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What happens after the Garden Prayer:

- Judas' Betrayal
- Jesus Arrest
- Trial by the Sanhedrin
- Peter's Denial
- Judas Hangs Himself
- Trial by Pilate
- Barabbas
- Brutal Flogging
- Soldier's Mockery

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Matthew 27

³² As they were going out, they found a Cyrenian man named Simon. They forced him to carry his cross.

³³ When they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of the Skull), ³⁴ they gave him wine mixed with gall to drink. But when he tasted it, he refused to drink it. ³⁵ After crucifying him, they divided his clothes by casting lots. ³⁶ Then they sat down and were guarding him there. ³⁷ Above his head they put up the charge against him in writing: This Is Jesus, the King of the Jews. ³⁸ Then two criminals were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left.

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³⁹ Those who passed by were yelling insults at him, shaking their heads ⁴⁰ and saying, “You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross!”

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⁴¹ In the same way the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him and said, ⁴² “He saved others, but he cannot save himself! He is the King of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. ⁴³ He trusts in God; let God rescue him now — if he takes pleasure in him! For he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’” ⁴⁴ In the same way even the criminals who were crucified with him taunted him.

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⁴⁵ From noon until three in the afternoon, darkness came over the whole land. ⁴⁶ About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out with a loud voice, “Elí, Elí, lemá sabachtháni?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?”

⁴⁷ When some of those standing there heard this, they said, “He’s calling for Elijah.”

⁴⁸ Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and offered him a drink. ⁴⁹ But the rest said, “Let’s see if Elijah comes to save him.”

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⁵⁰ But Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and gave up his spirit. ⁵¹ Suddenly, the curtain of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom, the earth quaked, and the rocks were split. ⁵² The tombs were also opened and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. ⁵³ And they came out of the tombs after his resurrection, entered the holy city, and appeared to many.

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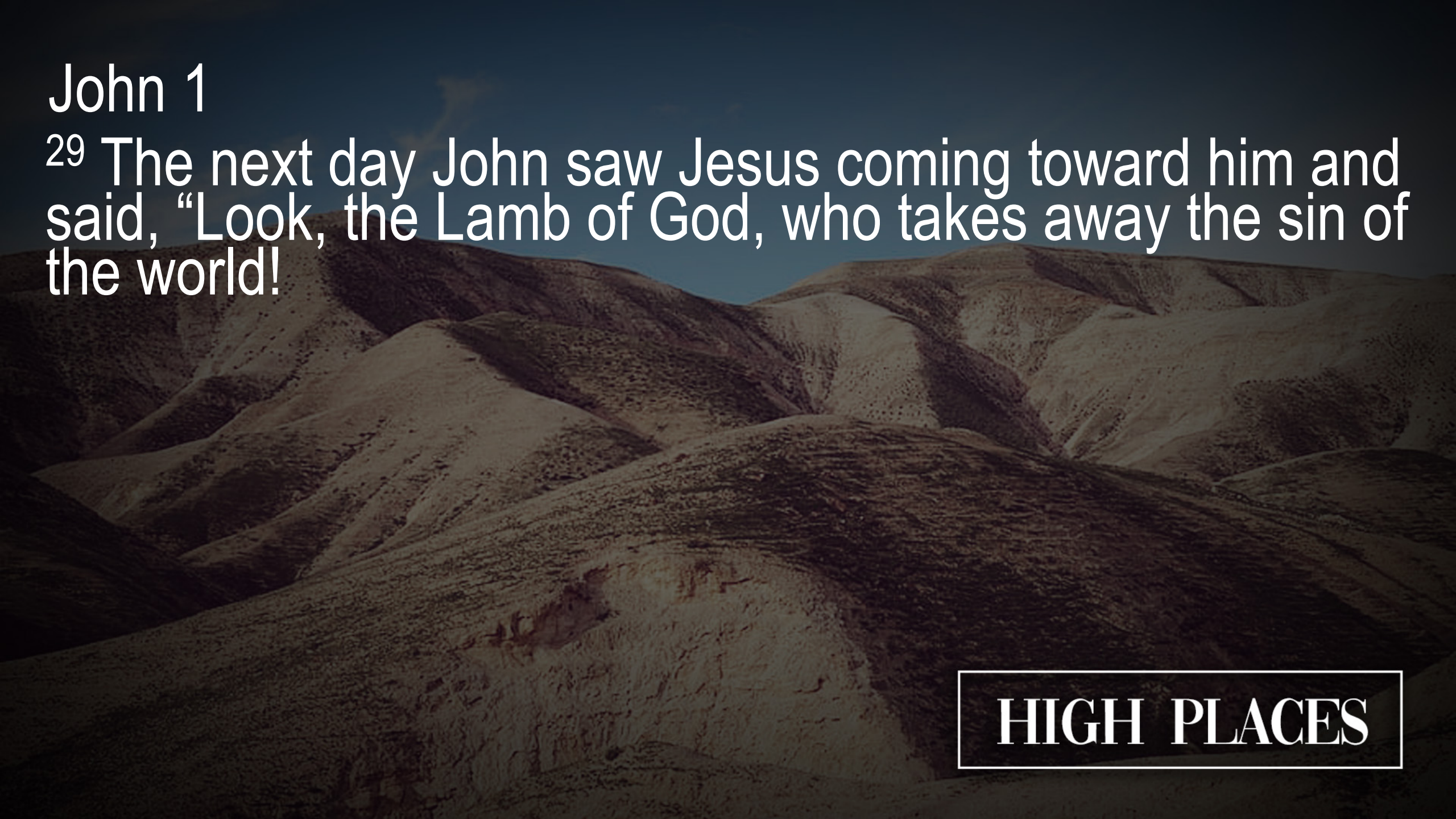
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- The Father and Son act together in love for humanity. Jesus was not confused about his sacrificial death. God was not a distant, cold Deity.

