



**Save Yourself!**

**Mark 15:21-32**

**THE SERVANT: SAVING  
MARK** 

***“The man with a cross no longer  
controls his destiny;  
he lost control when he  
picked up his cross.”***

**A.W. Tozer**



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Mark 15:16 The soldiers took Him away into the palace (that is, the Praetorium), and they called together the whole Roman cohort.

17,18 They dressed Him up in purple, and after twisting a crown of thorns, they put it on Him; and they began to acclaim Him, “Hail, King of the Jews!”

19 They kept beating His head with a reed, and spitting on Him, and kneeling and bowing before Him.

20 After they had mocked Him, they took the purple robe off Him and put His own garments on Him. And they led Him out to crucify Him.

***“It costs God nothing, so far as we know, to create nice things: but to convert rebellious wills cost Him crucifixion.”***

**C. S. Lewis**



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21 They pressed into service a passer-by coming from the country, Simon of Cyrene (the father of Alexander and Rufus), to bear His cross.



# Simon of Cyrene 21

- Carry the Cross – crossbeam? +75lb
- Cyrene in North Africa – 800 miles
- Simon – NOT Peter – where?
- Alexander & Rufus? - Romans 16?
- Barabbas Cross – Jesus death - Simon

***“Forgiveness is the reason  
for the crucifixion, and the  
crucifixion is the reason  
for the Incarnation.”***

**Peter Kreeft**



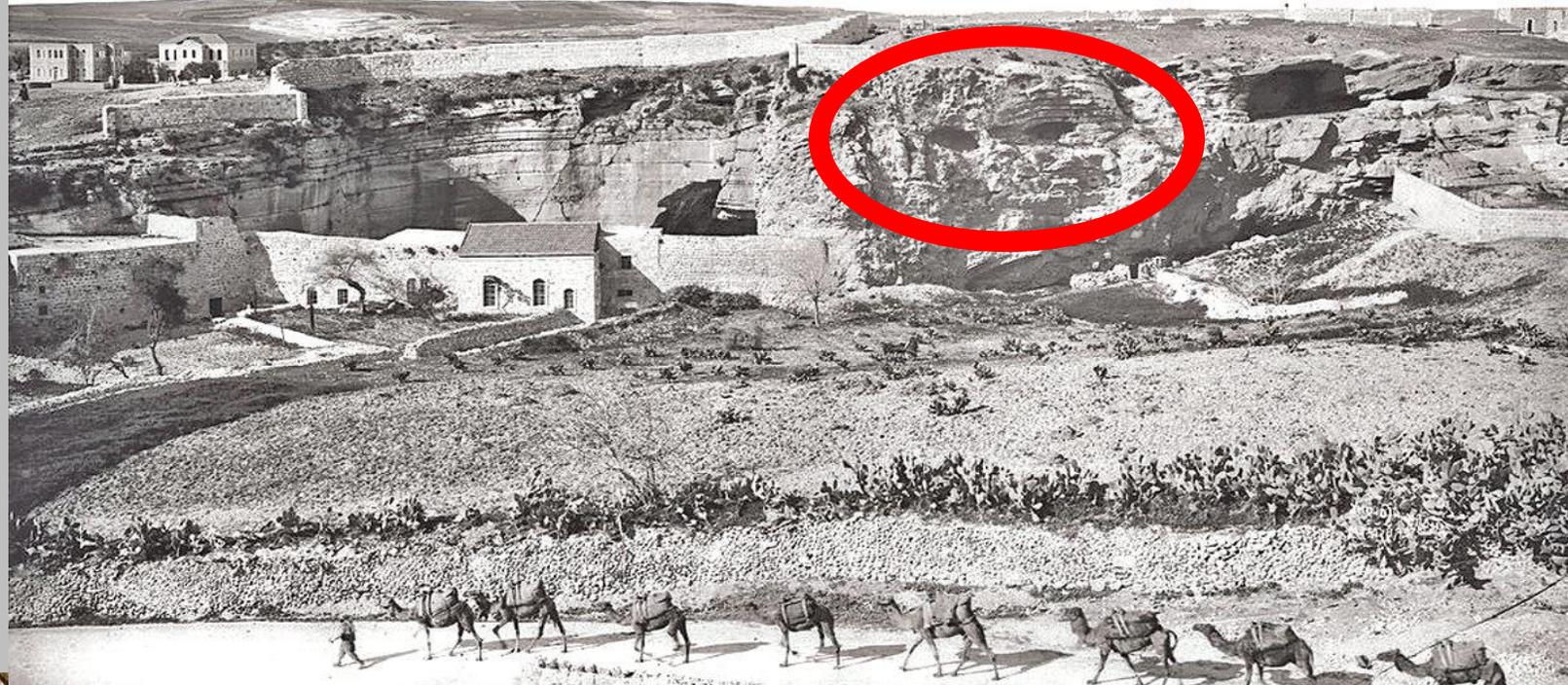
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22 Then they brought Him to the place  
Golgotha, which is translated, Place of a  
Skull.

