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# Mark 15

<sup>16</sup> And the soldiers led him away inside the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters), and they called together the whole battalion.<sup>17</sup> And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on him.<sup>18</sup> And they began to salute him, "Hail, King of the Jews!"<sup>19</sup> And they were striking his head with a reed and spitting on him and kneeling down in homage to him.

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<sup>20</sup> And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. And they led him out to crucify him. <sup>21</sup> And they compelled a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross. <sup>22</sup> And they brought him to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull).

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<sup>23</sup> And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. <sup>24</sup> And they crucified him and divided his garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take. <sup>25</sup> And it was the third hour when they crucified him. <sup>26</sup> And the inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." <sup>27</sup> And with him they crucified two robbers, one on his right and one on his left.

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<sup>29</sup> And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, “Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, <sup>30</sup> save yourself, and come down from the cross!” <sup>31</sup> So also the chief priests with the scribes mocked him to one another, saying, “He saved others; he cannot save himself.

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<sup>32</sup> Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe.” Those who were crucified with him also reviled him.

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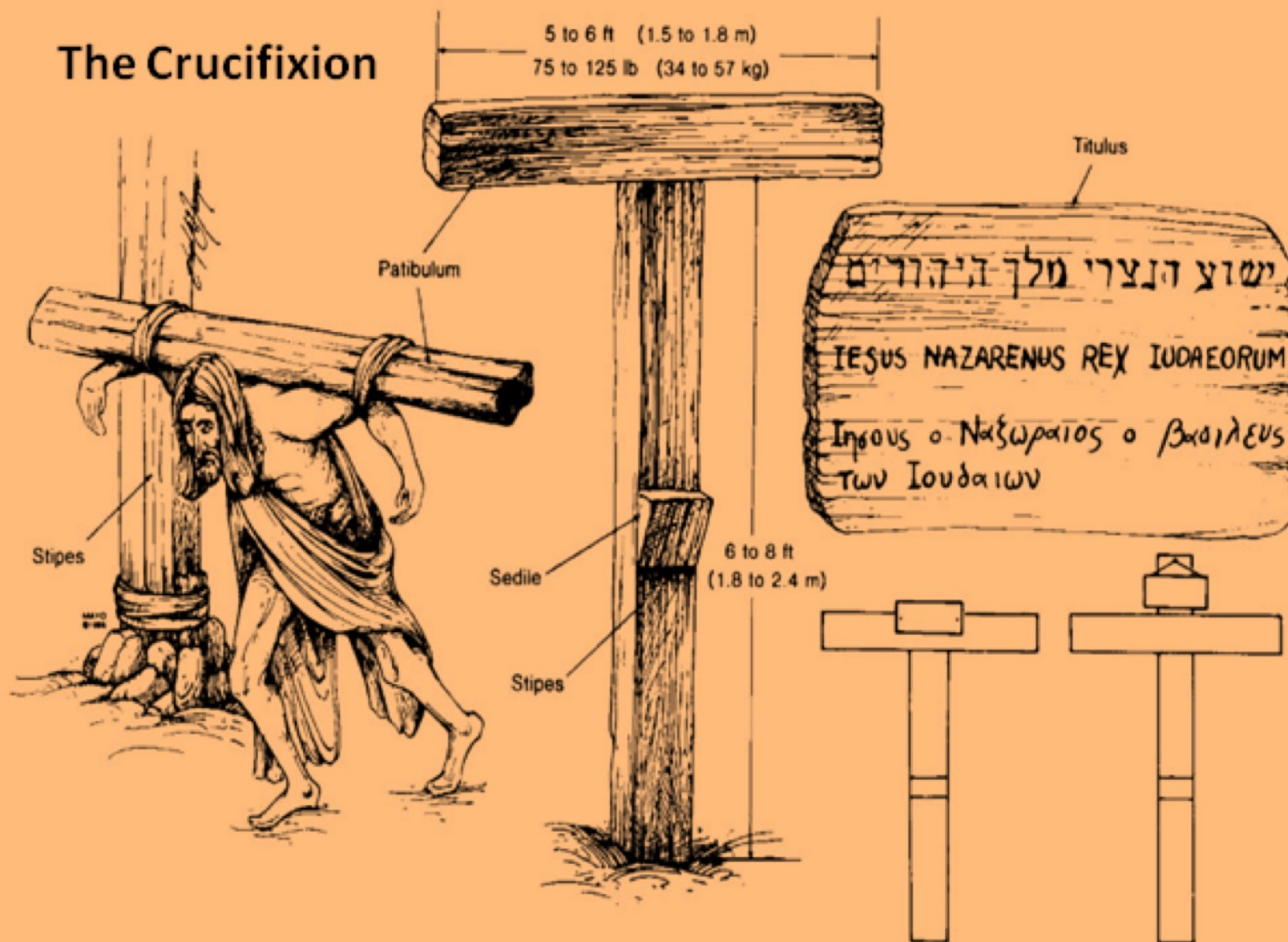
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*com · pel – bring about (something)  
by the use of force or pressure.*

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# The Crucifixion



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- **This was the week of Passover**

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<sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, <sup>8</sup> which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight

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<sup>9</sup> making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ <sup>10</sup> as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

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<sup>10</sup> declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose,' <sup>11</sup> calling a bird of prey from the east, the man of my counsel from a far country. I have spoken, and I will bring it to pass; I have purposed, and I will do it.

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Jeremiah 29

<sup>11</sup> For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

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3. **He stayed, watched, and his life was changed forever.**
  - Matthew 27:55-56
  - Luke 23:48



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2. Romans 16:13 – Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord; also his mother, who has been a mother to me as well.

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# Interesting Fact

*Approximately 92% of all Southern Baptists  
will die without ever sharing their faith  
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4. **In the end, trust God: Proverbs 3:5-6**

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# Wayne Grudem Systematic Theology:

*“The fact that God created us for his own glory determines the correct answer to the question, “What is our purpose in life?” Our purpose must be to fulfill the reason that God created us: to glorify him. When we are speaking with respect to God himself, that is a good summary of our purpose.*

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*But when we think of our own interests, we make the happy discovery that we are to enjoy God and take delight in him and in our relationship to him. When we realize that God created us to glorify him, and when we start to act in ways that fulfill that purpose, then we begin to experience an intensity of joy in the Lord that we have never before known.”*

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