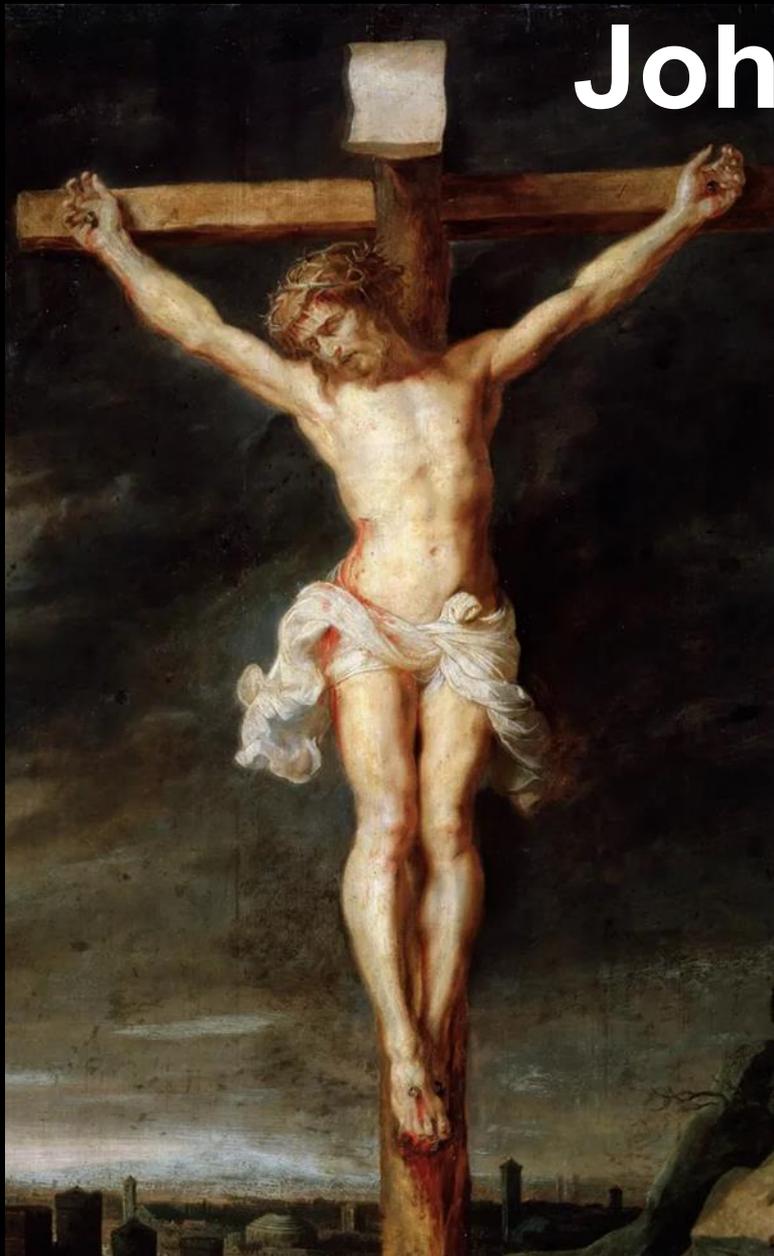


Crucifixion and Burial of Jesus

John 19:16-42



Crimes of the Jews

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- Crimes of the Jews during the Passion of Christ

- Cannot be indiscriminately attributed

- To Jews of that time

- To Jews today

- Jews should not be considered

- Rejected

- Or cursed

- The Church remembers

- Jesus was a Jew

- Mary was a Jew

- All the Apostles were Jews

- Christ freely suffered His Passion and death

- Because of the sins of all

- That all might be saved



Crucifixion

- Originally Persian method of execution
 - Earth was sacred to Persians
 - Avoid defiling the earth with criminal
- Carthaginians learned from Persians
- Romans adopted it from Carthaginians
 - Used only in the provinces
 - Unlawful to crucify a Roman citizen
 - Must be beheaded
 - St. Paul was beheaded
 - He was a Roman citizen
 - “Are you a Roman citizen?”
“I am,” Paul answered. (Acts 22:27)
- Judge ordered death
 - “Ibis ad crucem” – You go to the cross

