

THE GOSPEL
ACCORDING TO
MATTHEW

THE NEW

that which has been conceived in her is of
the Holy Spirit.

21 "And she will bear a Son; and you shall
call His name Jesus, for it is He who will
save His people from their sins."

22 Now all this took place that what was
spoken by the Lord through the prophet
23 "Behold, the virgin shall as were
child, and shall bear a Son, and they
shall call His name Immanuel,"
24 And Joseph arose from his sleep, and
did as the angel of the Lord commanded him:
and he bore her a son, and he called his name Jesus.
25 and kept her a virgin until she gave
birth to a Son, and he called His name Jesus.

C H A P T E R I

NOW after Jesus was born,
Joseph in the dream saw
himself in the dream

and the genealogy of Jesus Christ,
David, the son of Abraham,
Abraham was born Isaac; and to
Isaac and to Jacob, Judah and his
brothers were born Perez and Ze-
lodon; Ram;
and to Ram was born Hez-
kiah, Nahshon; and to Nah-
shon;
and to Salmon was born Beaz by Ra-
ham; and Beaz was born Obed by Ruth;
and Jesse;
and David was born David the king;
and Solomon was born Solomon by her
and Rehoboam, Abiah; and to Abiah;
and to Asa was born Jehoshaphat; and
Jehoshaphat, Azariah; and to Azariah, U-
zziah;
and to Uziah was born Jotham; and
Jotham, Ahaz; and to Ahaz, Hezekiah;
and to Hezekiah was born Manasseh, Amos;

REDISCOVERING JESUS IN THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

PART 44: MATTHEW 27

REVIEW

LAST WEEK:

JESUS PRAYS IN GETHSEMANE

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THE SON OF MAN

PETER DENIES CHRIST THREE TIMES AS PREDICTED

TONIGHT:

CHAPTER 27

NEXT WEEK:

CHAPTER 28

MATTHEW CHAPTER 27: 1 - 5

EARLY IN THE MORNING, ALL THE CHIEF PRIESTS AND THE ELDERS OF THE PEOPLE CAME TO THE DECISION TO PUT JESUS TO DEATH. THEY BOUND HIM, LED HIM AWAY AND HANDED HIM OVER TO PILATE, THE GOVERNOR.

WHEN JUDAS, WHO HAD BETRAYED HIM, SAW THAT JESUS WAS CONDEMNED, HE WAS SEIZED WITH REMORSE AND RETURNED THE THIRTY SILVER COINS TO THE CHIEF PRIESTS AND THE ELDERS. "I HAVE SINNED," HE SAID, "FOR I HAVE BETRAYED INNOCENT BLOOD." "WHAT IS THAT TO US?" THEY REPLIED. "THAT'S YOUR RESPONSIBILITY."

SO JUDAS THREW THE MONEY INTO THE TEMPLE AND LEFT. THEN HE WENT AWAY AND HANGED HIMSELF.

MATTHEW CHAPTER 27: 6 - 10

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ZECHARIAH 11:12-13

I TOLD THEM, "IF YOU THINK IT BEST, GIVE ME MY PAY; BUT IF NOT, KEEP IT."
SO THEY PAID ME THIRTY PIECES OF SILVER.

AND THE LORD SAID TO ME, "THROW IT TO THE POTTER" —
THE HANDSOME PRICE AT WHICH THEY PRICED ME!
SO I TOOK THE THIRTY PIECES OF SILVER AND THREW THEM
INTO THE HOUSE OF THE LORD TO THE POTTER.

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JEREMIAH 19

DESTRUCTION OF THE POTTER'S CLAY JAR
IN THE VALLEY OF BEN HINNOM

MATTHEW CHAPTER 27: 11 - 18

MEANWHILE JESUS STOOD BEFORE THE GOVERNOR,
AND THE GOVERNOR ASKED HIM, "ARE YOU THE KING OF THE JEWS?"
"YES, IT IS AS YOU SAY," JESUS REPLIED.

WHEN HE WAS ACCUSED BY THE CHIEF PRIESTS AND THE ELDERS,
HE GAVE NO ANSWER. THEN PILATE ASKED HIM,
"DON'T YOU HEAR THE TESTIMONY THEY ARE BRINGING AGAINST YOU?"
BUT JESUS MADE NO REPLY, NOT EVEN TO A SINGLE CHARGE —
TO THE GREAT AMAZEMENT OF THE GOVERNOR.

NOW IT WAS THE GOVERNOR'S CUSTOM AT THE FEAST TO RELEASE
A PRISONER CHOSEN BY THE CROWD. AT THAT TIME THEY HAD A
NOTORIOUS PRISONER, CALLED BARABBAS. SO WHEN THE CROWD HAD
GATHERED, PILATE ASKED THEM, "WHICH ONE DO YOU WANT ME TO
RELEASE TO YOU: BARABBAS, OR JESUS WHO IS CALLED CHRIST?"

