to Him, “I put You under oath by the living God: Tell us if You are the Christ, the Son of God!”

Matthew 26:63, NKJV

Jesus said to him, “*It is as you said.*
Nevertheless, I say to you, hereafter you
will see the Son of Man sitting at the right
hand of the Power, and coming on the
clouds of heaven.”

Matthew 26:64, NKJV

Then the high priest tore his clothes, saying, “He has spoken blasphemy! What further need do we have of witnesses? Look, now you have heard His blasphemy! What do you think?” They answered and said, “He is deserving of death.”

Matthew 26:65-66, NKJV

Then they spat in His face and beat Him;
and others struck *Him* with the palms of
their hands, saying, “Prophecy to us,
Christ! Who is the one who struck You?”

Matthew 26:67-68, NKJV

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Now Peter sat outside in the courtyard.
And a servant girl came to him, saying,
“You also were with Jesus of Galilee.”
But he denied it before *them* all, saying,
“I do not know what you are saying.”

Matthew 26:69-70, NKJV

And when he had gone out to the gateway, another *girl* saw him and said to those *who were* there, “This *fellow* also was with Jesus of Nazareth.”

But again he denied with an oath, “I do not know the Man!”

Matthew 26:71-72, NKJV

And a little later those who stood by came up and said to Peter, “Surely you also are *one* of them, for your speech betrays you.”

Then he began to curse and swear, *saying*, “I do not know the Man!”
Immediately a rooster crowed.

Matthew 26:73-74, NKJV

And Peter remembered the word of Jesus who had said to him, “Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times.” So he went out and wept bitterly.

Matthew 26:75, NKJV

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When morning came, all the chief priests and elders of the people plotted against Jesus to put Him to death. And when they had bound Him, they led Him away and delivered Him to Pontius Pilate the governor.

Matthew 27:1-2, NKJV

Then Judas, His betrayer, seeing that He had been condemned, was remorseful and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, “I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.” And they said, “What *is that* to us? You see *to it!*”

Matthew 27:3-4, NKJV

Then he threw down the pieces of silver in the temple and departed, and went and hanged himself.

But the chief priests took the silver pieces and said, “It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, because they are the price of blood.”

Matthew 27:5-6, NKJV

And they consulted together and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in. Therefore that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day.

Matthew 27:7-8, NKJV

Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying, “*And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the value of Him who was priced, whom they of the children of Israel priced, and gave them for the potter’s field, as the LORD directed me.*”

Matthew 27:9-10, NKJV

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Now Jesus stood before the governor. And the governor asked Him, saying, “Are You the King of the Jews?”

Jesus said to him, “*It is as you say.*” And while He was being accused by the chief priests and elders, He answered nothing.

Matthew 27:11-12, NKJV

Then Pilate said to Him, “Do You not hear how many things they testify against You?” But He answered him not one word, so that the governor marveled greatly.

Matthew 27:13-14, NKJV

Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to releasing to the multitude one prisoner whom they wished. And at that time they had a notorious prisoner called Barabbas.

Matthew 27:15-16, NKJV

Therefore, when they had gathered together, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release to you? Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?” For he knew that they had handed Him over because of envy.

Matthew 27:17-18, NKJV

While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent to him, saying, “Have nothing to do with that just Man, for I have suffered many things today in a dream because of Him.” But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitudes that they should ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus.

Matthew 27:19-20, NKJV

The governor answered and said to them,
“Which of the two do you want me to
release to you?” They said, “Barabbas!”

Pilate said to them, “What then shall I do
with Jesus who is called Christ?” *They* all
said to him, “Let Him be crucified!”

Matthew 27:21-22, NKJV

Then the governor said, “Why, what evil has He done?”

But they cried out all the more, saying, “Let Him be crucified!”

Matthew 27:23, NKJV

When Pilate saw that he could not prevail at all, but rather *that* a tumult was rising, he took water and washed *his* hands before the multitude, saying, “I am innocent of the blood of this just Person. You see *to it*.”

Matthew 27:24, NKJV

And all the people answered and said,
“His blood *be* on us and on our children.”

Matthew 27:25, NKJV

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Then he released Barabbas to them; and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered *Him* to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole garrison around Him. And they stripped Him and put a scarlet robe on Him.

Matthew 27:26-28, NKJV

When they had twisted a crown of thorns, they put *it* on 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!” Then they spat on Him, and took the reed and struck Him on the head.

Matthew 27:29-30, NKJV

And when they had mocked Him, they took the robe off Him, put His *own* clothes on Him, and led Him away to be crucified.

Now as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. Him they compelled to bear His cross.

Matthew 27:31-32, NKJV

And when they had come to a place called Golgotha, that is to say, Place of a Skull, they gave Him sour wine mingled with gall to drink. But when He had tasted *it*, He would not drink.

Matthew 27:33-34, NKJV

Then they crucified Him, and divided His garments, casting lots, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet: *“They divided My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots.”* Sitting down, they kept watch over Him there.

Matthew 27:35-36, NKJV

And they put up over His head the accusation written against Him: THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

Then two robbers were crucified with Him, one on the right and another on the left.

Matthew 27:37-38, NKJV

And those who passed by blasphemed Him, wagging their heads and saying, “You who destroy the temple and build *it* in three days, save Yourself! If You are the Son of God, come down from the cross.”

Matthew 27:39-40, NKJV

Likewise the chief priests also, mocking 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.

Matthew 27:41-42, NKJV

He trusted in God; let Him deliver Him now if He will have Him; for He said, 'I am the Son of God.' ”

Even the robbers who were crucified with Him reviled Him with the same thing.

Matthew 27:43-44, NKJV

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Now from the sixth hour until the ninth hour there was darkness over all the land. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?” that is, “*My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?*”

Matthew 27:45-46, NKJV

Some of those who stood there, when they heard *that*, said, “This Man is calling for Elijah!” Immediately one of them ran and took a sponge, filled *it* with sour wine and put *it* on a reed, and offered it to Him to drink.

Matthew 27:47-48, NKJV

The rest said, “Let Him alone; let us see if Elijah will come to save Him.”

And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit.

Matthew 27:49-50, NKJV

Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split, and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised;

Matthew 27:51-52, NKJV

and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many. So when the centurion and those with him, who were guarding Jesus, saw the earthquake and the things that had happened, they feared greatly, saying, “Truly this was the Son of God!”

Matthew 27:53-54, NKJV

And many women who followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to Him, were there looking on from afar, among whom were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joses, and the mother of Zebedee's sons.

Matthew 27:55-56, NKJV

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Now when evening had come, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who himself had also become a disciple of Jesus. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be given to him.

Matthew 27:57-58, NKJV

When Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and laid it in his new tomb which he had hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a large stone against the door of the tomb, and departed. And Mary Magdalene was there, and the other Mary, sitting opposite the tomb.

Matthew 27:59-61, NKJV

On the next day, which followed the Day of Preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees gathered together to Pilate, saying, “Sir, we remember, while He was still alive, how that deceiver said, ‘After three days I will rise.’”

Matthew 27:62-63, NKJV

Therefore command that the tomb be made secure until the third day, lest His disciples come by night and steal Him *away*, and say to the people, ‘He has risen from the dead.’ So the last deception will be worse than the first.” Pilate said to them, “You have a guard; go your way, make *it* as secure as you know how.”

Matthew 27:64-65, NKJV

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