

THE FINDING OF THE SAVIOUR IN THE TEMPLE

By Pre-Raphaelite artist Holman Hunt, c. 1854-1860 (Birmingham City Museum)



ST. MATTHEW 27:15-31

THE PASSION OF CHRIST

ST. MATTHEW 15-23

Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. And they had then a notorious prisoner, called Barab'bas. So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Barab'bas or Jesus who is called Christ?" For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up.

ST. MATTHEW 15-23

Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much over him today in a dream."

ST. MATTHEW 15-23

Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the people to ask for Barab'bas and destroy Jesus. The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barab'bas." 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 shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified."

ST. MATTHEW 15-23

So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this righteous man's blood; see to it yourselves." And all the people answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" Then he released for them Barab'bas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified.



**JESUS BEFORE
PILATE**

Historical Background

1. The Sanhedrin did not have power to assign death penalty
2. Pilate, as Roman Governor, exercised real power
3. Pilate's goal was to keep the peace (he was already in trouble with Rome)
4. As a goodwill gesture, each year, Rome released a political prisoner

JESUS BEFORE PILATE



Refresh

Read St. Matthew 27:20-23

JESUS BEFORE
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Two men stood before Pilate

Jesus barJoseph
&
Jashua barAbbas

JESUS BEFORE
PILATE



Two men stood before Pilate

But “Jesus” is Greek for

Joshua barJoseph
&
Joshua barAbbas

**JESUS BEFORE
PILATE**



Two men stood before Pilate

Joshua barJoseph

Means

Joshua = God will save

Bar = son of

Joseph = Yahweh who gives
increase

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THE SOLDIERS MOCK JESUS

Christ Carrying the Cross
by El Greco, c. 1578, Spain



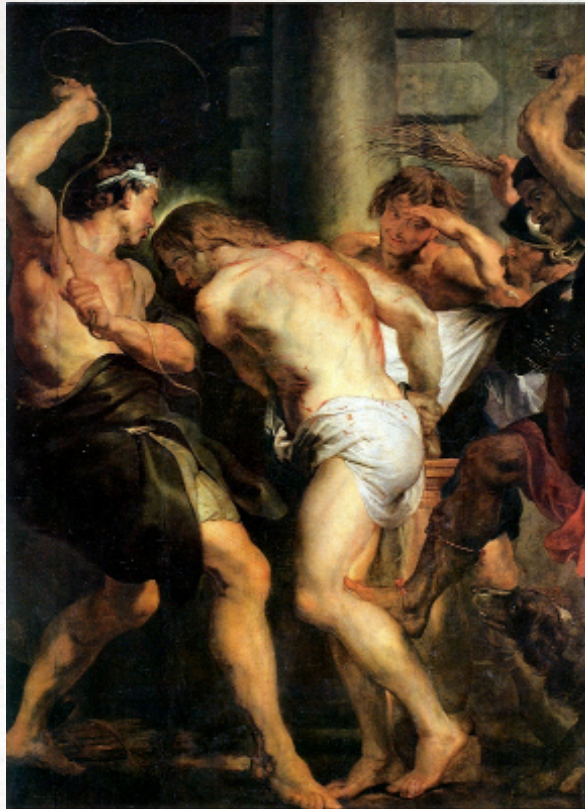
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The Flagellation of Christ
By Peter Paul Rubens, c. 1617
Hangs in the Antwerp Church of
St. Peter, Netherlands



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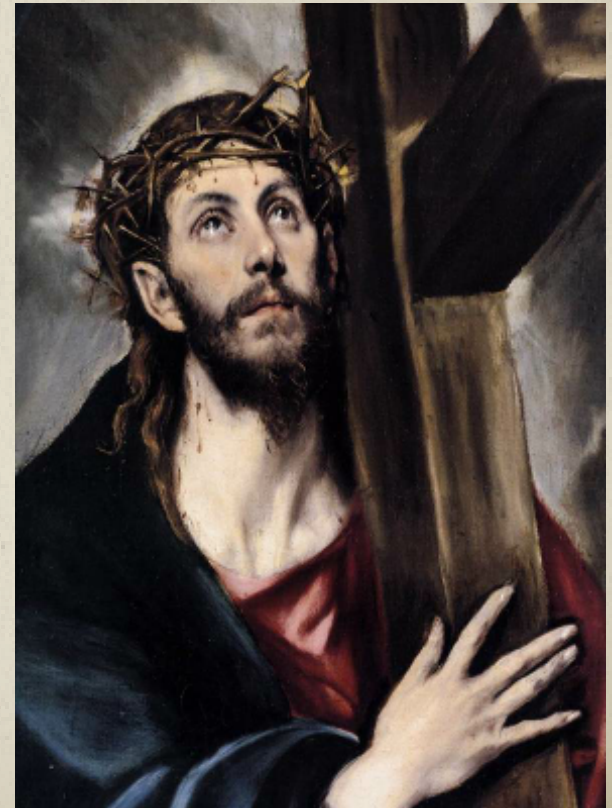
The Passion of the Christ
By Mel Gibson, film 2004



