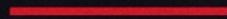




GOOD FRIDAY



# The Scandal of Grace

John 18:28-19:37 (New Living Translation)

## Jesus' Trial before Pilate

<sup>28</sup> Jesus' trial before Caiaphas ended in the early hours of the morning. Then he was taken to the headquarters of the Roman governor. His accusers didn't go inside because it would defile them, and they wouldn't be allowed to celebrate the Passover. <sup>29</sup> So Pilate, the governor, went out to them and asked, "What is your charge against this man?"

<sup>30</sup> "We wouldn't have handed him over to you if he weren't a criminal!" they retorted.

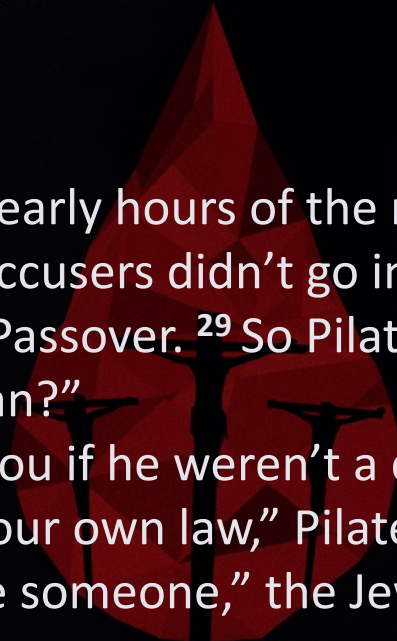
<sup>31</sup> "Then take him away and judge him by your own law," Pilate told them.

"Only the Romans are permitted to execute someone," the Jewish leaders replied. <sup>32</sup> (This fulfilled Jesus' prediction about the way he would die.)

<sup>33</sup> Then Pilate went back into his headquarters and called for Jesus to be brought to him. "Are you the king of the Jews?" he asked him.

<sup>34</sup> Jesus replied, "Is this your own question, or did others tell you about me?"

<sup>35</sup> "Am I a Jew?" Pilate retorted. "Your own people and their leading priests brought you to me for trial. Why? What have you done?"





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<sup>36</sup> Jesus answered, “My Kingdom is not an earthly kingdom. If it were, my followers would fight to keep me from being handed over to the Jewish leaders. But my Kingdom is not of this world.”

<sup>37</sup> Pilate said, “So you are a king?”

Jesus responded, “You say I am a king. Actually, I was born and came into the world to testify to the truth. All who love the truth recognize that what I say is true.”

<sup>38</sup> “What is truth?” Pilate asked. Then he went out again to the people and told them, “He is not guilty of any crime. <sup>39</sup> But you have a custom of asking me to release one prisoner each year at Passover. Would you like me to release this ‘King of the Jews’?”

<sup>40</sup> But they shouted back, “No! Not this man. We want Barabbas!” (Barabbas was a revolutionary.)

## **Jesus Sentenced to Death**

**19** Then Pilate had Jesus flogged with a lead-tipped whip. <sup>2</sup> The soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they put a purple robe on him. <sup>3</sup> “Hail! King of the Jews!” they mocked, as they slapped him across the face.

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<sup>4</sup> Pilate went outside again and said to the people, “I am going to bring him out to you now, but understand clearly that I find him not guilty.” <sup>5</sup> Then Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. And Pilate said, “Look, here is the man!”

<sup>6</sup> When they saw him, the leading priests and Temple guards began shouting, “Crucify him! Crucify him!” “Take him yourselves and crucify him,” Pilate said. “I find him not guilty.”

<sup>7</sup> The Jewish leaders replied, “By our law he ought to die because he called himself the Son of God.”

<sup>8</sup> When Pilate heard this, he was more frightened than ever. <sup>9</sup> He took Jesus back into the headquarters again and asked him, “Where are you from?” But Jesus gave no answer. <sup>10</sup> “Why don’t you talk to me?” Pilate demanded. “Don’t you realize that I have the power to release you or crucify you?”

<sup>11</sup> Then Jesus said, “You would have no power over me at all unless it were given to you from above. So the one who handed me over to you has the greater sin.”

<sup>12</sup> Then Pilate tried to release him, but the Jewish leaders shouted, “If you release this man, you are no ‘friend of Caesar.’ Anyone who declares himself a king is a rebel against Caesar.”

<sup>13</sup> When they said this, Pilate brought Jesus out to them again. Then Pilate sat down on the judgment seat on the platform that is called the Stone Pavement (in Hebrew, Gabbatha).



