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*Two others, both criminals, were led out
to be executed with him.*

Luke 23:32 (NLT)



*When they came to a place called The Skull,
they nailed him to the cross.*

Luke 23:33 (NLT)



And the criminals were also crucified - one on his right and one on his left.

Luke 23:33 (NLT)





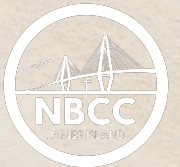
Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they don’t know what they are doing.”

Luke 23:34 (NLT)



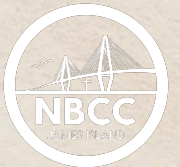
*And the soldiers gambled for his clothes by
throwing dice.*

Luke 23:34 (NLT)



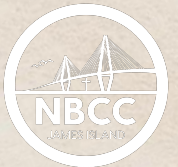
The crowd watched and the leaders scoffed.

Luke 23:35 (NLT)



“He saved others,” they said, “let him save himself if he is really God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.”

Luke 23:35 (NLT)



The soldiers mocked him, too, by offering him a drink of sour wine. They called out to him, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!”

Luke 23:36-37 (NLT)



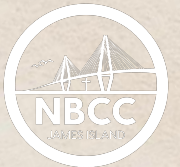
A sign was fastened above him with these words:

Luke 23:38 (NLT)



“This is the King of the Jews.”

Luke 23:38 (NLT)



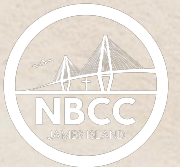
*One of the criminals hanging beside him scoffed,
“So you’re the Messiah, are you? Prove it by
saving yourself - and us, too, while you’re at it!”*

Luke 23:39 (NLT)



*But the other criminal protested, “Don’t you fear
God even when you have been sentenced to die?”*

Luke 23:40-41 (NLT)



*We deserve to die for our crimes, but this man
hasn't done anything wrong.”*

Luke 23:40-41 (NLT)



Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.”

Luke 23:42 (NLT)



And Jesus replied, “I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

Luke 23:43 (NLT)



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Now Jesus was standing before Pilate, the Roman governor.

Matthew 27:11 (NLT)



Are you the king of the Jews?” the governor asked him.

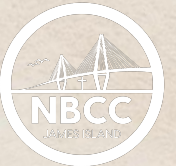
Jesus replied, “You have said it.”

Matthew 27:11 (NLT)



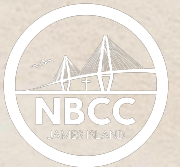
But when the leading priests and the elders made their accusations against him, Jesus remained silent.

Matthew 27:12 (NLT)



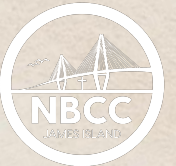
“Don’t you hear all these charges they are bringing against you?” Pilate demanded.

Matthew 27:13 (NLT)



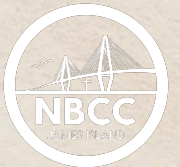
But Jesus made no response to any of the charges, much to the governor's surprise.

Matthew 27:14 (NLT)



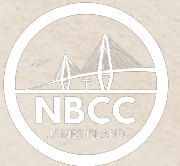
Now it was the governor's custom each year during the Passover celebration to release one prisoner to the crowd - anyone they wanted.

Matthew 27:15 (NLT)



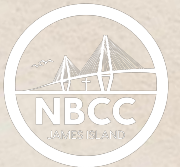
*This year there was a notorious prisoner, a man
named Barabbas.*

Matthew 27:16 (NLT)



As the crowds gathered before Pilate's house that morning, he asked them,

Matthew 27:17 (NLT)



*“Which one do you want me to release to you -
Barabbas, or Jesus who is called the Messiah?”*

Matthew 27:17 (NLT)





(He knew very well that the religious leaders had arrested Jesus out of envy.)

Matthew 27:18 (NLT)



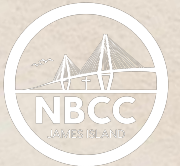
Just then, as Pilate was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent him this message:

Matthew 27:19 (NLT)



“Leave that innocent man alone. I suffered through a terrible nightmare about him last night.”

Matthew 27:19 (NLT)



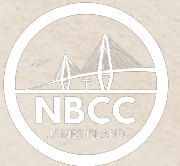
Meanwhile, the leading priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas to be released and for Jesus to be put to death.

Matthew 27:20 (NLT)



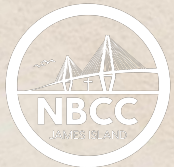
So the governor asked again, “Which of these do you want me to release to you?”
The crowd shouted back, “Barabbas!”

Matthew 27:21 (NLT)



*Pilate responded, “Then what should I do with
Jesus who is called the Messiah?”
They shouted back, “Crucify him!”*

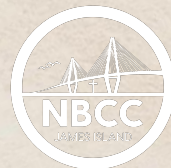
Matthew 27:22 (NLT)



“Why?” Pilate demanded. “What crime has he committed?”

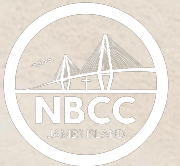
But the mob roared even louder, “Crucify him!”

Matthew 27:23 (NLT)



*Pilate saw that he wasn't getting anywhere and
that a riot was developing.*

Matthew 27:24 (NLT)



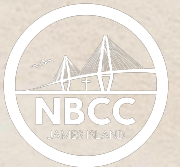
So he sent for a bowl of water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying,

Matthew 27:24 (NLT)



“I am innocent of this man’s blood. The responsibility is yours!”

Matthew 27:24 (NLT)



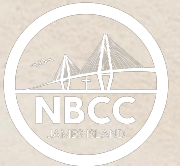
And all the people yelled back, “We will take responsibility for his death - we and our children!”

Matthew 27:25 (NLT)



So Pilate released Barabbas to them.

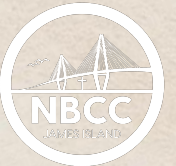
Matthew 27:26 (NLT)



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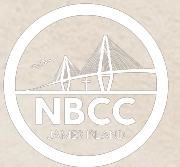
God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2nd Corinthians 5:21(NIV)



The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you.

Romans 8:11 (NLT)



And just as God raised Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you.

Romans 8:11 (NLT)



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