FOR HE KNEW IT WAS OUT OF ENVY THAT THEY HAD
HANDED JESUS OVER TO HIM.

MATTHEW CHAPTER 27: 19 - 23

WHILE PILATE WAS SITTING ON THE JUDGE'S SEAT,
HIS WIFE SENT HIM THIS MESSAGE: "DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO
WITH THAT INNOCENT MAN, FOR I HAVE SUFFERED A GREAT DEAL
TODAY IN A DREAM BECAUSE OF HIM."

BUT THE CHIEF PRIESTS AND THE ELDERS PERSUADED THE CROWD
TO ASK FOR BARABBAS AND TO HAVE JESUS EXECUTED.

"WHICH OF THE TWO DO YOU WANT ME TO RELEASE TO YOU?"
ASKED THE GOVERNOR.

"BARABBAS," THEY ANSWERED.

"WHAT SHALL I DO, THEN, WITH JESUS WHO IS CALLED CHRIST?"
PILATE ASKED.

THEY ALL ANSWERED, "CRUCIFY HIM!"

"WHY? WHAT CRIME HAS HE COMMITTED?" ASKED PILATE.
BUT THEY SHOUTED ALL THE LOUDER, "CRUCIFY HIM!"

MATTHEW CHAPTER 27: 24 - 26

WHEN PILATE SAW THAT HE WAS GETTING NOWHERE,
BUT THAT INSTEAD AN UPROAR WAS STARTING,
HE TOOK WATER AND WASHED HIS HANDS IN FRONT OF THE CROWD.

"I AM INNOCENT OF THIS MAN'S BLOOD," HE SAID.

"IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY!"

ALL THE PEOPLE ANSWERED,
"LET HIS BLOOD BE ON US AND ON OUR CHILDREN!"

THEN HE RELEASED BARABBAS TO THEM.
BUT HE HAD JESUS FLOGGED, AND HANDED HIM OVER
TO BE CRUCIFIED.

MATTHEW CHAPTER 27: 27 - 31

THEN THE GOVERNOR'S SOLDIERS TOOK JESUS INTO THE PRAETORIUM AND GATHERED THE WHOLE COMPANY OF SOLDIERS AROUND HIM.

THEY STRIPPED HIM AND PUT A SCARLET ROBE ON HIM, AND THEN TWISTED TOGETHER A CROWN OF THORNS AND SET IT ON HIS HEAD. THEY PUT A STAFF IN HIS RIGHT HAND AND KNELT IN FRONT OF HIM AND MOCKED HIM. "HAIL, KING OF THE JEWS!" THEY SAID. THEY SPIT ON HIM, AND TOOK THE STAFF AND STRUCK HIM ON THE HEAD AGAIN AND AGAIN. AFTER THEY HAD MOCKED HIM, THEY TOOK OFF THE ROBE AND PUT HIS OWN CLOTHES ON HIM. THEN THEY LED HIM AWAY TO CRUCIFY HIM.

MATTHEW CHAPTER 27: 32 - 44

AS THEY WERE GOING OUT, THEY MET A MAN FROM CYRENE, NAMED SIMON, AND THEY FORCED HIM TO CARRY THE CROSS. THEY CAME TO A PLACE CALLED GOLGOTHA (WHICH MEANS THE PLACE OF THE SKULL). THERE THEY OFFERED JESUS WINE TO DRINK, MIXED WITH GALL; BUT AFTER TASTING IT, HE REFUSED TO DRINK IT. WHEN THEY HAD CRUCIFIED HIM, THEY DIVIDED UP HIS CLOTHES BY CASTING LOTS. AND SITTING DOWN, THEY KEPT WATCH OVER HIM THERE. ABOVE HIS HEAD THEY PLACED THE WRITTEN CHARGE AGAINST HIM: THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS. TWO ROBBERS WERE CRUCIFIED WITH HIM, ONE ON HIS RIGHT AND ONE ON HIS LEFT. THOSE WHO PASSED BY HURLED INSULTS AT HIM, SHAKING THEIR HEADS AND SAYING, "YOU WHO ARE GOING TO DESTROY THE TEMPLE AND BUILD IT IN THREE DAYS, SAVE YOURSELF! COME DOWN FROM THE CROSS, IF YOU ARE THE SON OF GOD!"

IN THE SAME WAY THE CHIEF PRIESTS, THE TEACHERS OF THE LAW AND THE ELDERS MOCKED HIM. "HE SAVED OTHERS," THEY SAID, "BUT HE CAN'T SAVE HIMSELF! HE'S THE KING OF ISRAEL! LET HIM COME DOWN NOW FROM THE CROSS, AND WE WILL BELIEVE IN HIM. HE TRUSTS IN GOD. LET GOD RESCUE HIM NOW IF HE WANTS HIM, FOR HE SAID, 'I AM THE SON OF GOD.' " IN THE SAME WAY THE ROBBERS WHO WERE CRUCIFIED WITH HIM ALSO HEAPED INSULTS ON HIM.