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John 1

²⁹ The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”

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Romans 8

³ For what the law could not do since it was weakened by the flesh, God did. He condemned sin in the flesh by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh as a sin offering, ⁴ in order that the law's requirement would be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

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Romans 3

²⁵ God presented him as the mercy seat by his blood, through faith, to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his restraint God passed over the sins previously committed. ²⁶ God presented him to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so that he would be just and justify the one who has faith in Jesus.

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1 Thessalonians 5

⁹ For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰ who died for us...

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Matthew 20

²⁶ It must not be like that among you. On the contrary, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ²⁷ and whoever wants to be first among you must be your slave; ²⁸ just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

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Ephesians 5

² and walk in love, as Christ also loved us and gave himself for us, a sacrificial and fragrant offering to God.

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Romans 8

³¹ What, then, are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He did not even spare his own Son but gave him up for us all. How will he not also with him grant us everything?

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1 John 4

⁹ God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his one and only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ Love consists in this: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice, for our sins.

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2 Corinthians 5

¹⁸ Everything is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation. ¹⁹ That is, in Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and he has committed the message of reconciliation to us.

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Romans 5

⁶ For while we were still helpless, at the right time, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For rarely will someone die for a just person — though for a good person perhaps someone might even dare to die. ⁸ But God proves his own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

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Romans 5

⁹ How much more then, since we have now been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from wrath. ¹⁰ For if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, then how much more, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹ And not only that, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received this reconciliation.

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characters

- Judas
- Peter
- Pilate
- Religious Leaders
- Roman Soldiers
- Barabbas
- Two Criminals
- Crowd

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¹⁵ At the festival the governor's custom was to release to the crowd a prisoner they wanted. ¹⁶ At that time they had a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. ¹⁷ So when they had gathered together, Pilate said to them, "Who is it you want me to release for you — Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" ¹⁸ For he knew it was because of envy that they had handed him over.

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¹⁹ While he was sitting on the judge's bench, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for today I've suffered terribly in a dream because of him."

²⁰ The chief priests and the elders, however, persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to execute Jesus.

²¹ The governor asked them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?"

"Barabbas!" they answered.

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²² Pilate asked them, “What should I do then with Jesus, who is called Christ?”

They all answered, “Crucify him!”

²³ Then he said, “Why? What has he done wrong?”

But they kept shouting all the more, “Crucify him!”

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²⁴ When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that a riot was starting instead, he took some water, washed his hands in front of the crowd, and said, “I am innocent of this man’s blood. See to it yourselves!”

²⁵ All the people answered, “His blood be on us and on our children!” ²⁶ Then he released Barabbas to them and, after having Jesus flogged, handed him over to be crucified.

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barabbas

1. Was a rebellious insurrectionist who had committed murder
2. Was proven guilty and under the sentence of death
3. Was helpless to avoid the penalty that was due him
4. Through no merit or choice of his own, was set free
5. His cross was borne by Jesus
6. Jesus was he “substitute” that paid his penalty

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