
COMBINED CRUCIFIXION STORY

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One Easter, Daniel wrote and posted the entire Crucifixion Story taken from the different Gospel accounts (reason for different colors), to read to the congregation at the Good Friday Service. (Note: All quotes are taken from the New American Standard Bible.)

Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, was approaching. And it came about that Jesus said to His disciples, "You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man is to be delivered up for crucifixion."

Then the chief priests and the elders of the people were gathered together in the court of the high priest, named Caiaphas; and they plotted together to seize Jesus by stealth, and kill Him for they were afraid of the people. But they were saying, "Not during the festival, lest a riot occur among the people."

And while He was in Bethany at the home of Simon the leper, and reclining at the table, there came a woman with an alabaster vial of very costly perfume of pure nard; and she broke the vial and poured it over His head as He reclined at the table.

But some of the disciples were indignant when they saw this, and were remarking to one another, "Why has this perfume been wasted? For this perfume might have been sold for a high price and the money given to the poor." And they were scolding her.

But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, "Why do you bother the woman? For she has done a good deed to Me. For the poor you always have with you, and whenever you wish, you can do them good, but you do not always have Me. For when she poured this perfume upon My body, she did it to prepare Me for burial. Truly I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done shall also be spoken of in memory of her."

And Satan entered into Judas who was called Iscariot, belonging to the number of the twelve. And he went away and discussed with the chief priests and officers how he might betray Him to them. He asked, "What are you willing to give me to deliver Him up to you?" And they were glad when they

heard *this*, and they weighed out to him thirty pieces of silver. And he consented, and *began* seeking a good opportunity to betray Him to them apart from the multitude.

Then came the *first* day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover *lamb* had to be sacrificed. And He sent Peter and John, saying, “Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it.”

And they said to Him, “Where do You want us to prepare it?”

And He said to them, “Behold, when you have entered the city, a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water; follow him into the house that he enters. And you shall say to the owner of the house, ‘The Teacher says to you, “My time is at hand; I *am* to keep the Passover at your house with My disciples. Where is the guest room in which I may eat the Passover with My disciples?”’ And he will show you a large, furnished, upper room; prepare it there.” And they departed and found *everything* just as He had told them; and they prepared the Passover.

Now when evening had come, He was reclining *at the table* with the twelve disciples. And as they were eating, Jesus said, “Truly I say to you that one of you will betray Me—one who is eating with Me.” And being deeply grieved, they each one began to say to Him, “Surely not I, Lord?” And He said to them, “*It is one of the twelve, one who dips with Me in the bowl. The Son of Man is to go, just as it is written of Him; but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man if he had not been born.*” And Judas, who was betraying Him, answered and said, “Surely it is not I, Rabbi?” He said to him, “You have said *it* yourself.”

And He said to them, “I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I say to you, I shall never again eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” And while they were eating, Jesus took *some* bread, and after a blessing, He broke *it* and gave *it* to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is My body. *This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.*”

And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He gave *it* to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; for this is My blood, poured out for many for forgiveness of sins. *This is the new covenant in My blood.* But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom.”

And after singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

And there arose also a dispute among them *as to* which one of them was regarded to be greatest. And He said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who have authority over them are called ‘Benefactors.’ But not so with you, but let him who is the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as the servant. For who is greater, the one who reclines *at the table*, or the one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines *at the table*? But I am among you as the one who serves. And you are those who have stood by Me in My trials; and just as My Father has

granted Me a kingdom, I grant you that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.”

Then Jesus said to them, “You will all fall away because of Me this night, for it is written, ‘I WILL STRIKE DOWN THE SHEPHERD, AND THE SHEEP OF THE FLOCK SHALL BE SCATTERED.’ But after I have been raised, I will go before you to Galilee.” But Peter answered and said to Him, “*Even though all may fall away because of You, I will never fall away.*”

“Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has demanded *permission* to sift you like wheat; but I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.” And he said to Him, “Lord, with You I am ready to go both to prison and to death!” Jesus said to him, “Truly I say to you that this very night, before a cock crows, you shall deny Me three times.” Peter said to Him, “Even if I have to die with You, I will not deny You.” All the disciples said the same thing too.