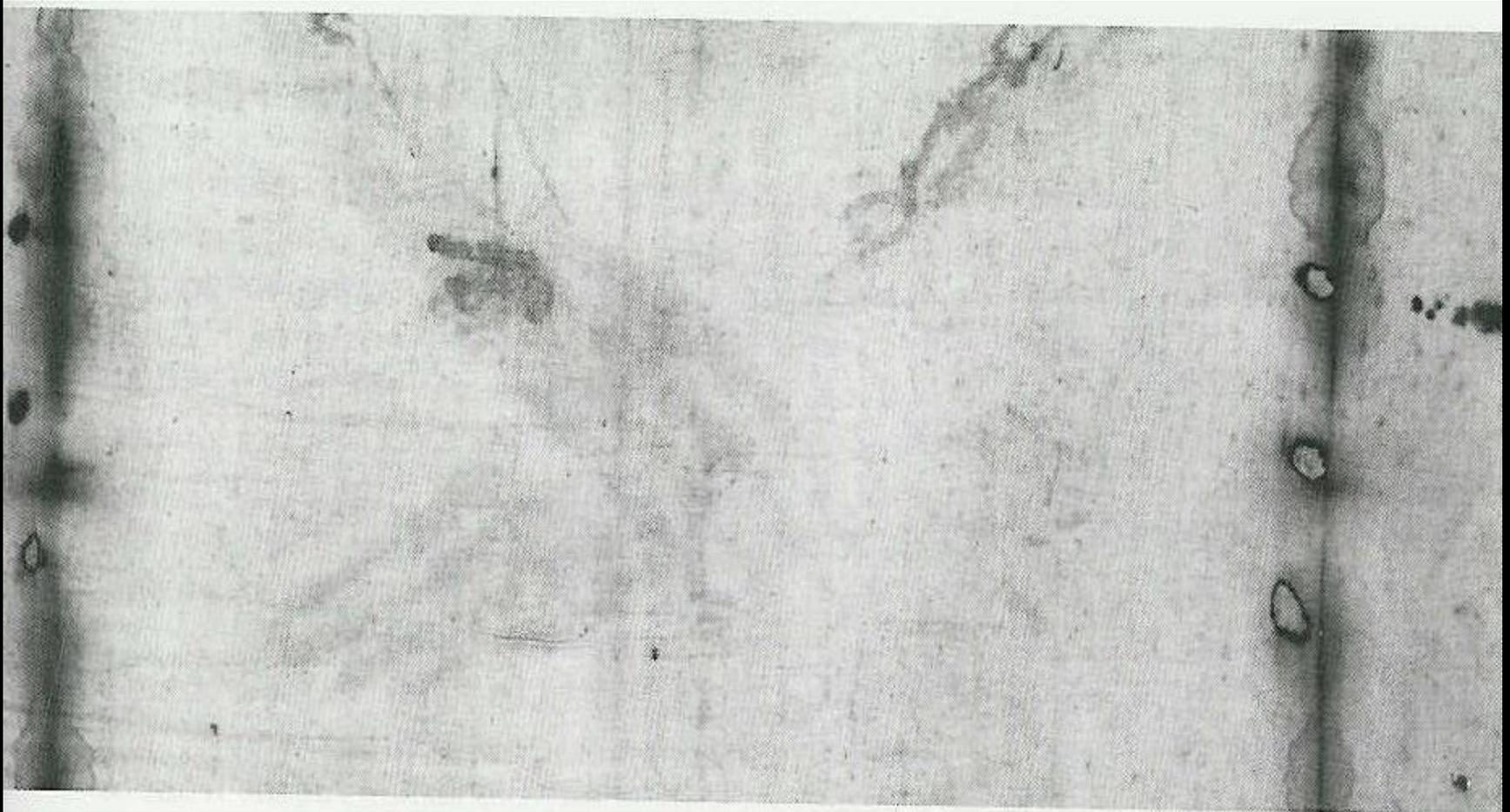


Via Dolorosa

- Victim was scourged
- Cross placed on his shoulder
- Lead in procession to place of execution
 - Lead by the longest route
 - Placard of his crimes was carried before him
 - Example to potential criminals
 - Shame to the condemned
 - Opportunity for witness to testify to save him