MATTHEW CHAPTER 27: 45 - 50

FROM THE SIXTH HOUR UNTIL THE NINTH HOUR
DARKNESS CAME OVER ALL THE LAND.

ABOUT THE NINTH HOUR JESUS CRIED OUT IN A LOUD VOICE,
"ELOI, ELOI, LAMA SABACHTHANI?" –WHICH MEANS,
"MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?"
WHEN SOME OF THOSE STANDING THERE HEARD THIS, THEY SAID,
"HE'S CALLING ELIJAH."

IMMEDIATELY ONE OF THEM RAN AND GOT A SPONGE.
HE FILLED IT WITH WINE VINEGAR, PUT IT ON A STICK, AND OFFERED IT
TO JESUS TO DRINK. THE REST SAID, "NOW LEAVE HIM ALONE.
LET'S SEE IF ELIJAH COMES TO SAVE HIM."

AND WHEN JESUS HAD CRIED OUT AGAIN IN A LOUD VOICE,
HE GAVE UP HIS SPIRIT.

MATTHEW CHAPTER 27: 51 - 56

AT THAT MOMENT THE CURTAIN OF THE TEMPLE WAS TORN IN TWO FROM TOP TO BOTTOM. THE EARTH SHOOK AND THE ROCKS SPLIT. THE TOMBS BROKE OPEN AND THE BODIES OF MANY HOLY PEOPLE WHO HAD DIED WERE RAISED TO LIFE.

THEY CAME OUT OF THE TOMBS, AND AFTER JESUS' RESURRECTION THEY WENT INTO THE HOLY CITY AND APPEARED TO MANY PEOPLE.

WHEN THE CENTURION AND THOSE WITH HIM WHO WERE GUARDING JESUS SAW THE EARTHQUAKE AND ALL THAT HAD HAPPENED, THEY WERE TERRIFIED, AND EXCLAIMED, "SURELY HE WAS THE SON OF GOD!"

MANY WOMEN WERE THERE, WATCHING FROM A DISTANCE. THEY HAD FOLLOWED JESUS FROM GALILEE TO CARE FOR HIS NEEDS. AMONG THEM WERE MARY MAGDALENE, MARY THE MOTHER OF JAMES AND JOSES, AND THE MOTHER OF ZEBEDEE'S SONS.

MATTHEW CHAPTER 27: 57 - 61

AS EVENING APPROACHED, THERE CAME A RICH MAN FROM ARIMATHEA,
NAMED JOSEPH, WHO HAD HIMSELF BECOME A DISCIPLE OF JESUS.
GOING TO PILATE, HE ASKED FOR JESUS' BODY,
AND PILATE ORDERED THAT IT BE GIVEN TO HIM.

JOSEPH TOOK THE BODY, WRAPPED IT IN A CLEAN LINEN CLOTH,
AND PLACED IT IN HIS OWN NEW TOMB THAT HE HAD CUT
OUT OF THE ROCK. HE ROLLED A BIG STONE
IN FRONT OF THE ENTRANCE TO THE TOMB AND WENT AWAY.

MARY MAGDALENE AND THE OTHER MARY
WERE SITTING THERE OPPOSITE THE TOMB.

MATTHEW CHAPTER 27: 62 - 66

THE NEXT DAY, THE ONE AFTER PREPARATION DAY, THE CHIEF PRIESTS AND THE PHARISEES WENT TO PILATE.

"SIR," THEY SAID, "WE REMEMBER THAT WHILE HE WAS STILL ALIVE THAT DECEIVER SAID, 'AFTER THREE DAYS I WILL RISE AGAIN.'
SO GIVE THE ORDER FOR THE TOMB TO BE MADE SECURE UNTIL THE THIRD DAY. OTHERWISE, HIS DISCIPLES MAY COME AND STEAL THE BODY AND TELL THE PEOPLE THAT HE HAS BEEN RAISED FROM THE DEAD.
THIS LAST DECEPTION WILL BE WORSE THAN THE FIRST."

"TAKE A GUARD," PILATE ANSWERED.

"GO, MAKE THE TOMB AS SECURE AS YOU KNOW HOW."
SO THEY WENT AND MADE THE TOMB SECURE BY PUTTING A SEAL ON THE STONE AND POSTING THE GUARD.

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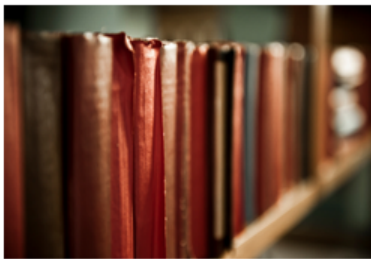


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