And He said to them, “When I sent you out without purse and bag and sandals, you did not lack anything, did you?” And they said, “No, nothing.” And He said to them, “But now, let him who has a purse take it along, likewise also a bag, and let him who has no sword sell his robe and buy one. For I tell you, that this which is written must be fulfilled in Me, ‘AND HE WAS NUMBERED WITH TRANSGRESSORS’; for that which refers to Me has *its* fulfillment.” And they said, “Lord, look, here are two swords.” And He said to them, “It is enough.”

And He came out and proceeded as was His custom to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples also followed Him. Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to His disciples, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.” And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and distressed and troubled. Then He said to them, “My soul is deeply grieved, to the point of death; remain here and keep watch with Me.” And He went *about a stone's throw* beyond *them*, and fell on His face to the ground, and prayed, saying, “Abba! My Father, all things are possible for Thee. If it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as Thou wilt. Father! Remove this cup from Me; yet not what I will, but what Thou wilt.”

And He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, “So, you *men* could not keep watch with Me for one hour? Keep watching and praying, that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

He went away again a second time and prayed, saying, “My Father, if this cannot pass away unless I drink it, Thy will be done.” And again He came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy and they did not know what to answer Him. And He left them again, and went away and prayed a third time, saying the same thing once more. Now an angel from heaven appeared to Him, strengthening Him. And being in agony He was praying very fervently; and His sweat became like drops of blood, falling down upon the ground.

And when He rose from prayer, He came to the disciples and found them sleeping for their eyes were very heavy from sorrow. He said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation. Behold, the hour is at hand and the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners. Arise, let us be going; behold, the one who betrays Me is at hand!"

And immediately while He was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, came up, accompanied by a multitude with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. Now he who was betraying Him had given them a signal, saying, "Whomever I shall kiss, He is the one; seize Him, and lead Him away under guard."

And after coming, he immediately went to Him, saying, "Rabbi!" and kissed Him. But Jesus said to him, "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?" And they laid hands on Him, and seized Him. But a certain one of those who were with Jesus reached and drew out his sword, and struck the slave of the high priest, and cut off his ear. Then Jesus said to him, "Stop! No more of this. Put your sword back into its place; for all those who take up the sword shall perish by the sword. Or do you think that I cannot appeal to My Father, and He will at once put at My disposal more than twelve legions of angels? How then shall the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must happen this way?"

And He touched his ear and healed him. At that time Jesus said to the multitudes and to the chief priests and officers of the temple and elders who had come against Him, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest Me as against a robber? Every day I used to sit in the temple teaching and you did not seize Me, but this hour and the power of darkness are yours. But all this has taken place that the Scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled."

Then all the disciples left Him and fled, including a certain young man who was following Him, wearing *nothing but* a linen sheet over *his* naked *body*; and they seized him. But he left the linen sheet behind, and escaped naked.

And those who had seized Jesus led Him away to Caiaphas, the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were gathered together. And Peter had followed Him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest to see the outcome. And after they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and had sat down together, Peter was sitting among them warming himself at the fire.

And as Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came, seeing Peter warming himself as he sat in the firelight; she looked intently at him, and said, "You, too, were with Jesus the Nazarene." But he denied it before them all, saying, "I neither know nor understand what you are talking about."

And he went out onto the porch to the gateway. And another *servant-girl* saw him and began once more to say to the bystanders, “**This man was with Him too.** This is *one* of them! This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.” But again he was denying it.

And after about an hour had passed, the bystanders were again saying to Peter, “Surely you are *one* of them, for you are a Galilean too; **the way you talk gives you away.**” But he began to curse and swear, “I do not know this man you are talking about.” **And immediately, while he was still speaking, a cock crowed. And the Lord turned and looked at Peter.** And Peter remembered the word which Jesus had said, “Before a cock crows, you will deny Me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly.