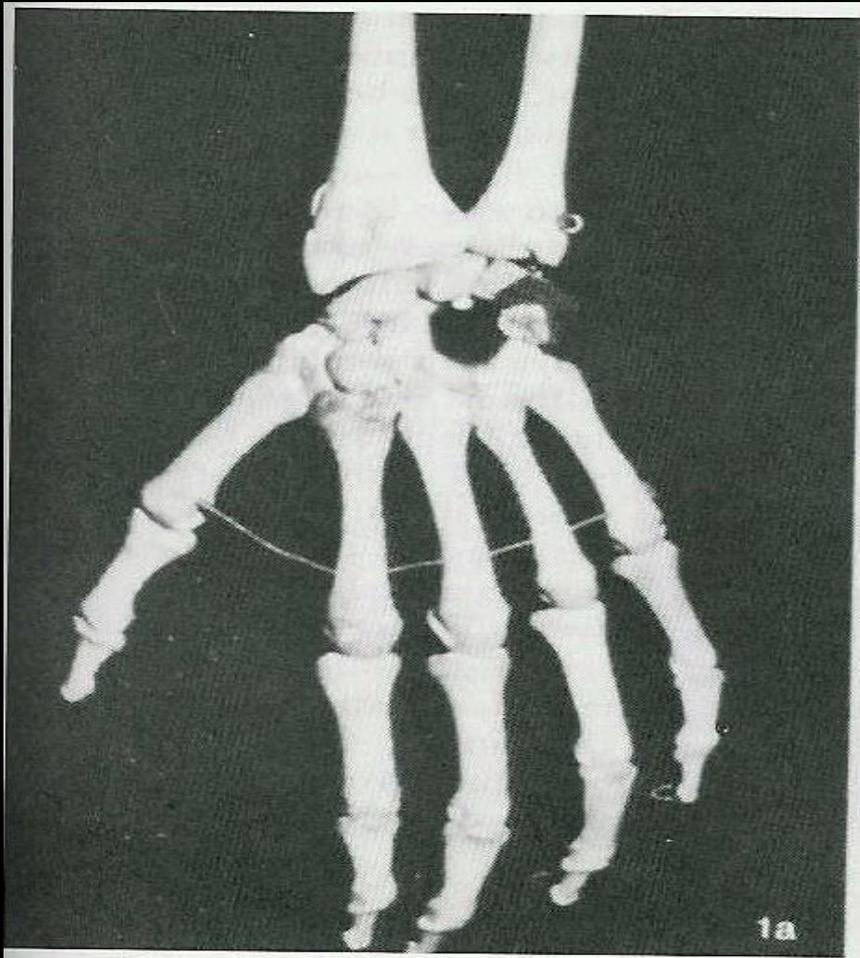


Hands Nailed to the Cross

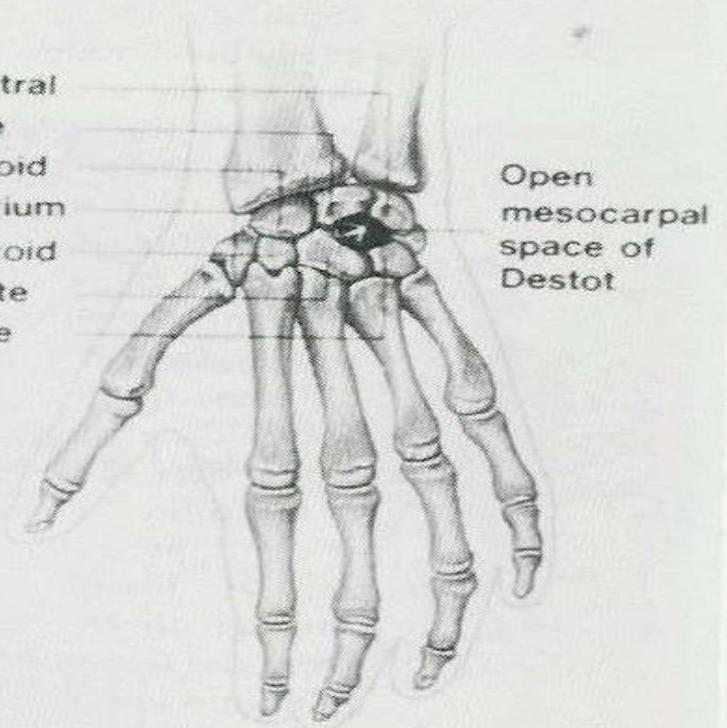


Nail wounds clearly seen in Shroud of Turin

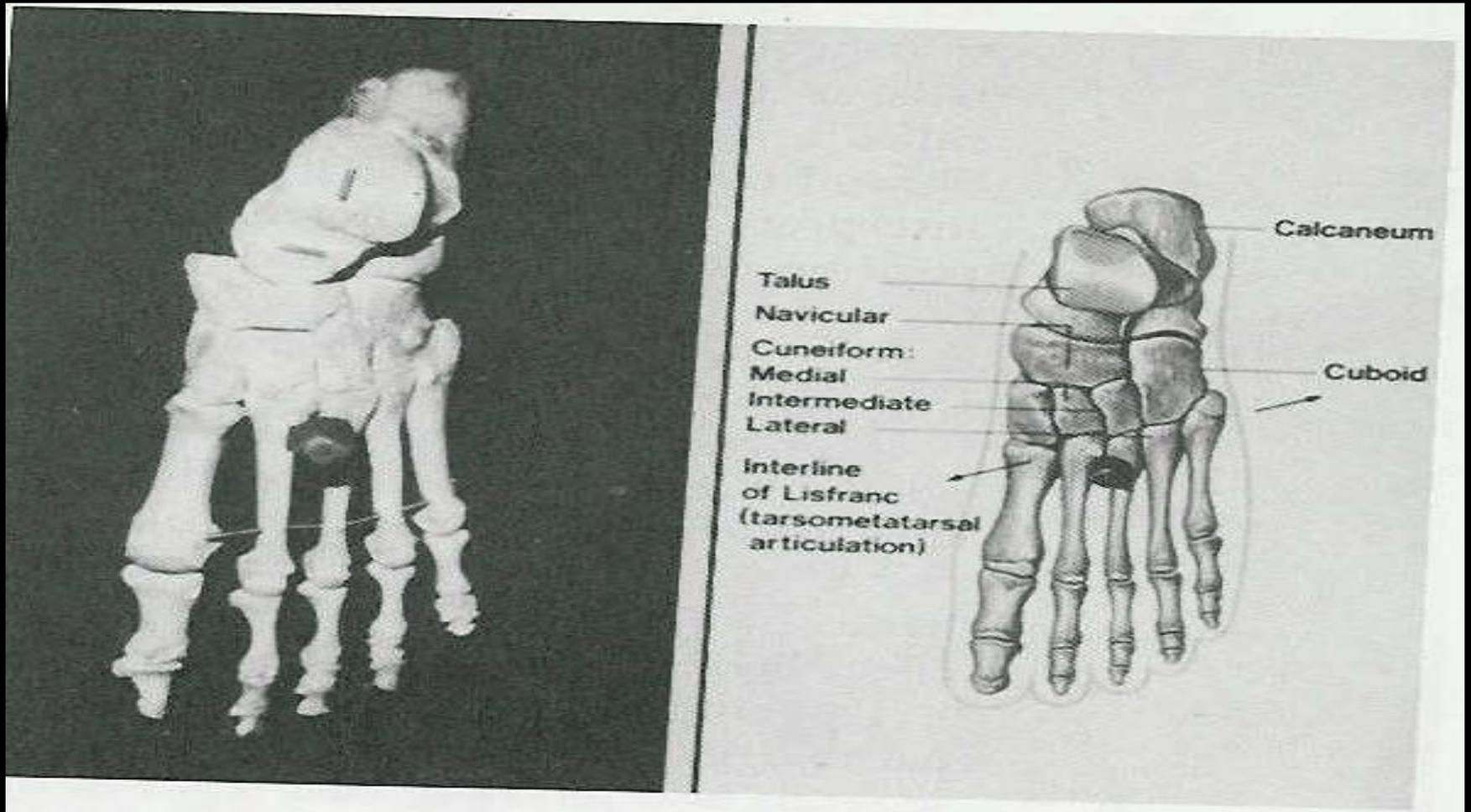
Hands Nailed to the Cross



Triquetral
Lunate
Scaphoid
Trapezium
Trapezoid
Capitate
Hamate



Feet Nailed to the Cross