Which Icon Speaks to You?

St. Matthew 27:27-31

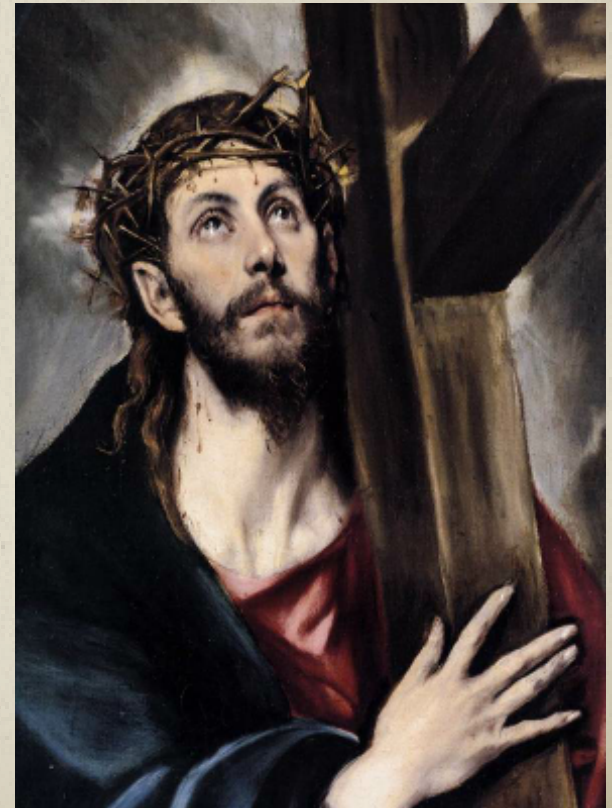
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- Praetorium / Pavement Herrod's Palace taken over by Pilate, and the "patio" outside where Pilate held court.

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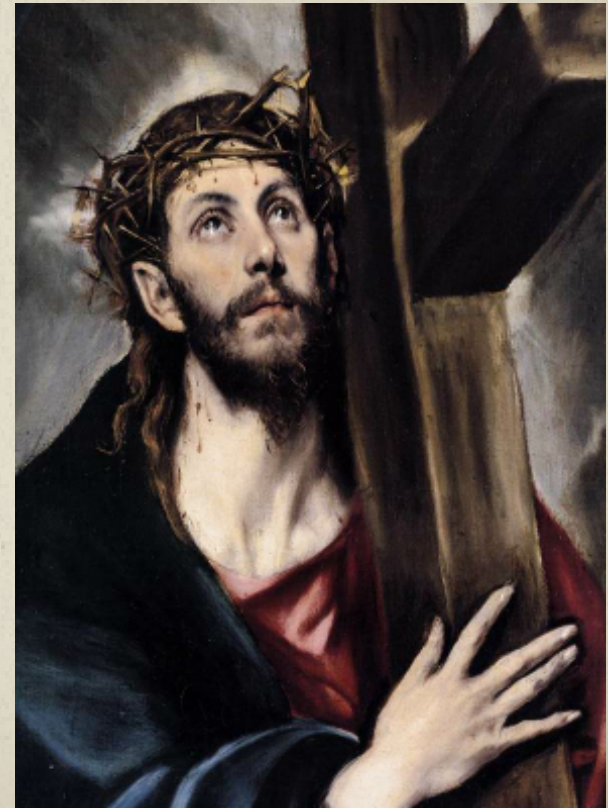