And when it was day, the Council of elders of the people assembled, both chief priests and scribes, and they led Him away to their council chamber, and the whole Council kept trying to obtain false testimony against Jesus, in order that they might put Him to death; and they did not find *any*, even though many false witnesses came forward, for many were giving false testimony against Him, and yet their testimony was not consistent. And some stood up and *began* to give false testimony against Him, saying, “We heard Him say, ‘I will destroy this temple made with hands, and in three days I will build another made without hands.’” And not even in this respect was their testimony consistent.

And the high priest stood up *and came* forward and questioned Jesus, saying, “Do You make no answer? What is it that these men are testifying against You?” But He kept silent, and made no answer.

Again the high priest was questioning Him, and saying to Him, “I adjure You by the living God, that You tell us whether You are the Christ, the Son of God.” Jesus said to him, “You have said it *yourself*; nevertheless I tell you, hereafter you shall see THE SON OF MAN SITTING AT THE RIGHT HAND OF POWER, and COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF HEAVEN.” **And they all said, “Are You the Son of God, then?” And He said to them, “Yes, I am.”**

And tearing his clothes, the high priest said, “He has blasphemed! What further need do we have of witnesses? Behold, you have now heard the blasphemy **ourselves from His own mouth**; what do you think; how does it seem to you?” They answered and said, “He is deserving of death!”

Then some **men who were holding Jesus in custody** began to spit at Him, and to blindfold Him, and to beat Him with their fists; and others slapped Him, and **were mocking Him**, “Prophecy to us, You Christ; who is the one who hit You?” **And they were saying many other things against Him, blaspheming.** And the officers received Him with slaps *in the face*.

Now when morning had come, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put Him to death; and they bound Him, and led Him away, and delivered Him up

to Pilate the governor. Then Pilate therefore took Jesus, and scourged Him. And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on His head, and arrayed Him in a purple robe; and they *began* to come up to Him, and say, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and to give Him blows *in the face*.

Then when Judas, who had betrayed Him, saw that He had been condemned, he felt remorse and returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." But they said, "What is that to us? See *to that* yourself!" And he threw the pieces of silver into the sanctuary and departed; and he went away and hanged himself. And the chief priests took the pieces of silver and said, "It is not lawful to put them into the temple treasury, since it is the price of blood." And they counseled together and with the money bought the Potter's Field as a burial place for strangers. For this reason the field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then that which was spoken through Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled, saying, "AND THEY TOOK THE THIRTY PIECES OF SILVER, THE PRICE OF THE ONE WHOSE PRICE HAD BEEN SET by the sons of Israel; AND THEY GAVE THEM FOR THE POTTER'S FIELD, AS THE LORD DIRECTED ME."

Then the whole body of them arose and brought Him before Pilate. And they began to accuse Him, saying, "We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding to pay taxes to Caesar, and saying that He Himself is Christ, a King." And Pilate asked Him, saying, "Are You the King of the Jews?" And He answered him and said, "*It is as you say.*"

And while He was being accused by the chief priests and elders, He made no answer. Then Pilate said to Him, "Do You not hear how many things they testify against You?" And He did not answer him with regard to even a *single* charge, so that the governor was quite amazed.

And Pilate came out again, and said to them, "Behold, I am bringing Him out to you, that you may know that I find no guilt in Him." Jesus therefore came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. And Pilate said to them, "Behold, the Man!"

When therefore the chief priests and the officers saw Him, they cried out, saying, "Crucify, crucify!" Pilate said to them, "Take Him yourselves, and crucify Him, for I find no guilt in Him." The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and by that law He ought to die because He made Himself out *to be* the Son of God." When Pilate therefore heard this statement, he was the more afraid; and he entered into the Praetorium again, and said to Jesus, "Where are You from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. Pilate therefore said to Him, "You do not speak to me? Do You not know that I have authority to release You, and I have authority to crucify You?" Jesus answered, "You would have no authority over Me, unless it had been given you from above; for this reason he who delivered Me up to you has *the* greater sin."