**SKULL – 1900**

**GOLGOTHA TODAY**

**GARDEN TOMB**



# Skull of Golgotha 22

- Church of Holy Sepulcher
- Helena 326 – Holy Sites? Church 326
- Gordon's Calvary – outside Gate
- Place of executions?

***“You cannot be Christ’s servant if you are not willing to follow him, cross and all. What do you crave? A crown? Then it must be a crown of thorns if you are to be like him.***

**Charles Spurgeon**



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23,24 They tried to give Him wine mixed with myrrh; but He did not take it. And they crucified Him, and divided up His garments among themselves, casting lots for them to decide what each man should take.

# Sedative of the Selfish 23,24

- Myrrh – powerful drug
- Not a love of suffering – love of you!
- ‘garments’ – John “seamless”
- Psalm 22:18 – All Gospels!

***Do you want to be lifted up? So  
you shall,  
but it will be upon a cross.”  
Charles Spurgeon***



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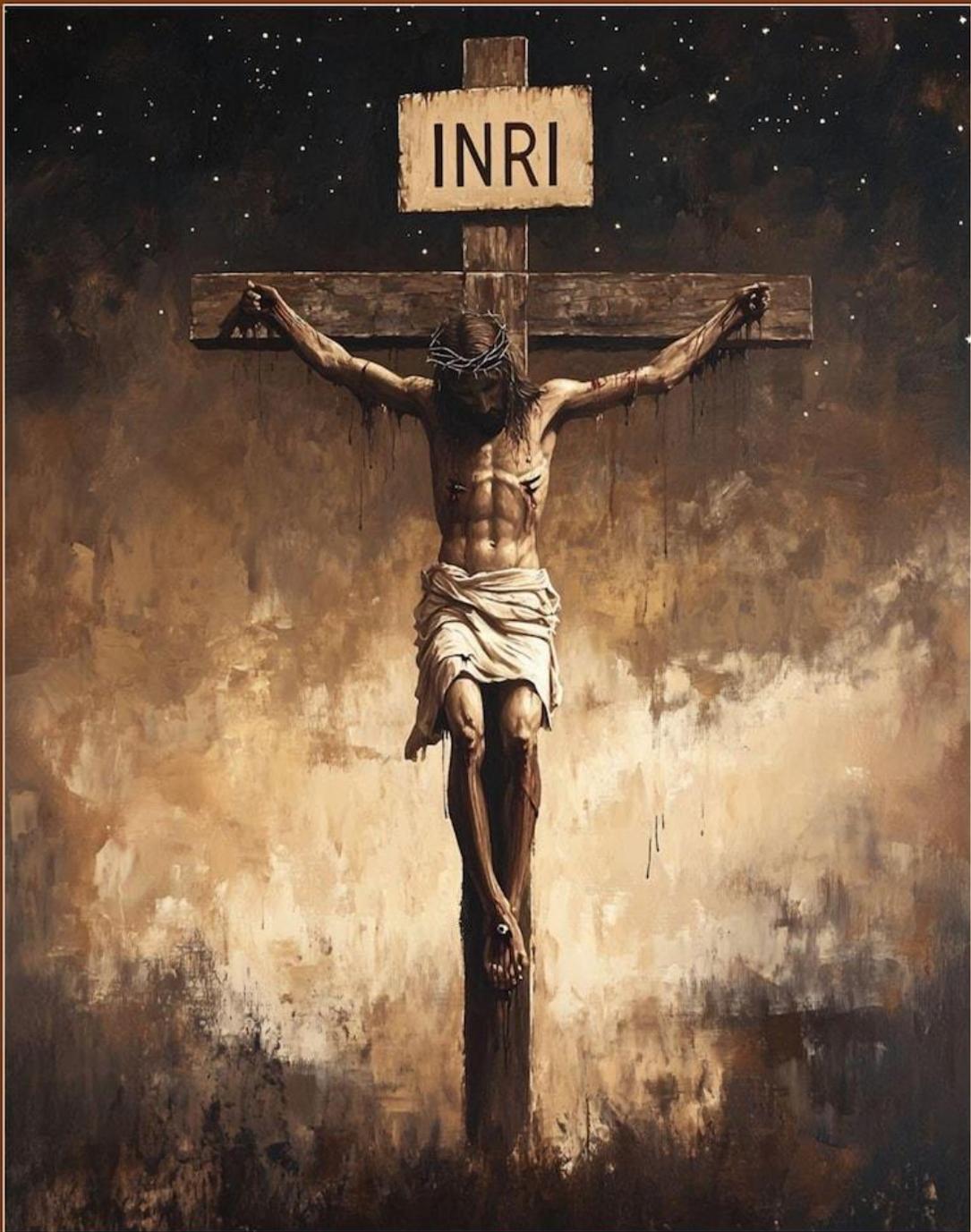
25,26 It was the third hour when they crucified Him. The inscription of the charge against Him read, "THE KING OF THE JEWS."

# JESUS of NAZARETH - KING of JEWS

ישו הנצרי ומלך היהודים

Ἰησοῦς ὁ Ναζωραῖος ὁ βασιλεὺς τῶν Ἰουδαίων

IESVS NAZARENVS REX IVDÆORVM



# INRI

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JESUS THE NAZARENE, KING OF THE JEWS

# Sign over Jesus 25,26

- Crimes posted
- INRI – abbreviation for paintings
- Insult of the Romans
- Prophecy for believers!

***“It is to the Cross that the Christian is challenged to follow his Master: no path of redemption can make a detour around it.”*** Hans Balthasar



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27,28 They crucified two robbers with Him, one on His right and one on His left. [And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, “And He was numbered with transgressors.”]

# Scripture Fulfilled 27,28

- Isaiah 53:12
- To the end – forgiving!
- Jesus came to seek & save!

***“I do believe we slander Christ  
when we think we are to draw  
the people by something else  
but the preaching of Christ  
crucified.”*** C.H. Spurgeon



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29,30 Those passing by were hurling abuse at Him, wagging their heads, and saying, “Ha! You who are going to destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save Yourself, and come down from the cross!”

31 In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes, were mocking Him among themselves and saying, “He saved others; He cannot save Himself.

Act 6:7 The word of God kept on spreading; and the number of the disciples continued to increase greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were becoming obedient to the faith.

# “SAVE YOURSELF!” 29-31

- Mocking
- Misquoting
- Short term – Long term
- Many did believe!

***“The only thing more painful  
than the nails  
is our negligence!”***



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32 Let this Christ, the King of Israel, now come down from the cross, so that we may see and believe!” Those who were crucified with Him were also insulting Him.

# See & Believe 32

- Don't believe – more will not help
- Rich Man & Lazarus - Luke 16:30

**“But he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent!’”**

***“You cannot claim the joy – the  
blessing – the peace –  
the love – the forgiveness –  
WITHOUT THE CROSS!”***



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