St. Matthew 27:27-31

Actions of the Soldiers

- Stripped him
- Robed him in Scarlet
- Crowned him with thorns
- Sceptered him with reeds
- Beat him
- Hailed / spat upon him
- Dressed / led him away

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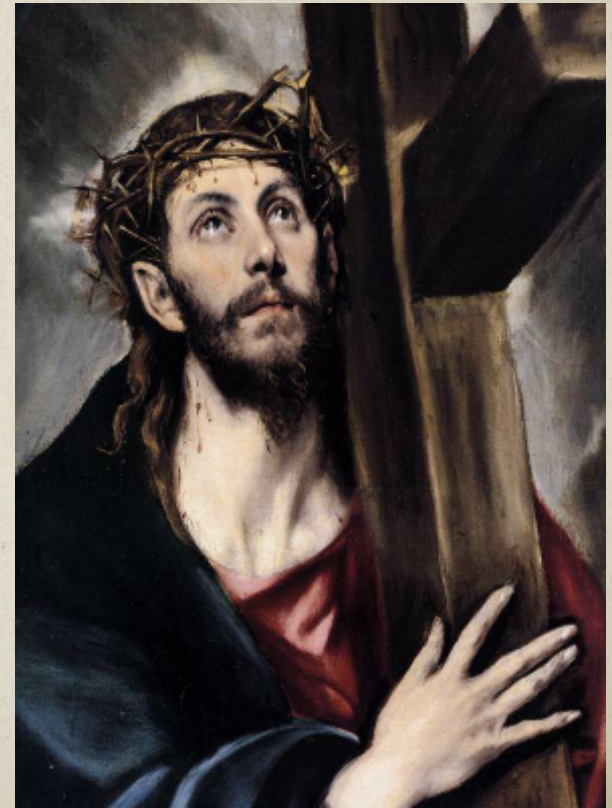


St. Matthew 27:27-31

Christ the Suffering Servant

Isaiah 53

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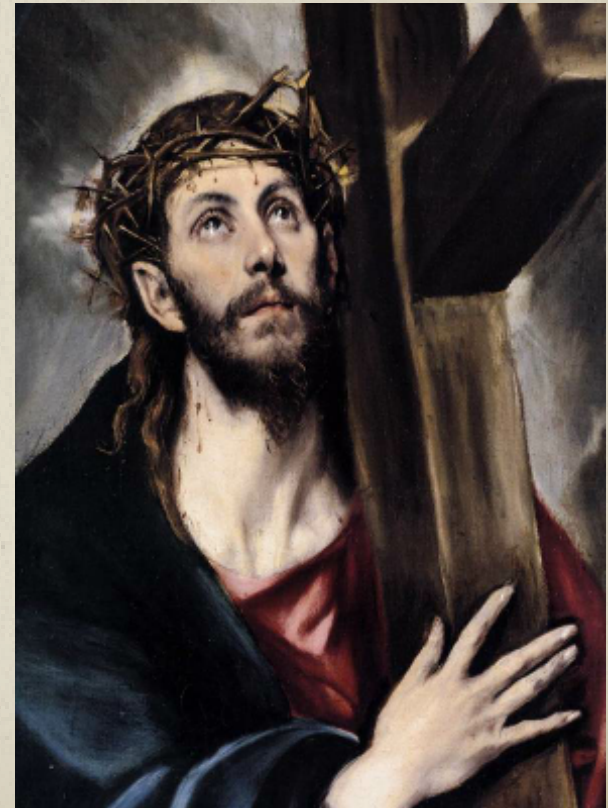
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Isaiah 53

- V3 Despised / rejected
- V4 for bearing our griefs
- V5 He was wounded for our transgressions – Memorize!
- V10 It was God's Will

