

GOOD FRIDAY MARCH 30, 2018

PART 1

Matthew 26:36 Jesus went to the olive grove called Gethsemane, & He said, **“Sit here while I go over there to pray.”** 37 He took Peter, James, & John, & He became anguished & distressed.38 He told them, **“My soul is crushed w/ grief to the point of death. Stay here & keep watch w/ me.”**39 He went on a little farther & bowed w/ His face to the ground, praying, **“My Father! If it’s possible, let this cup of suffering be taken away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine.”** 40 He returned to the disciples & found them asleep. He said to Peter, **“Couldn’t you watch w/ me even one hour?”** 41 Keep watch & pray, so that you’ll not give in to temptation. For the spirit is willing, but the body is weak!” (2 more times this happened)

47 ...Judas, one of the 12 disciples, arrived w/ a crowd of men armed w/ swords & clubs....**49** Judas came straight to Jesus. “Greetings, Rabbi!” & **gave Him a kiss.** 50 Jesus said, **“My friend, go ahead & do what you have come for.”** Then the others grabbed Jesus & arrested him. ...**56b** *At that point, all the disciples deserted Him and fled.*

57 The people who’d arrested Jesus led Him to the home of the high priest, where the teachers of religious law & the elders had gathered...
...**65b** You’ve all heard His blasphemy.66 What’s your verdict?”
“Guilty!” they shouted. “He deserves to die!” 67 Then they began to **spit** in Jesus’ face & **beat him** w/ their fists. And some **slapped him**, 68 jeering, “Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who hit You that time?”

69 Meanwhile, Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant girl came over & said to him, “You’re one of those w/ Jesus the Galilean” 70 But Peter **denied it in front of everyone.** “I don’t know what you’re talking about.”. 71 Later, out by the gate, another servant girl noticed him & said to those standing around, “This man was w/ Jesus. 72 **Again**

Peter denied it, this time w/ an oath. "I don't even know the man," 73

A little later some of the other bystanders came over to Peter and said, "You must be one of them; we can tell by your Galilean accent." 74

Peter swore, "A curse on me if I'm lying—I don't know the man!" And immediately the rooster crowed. 75 Suddenly, Jesus' words flashed through Peter's mind: **"Before the rooster crows, you will deny three times that you even know me."** And **he went away, weeping bitterly.**

Matthew 27:21 The governor asked, "Which of these two do you want me to release to you?" The crowd shouted back, "Barabbas!" 22 Pilate responded, "What should I do w/ Jesus the Messiah?" They shouted back, **"Crucify Him!"** 23 "Why?" Pilate demanded. "What crime has He committed?" But the **mob roared even louder, "Crucify him!"** 26 So Pilate released Barabbas to them. He ordered **Jesus flogged w/ a lead-tipped whip & turned Him over** to the Roman soldiers to be crucified.

Matthew 27-31 They stripped Him; robe; crown of thorns; knelt before Him in mockery, "Hail! King of the Jews!" spit on Him; struck Him on the head w/ scepter. 31 ...Then they led Him away to be crucified.

PART 2

Matthe 27:35 After they **nailed Him to the cross**, the soldiers gambled for His clothes by throwing dice.(near the cross, far from Christ)36 Then they sat around & kept guard as He hung there. 37A sign was fastened above Jesus' head, it read: "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." Two revolutionaries crucified w/ Him, one on his right & one on His left.

(Luke 23:39 One of the criminals hanging beside Him scoffed, "So you're the Messiah, are you? Prove it by saving Yourself & us, too, while you're at it!"40 But the other criminal protested, "Don't you fear God even when you've been sentenced to die? 41We deserve to die for our crimes, but this man hasn't done anything wrong." 42Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into Your Kingdom." 43 Jesus replied, **"I assure you, today you'll be w/ Me in paradise."**)

Matthew 27:39 The people passing by **shouted abuse, shaking their heads in mockery.** 40“Look at You now!” they yelled at Him. “You said you were going to destroy the Temple & rebuild it in three days. Well, **if you are** the Son of God, save yourself & come down from the cross!” 41 The leading **priests, teachers of religious law & the elders also mocked** Jesus. 42 “He saved others,” they scoffed, “but He can’t save Himself! So, He’s the King of Israel, is He? Let Him come down from the cross right now, & we’ll believe in Him! 43 He trusted God, so let God rescue Him now if He wants Him! For he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’

45 At noon, darkness fell across the whole land until 3:00pm. 46 About 3:00pm, Jesus called out w/ a loud voice, ***“Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?”*** which means ***“My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?”*** 47 Some of the **bystanders misunderstood** & thought He was calling for the prophet Elijah. 48 One of them ran & filled a sponge w/ sour wine, holding it up to Him on a reed stick so He could drink. 49 But the rest said, “Wait! Let’s see whether Elijah comes to save Him.” 50 Then Jesus shouted out again, & He released His spirit. 51 At that moment the curtain in the sanctuary of the Temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, rocks split apart,... **54** The Roman officer & the other soldiers at the crucifixion were terrified by the earthquake & all that had happened. They said, **“This man truly was the Son of God!”**