And Pilate said to the chief priests and the multitudes, "I find no guilt in this man." But they kept on insisting, saying, "He stirs up the people, teaching all over Judea, starting from Galilee, even as

far as this place.” But when Pilate heard it, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that He belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent Him to Herod, who himself also was in Jerusalem at that time.

Now Herod was very glad when he saw Jesus; for he had wanted to see Him for a long time, because he had been hearing about Him and was hoping to see some sign performed by Him. And he questioned Him at some length; but He answered him nothing. And the chief priests and the scribes were standing there, accusing Him vehemently. And Herod with his soldiers, after treating Him with contempt and mocking Him, dressed Him in a gorgeous robe and sent Him back to Pilate. Now Herod and Pilate became friends with one another that very day; for before they had been at enmity with each other.

And Pilate summoned the chief priests and the rulers and the people, and said to them, “You brought this man to me as one who incites the people to rebellion, and behold, having examined Him before you, I have found no guilt in this man regarding the charges which you make against Him. No, nor has Herod, for he sent Him back to us; and behold, nothing deserving death has been done by Him. I will therefore punish Him and release Him.”

As a result of this Pilate made efforts to release Him, but the Jews cried out, saying, “If you release this Man, you are no friend of Caesar; everyone who makes himself out *to be* a king opposes Caesar.” When Pilate therefore heard these words, he brought Jesus out, and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Pavement, but in Hebrew, Gabbatha. And while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent to him, saying, “Have nothing to do with that righteous Man; for last night I suffered greatly in a dream because of Him.”

Now it was the day of preparation for the Passover; it was about the sixth hour. And he said to the Jews, “Behold, your King!” They therefore cried out, “Away with Him, away with Him, crucify Him!” Pilate said to them, “Shall I crucify your King?” The chief priests answered, “We have no king but Caesar.” Now at *the* feast he used to release for them *any* one prisoner whom they requested. And the man named Barabbas had been imprisoned with the insurrectionists who had committed murder in the insurrection. And the multitude went up and began asking him *to do* as he had been accustomed to do for them. And Pilate answered them, saying, “Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?” for he was aware that the chief priests had delivered Him up because of envy.

But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the multitudes to ask for Barabbas, and to put Jesus to death. But the governor answered and said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?” And they said, “Barabbas.” Pilate said to them, “Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?” They all said, “Let Him be crucified!” And he said, “Why, what evil has He done?” But they kept shouting all the more, saying, “Let Him be crucified!”

And when Pilate saw that he was accomplishing nothing, but rather that a riot was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the multitude, saying, "I am innocent of this Man's blood; see *to that* yourselves." And all the people answered and said, "His blood *be* on us and on our children!" And wishing to satisfy the multitude, Pilate released Barabbas for them, and after having Jesus scourged, he delivered *Him* to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole *Roman* cohort around Him. And they stripped Him, and put a *purple* scarlet robe on Him. And after weaving a crown of thorns, they put it on His head, and a reed in His right hand; and they kneeled down before Him and mocked Him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they spat on Him, and took the reed and *began* to beat Him on the head. And after they had mocked Him, they took His robe off and put His garments on Him, and led Him away to crucify *Him*.

And as they were coming out, they found a man *coming in from the country*, Simon of Cyrene (the father of Alexander and Rufus), whom they pressed into service and placed on him the Cross to carry behind Jesus.

And there were following Him a great multitude of the people, and of women who were mourning and lamenting Him. But Jesus turning to them said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, stop weeping for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' Then they will begin TO SAY TO THE MOUNTAINS, 'FALL ON US,' AND TO THE HILLS, 'COVER US.' For if they do these things in the green tree, what will happen in the dry?"

And two others also, who were criminals, were being led away to be put to death with Him.