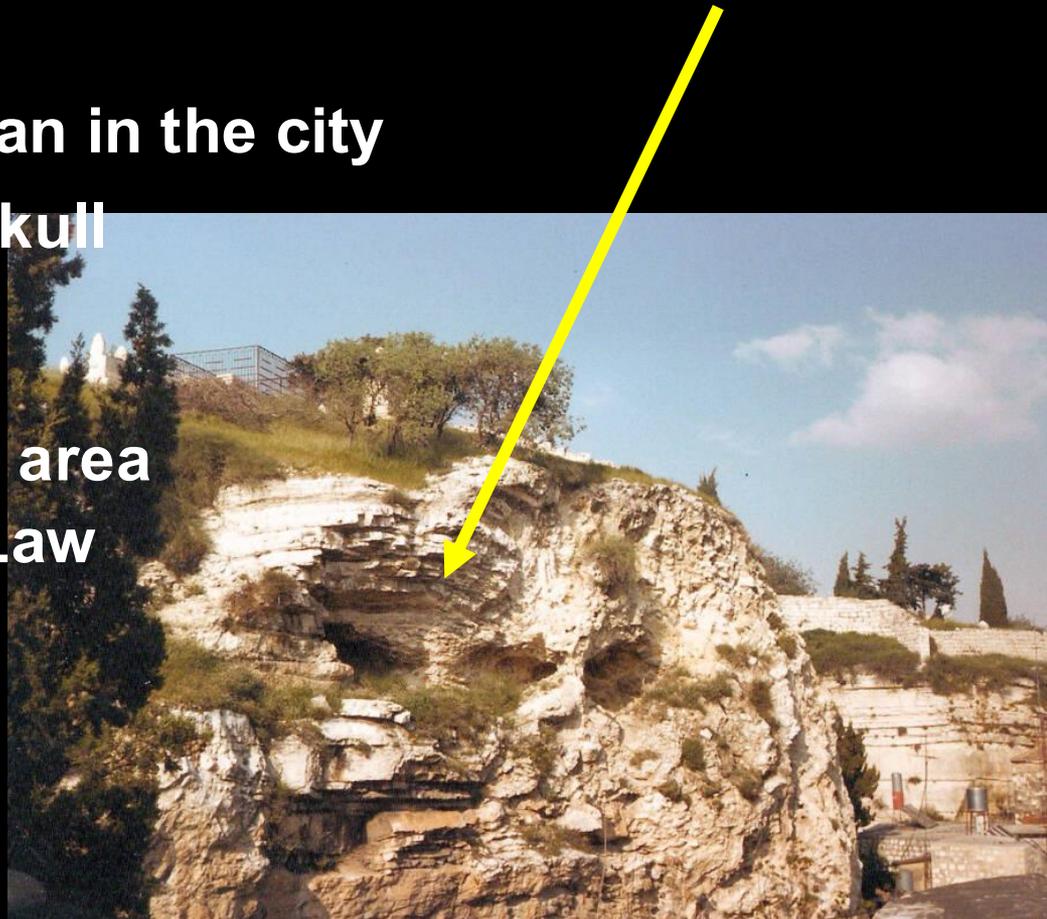


Only way to breath was to push up
against the nails

Place of the Skull

Carrying the cross himself, He went out to what is called the Place of the Skull, H. Golgotha(John 19:17)

- **Golgotha – Hebrew (Aramaic)**
- **Calvary – Latin**
- **Outside the city walls**
 - **Unlawful to crucify a man in the city**
- **Legend was that Adam's skull was buried there**
- **Suggested that skulls of the crucified littered the area**
 - **Unlikely given Jewish Law**
 - **Romans did not bury the crucified**
- **More likely hill shaped like a skull**



Jesus Clothes

When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four shares, a share for each soldier.