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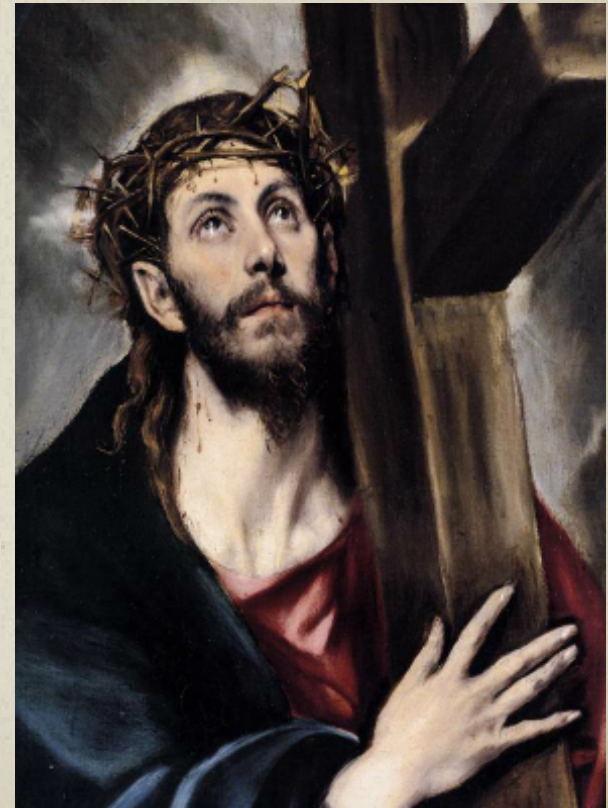
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- **ESSENTIAL NOTE.**
Jesus was not tortured by God the Father; rather, he willingly suffered the consequences of our sin, for our sake, because the Father loves us.

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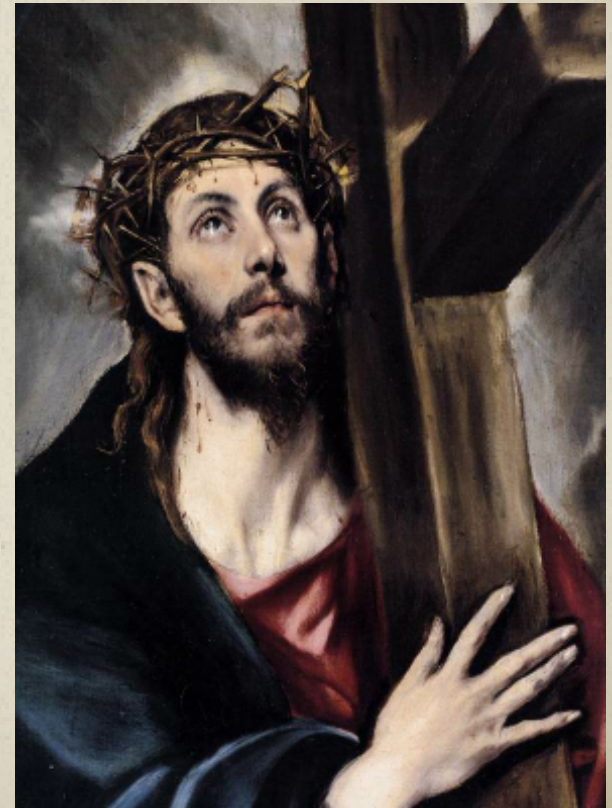


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Now read and compare
1 Peter 2:21-25

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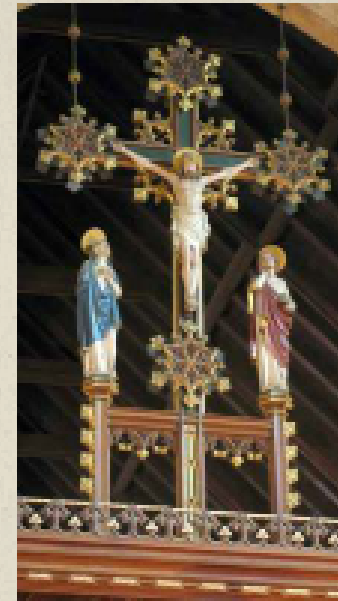
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St. Matthew 27:32

Simon of Cyrene

- Cyrene was a Greek colony in North Africa (modern Libya)
- Simon converted to Christ through this experience, and is featured in the Stations of the Cross
- His son, Rufus, is mentioned in Romans 16:13

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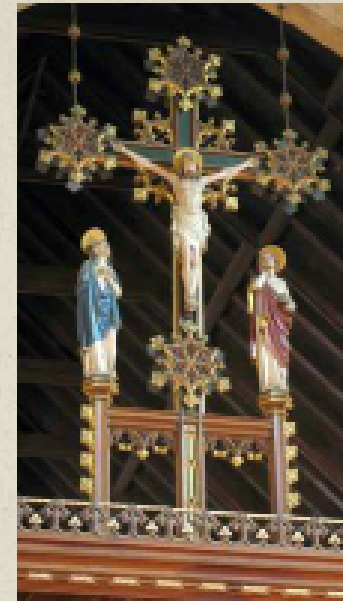
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St. Matthew 27:33