And they brought Him to the place Golgotha, which is translated, Place of a Skull. But Jesus was saying, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And the people stood by, looking on. And even the rulers were sneering at Him. And the soldiers also mocked Him, coming up to Him, offering Him sour wine; but He did not take it.

And Pilate wrote an inscription also, and put it on the cross *above His head*. And it was written, "*JESUS THE NAZARENE, THE KING OF THE JEWS.*" Therefore this inscription many of the Jews read, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Latin, and in Greek. And so the chief priests of the Jews were saying to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews'; but that He said, 'I am King of the Jews.'" Pilate answered, "*What I have written I have written.*"

There they crucified Him, and with Him two other men, one on either side, and Jesus in between.

The soldiers therefore, when they had crucified Jesus, took His outer garments and made four parts, a part to every soldier and *also* the tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece. They said therefore to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, *to decide* whose it shall be"; that the Scripture might be fulfilled, "*They DIVIDED My outer garments among them, and for My clothing they cast LOTS.*" Therefore the soldiers did these things *and sitting down, they began to keep watch over Him there.*

But there were standing by the Cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the *wife* of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then He said to the disciple, "*Behold, your mother!*" And from that hour the disciple took her into his own *household.*

And 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.*") And 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!*" 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. *Let this Christ, the King of Israel, now come down from the Cross, so that we may see and believe!*" And those who were crucified with Him were casting the same insult at Him.

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And one of the criminals who were hanged *there* was hurling abuse at Him, saying, "Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!" But the other answered, and rebuking him said, "Do you not even fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving what we deserve for our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." And he was saying, "Jesus, remember me when You come in Your kingdom!" And He said to him, "Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise."

And when the sixth hour had come, darkness fell over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "ELOI, ELOI, LAMA SABACHTHANI?" which is translated, "MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAST THOU FORSAKEN ME?" And when some of the bystanders heard it, they *began* saying, "Behold, He is calling for Elijah."

After this, Jesus, knowing that all things had already been accomplished, in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I am thirsty." And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed, and gave Him a drink, saying, "Let us see whether Elijah will come to take Him down." A jar full of sour wine was standing there; so they put a sponge full of the sour wine upon *a branch of hyssop*, and brought it up to His mouth. When Jesus therefore had received the sour wine, He uttered a loud cry, "It is finished! **Father, INTO THY HANDS I COMMIT MY SPIRIT.**" And He bowed His

head, breathed His last and gave up His spirit. And behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom, and the earth shook; and the rocks were split, and the tombs were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; and coming out of the tombs after His resurrection they entered the holy city and appeared to many.

Now the centurion, and those who were with him keeping guard over Jesus, when they saw the earthquake and the things that were happening, became very frightened and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!" And many women were there looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to Him, among whom was Mary Magdalene, *along with* Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

The Jews therefore, because it was the day of preparation, so that the bodies should not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high *day*), asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and *that* they might be taken away. The soldiers therefore came, and broke the legs of the first man, and of the other man who was crucified with Him; but coming to Jesus, when they saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs; but one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately there came out blood and water. And he who has seen has borne witness, and his witness is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you also may believe. For these things came to pass, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, "NOT A BONE OF HIM SHALL BE BROKEN." And again another Scripture says, "THEY SHALL LOOK ON HIM WHOM THEY PIERCED."

And behold, a man named Joseph, who was a member of the Council, a good and righteous man (he had not consented to their plan and action), *a man* from Arimathea, a city of the Jews, who was waiting for the kingdom of God; this man being a disciple of Jesus, but a secret *one*, for fear of the Jews, gathered up courage and asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus. And Pilate wondered if He was dead by this time, and summoning the centurion, he questioned him as to whether He was already dead. And ascertaining this from the centurion, he granted the body to Joseph.

Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden; and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had yet been laid. And *Joseph* bought a *clean* linen cloth, took Him down, wrapped Him in the linen cloth, and laid Him in his own new tomb that had been hewn out in the rock; and he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb and went away.

And Mary Magdalene was there, and the other Mary, sitting opposite the grave.