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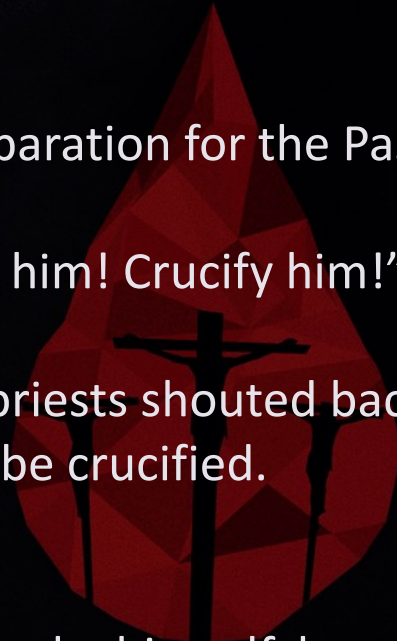
<sup>14</sup> It was now about noon on the day of preparation for the Passover. And Pilate said to the people, “Look, here is your king!”

<sup>15</sup> “Away with him,” they yelled. “Away with him! Crucify him!”

“What? Crucify your king?” Pilate asked.

“We have no king but Caesar,” the leading priests shouted back.

<sup>16</sup> Then Pilate turned Jesus over to them to be crucified.



## The Crucifixion

So they took Jesus away. <sup>17</sup> Carrying the cross by himself, he went to the place called Place of the Skull (in Hebrew, Golgotha). <sup>18</sup> There they nailed him to the cross. Two others were crucified with him, one on either side, with Jesus between them. <sup>19</sup> And Pilate posted a sign on the cross that read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” <sup>20</sup> The place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Hebrew, Latin, and Greek, so that many people could read it.

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<sup>21</sup> Then the leading priests objected and said to Pilate, “Change it from ‘The King of the Jews’ to ‘He said, I am King of the Jews.’”

<sup>22</sup> Pilate replied, “No, what I have written, I have written.”

<sup>23</sup> When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they divided his clothes among the four of them. They also took his robe, but it was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom. <sup>24</sup> So they said, “Rather than tearing it apart, let’s throw dice for it.” This fulfilled the Scripture that says, “They divided my garments among themselves and threw dice for my clothing.” So that is what they did.

<sup>25</sup> Standing near the cross were Jesus’ mother, and his mother’s sister, Mary (the wife of Clopas), and Mary Magdalene. <sup>26</sup> When Jesus saw his mother standing there beside the disciple he loved, he said to her, “Dear woman, here is your son.” <sup>27</sup> And he said to this disciple, “Here is your mother.” And from then on this disciple took her into his home.

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## The Death of Jesus

<sup>28</sup> Jesus knew that his mission was now finished, and to fulfill Scripture he said, "I am thirsty." <sup>29</sup> A jar of sour wine was sitting there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put it on a hyssop branch, and held it up to his lips. <sup>30</sup> When Jesus had tasted it, he said, "It is finished!" Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

<sup>31</sup> It was the day of preparation, and the Jewish leaders didn't want the bodies hanging there the next day, which was the Sabbath (and a very special Sabbath, because it was Passover week). So they asked Pilate to hasten their deaths by ordering that their legs be broken. Then their bodies could be taken down. <sup>32</sup> So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the two men crucified with Jesus. <sup>33</sup> But when they came to Jesus, they saw that he was already dead, so they didn't break his legs. <sup>34</sup> One of the soldiers, however, pierced his side with a spear, and immediately blood and water flowed out. <sup>35</sup> (This report is from an eyewitness giving an accurate account. He speaks the truth so that you also may continue to believe. <sup>36</sup> These things happened in fulfillment of the Scriptures that say, "Not one of his bones will be broken," <sup>37</sup> and "They will look on the one they pierced.")



# Grace Upon Grace

- “Grace”; from the Greek “cháris”; meaning “good will, loving-kindness, favour.”
- **Thayer’s Greek Lexicon describes Grace as:**  
*of the merciful kindness by which God, exerting his holy influence upon souls, turns them to Christ, keeps, strengthens, increases them in Christian faith, knowledge, affection, and kindles them to the exercise of the Christian virtues.*
- **Old Testament Hebrew equivalent “Khane”;** first found in Genesis:  
<sup>5</sup> Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. <sup>6</sup> And the Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. <sup>7</sup> So the Lord said, “I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them.” <sup>8</sup> But Noah found grace (khane) in the eyes of the Lord.  
<sup>9</sup> ...Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God.  
Genesis 6:5-9 (New King James Version)



# Oneness

- **John 1:1-3, 14, 16** (English Standard Version)

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

<sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

<sup>16</sup> For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

- **Oneness;** (noun), the fact or state of being unified or whole, though comprised of two or more parts.

- **Atonement (reconciliation)**

“And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement. “ - Romans 5:11 King James Version

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# Responding to Grace

- **Receive it!**

*“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.” – Ephesians 2:8 ESV*

- **Share it!**

*“You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.” – Matthew 5:14-16 NKJV*

- **Give thanks!**

*“Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.” – Psalm 100:4 NIV*