Golgotha

- An Aramaic term meaning “Skull”, which calls to mind the prophecy of Genesis 3:15
- Lay “outside the walls”, fulfilling the prophecy of the OT Day of Atonement, Yom Kippur (Leviticus 16, esp. 29ff), see Hebrews 13:10-11

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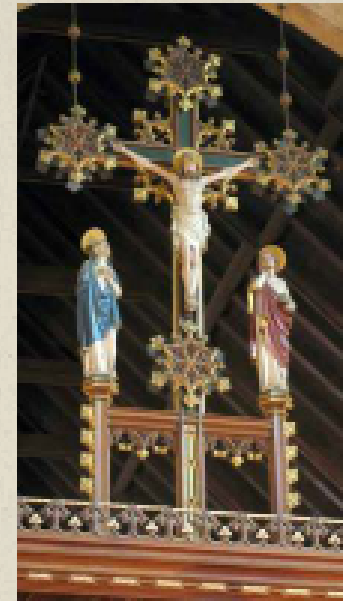
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St. Matthew 27:34

Wine mingled with Gall

- Gall: a mixture of herbs and myhrr which is a mild narcotic used as a painkiller.
- Hebrews 12:1-2

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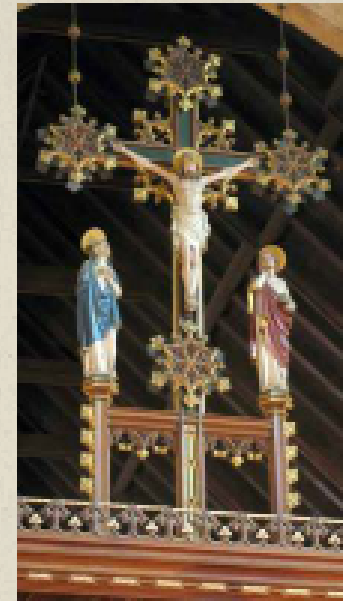
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St. Matthew 27:35

They crucified him

- Driving nails through his wrists and his feet
- Crucifixion was so heinous it was reserved for the worst offenders – Roman citizens could not be crucified.
- Death came slowly by blood loss and asphyxiation, and was often hastened by breaking the legs

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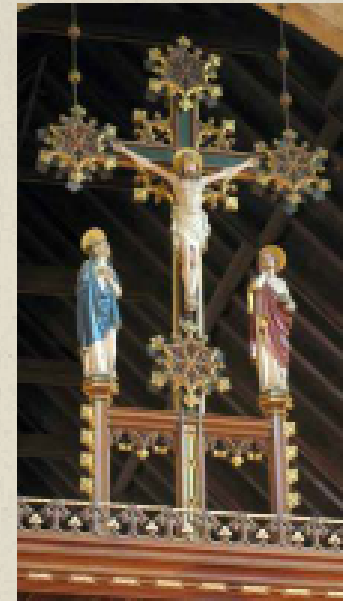
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St. Matthew 27:3

Divided his garments

- By the “casting of the die”
- Psalm 22: 18; see also Jn 19:24
(a psalm quoted by Jesus before his death:Matt 27:46)

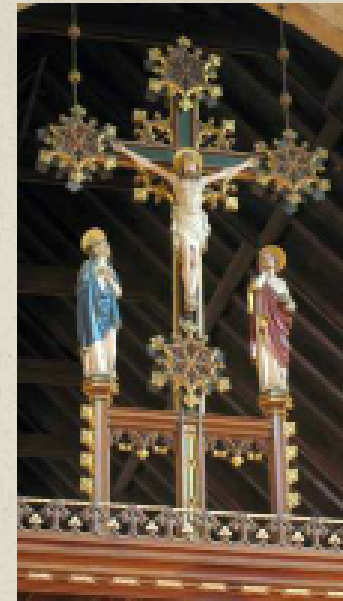
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St. Matthew 27:32-44

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