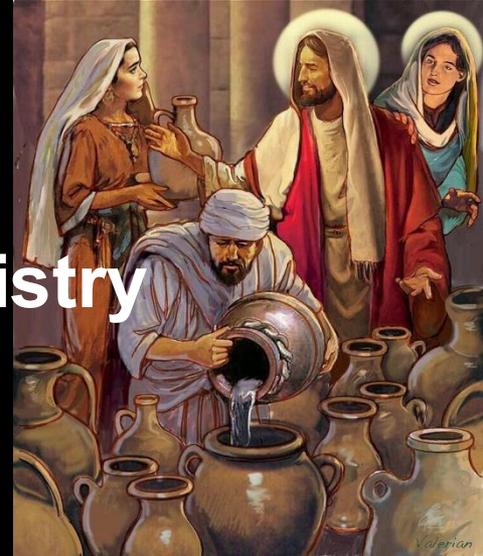
They also took his tunic. (John 19:23)

- Clothes of victim belonged to executioners
- Jews wore 5 articles
 - One to each of four soldiers
 - Diced for tunic
- Tunic without seam
 - Description of the tunic worn by the high priest
 - Function of priest is liaison between God and man
 - Latin for priest is “pontifex”
 - Means bridge – builder
 - **John’s message is Jesus is the perfect priest offering Himself as the sacrifice** **Psalm 22**
 - Double meaning priest and victim **attributed to David.**
- Fulfillment of the scripture **David never crucified**
 - For my clothing they cast lots. (Ps 22:19)

- Sandals
- Turban
- Girdle
- Outer robe
- Tunic

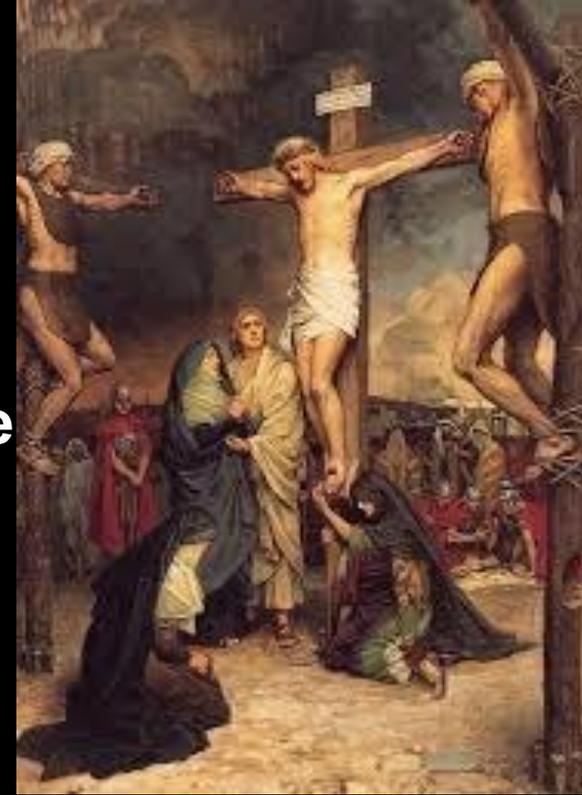
Blessed Virgin Mary at the Cross

- Mary initiated Jesus' ministry at Cana
- Mary is present at the close of His ministry
 - Literary technique of enclosure
- Women play a role in man's fall to sin
 - **Eve in the Garden of Eden**
- Women play a role in the redemption of sin
 - **Mary at the cross**



Women at the Cross

- There were also women looking on from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of the younger James and of Joses, and Salome
 - Mary Magdalene
 - Mary the mother of James and Joses, and Salome
- There were many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him. Among them were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee. (Matthew 27:55-56)
 - Mary Magdalene
 - Mary the mother of James and Joseph
 - Mother of the sons of Zebedee



Women at the Cross

- **Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. (John 19:25)**
 - Jesus' mother
 - His mother's sister
 - Mary the wife of Cleopas
 - Mary Magdalene
- **St. Jerome argued three women in John's list**
 - Jesus' mother
 - His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleopas
 - Mary Magdalene



How are they related to Jesus?

Brothers

Blessed
Virgin Mary

St.
Joseph

Clopas
Cleopas
Clophas

Mary

Alphaeus

Jesus

Simon
H. Simeon

Jude
H. Judas

James
H. Jacob

Mathew
H. Levi

Apostle
2nd Bishop of
Jerusalem

Apostle
James the Lesser
1st Bishop of
Jerusalem
Writer of Epistle
of James

Joseph
H. Joses

Apostle

Salome

Women at the Cross

CONCLUSION

- **Therefore**

- **Mary, the wife of Cleopas**
- **Jesus' mother's sister - AUNT**
- **Mary, the mother of James the Little and Joses**
- **Mary the mother of James and Joses.**

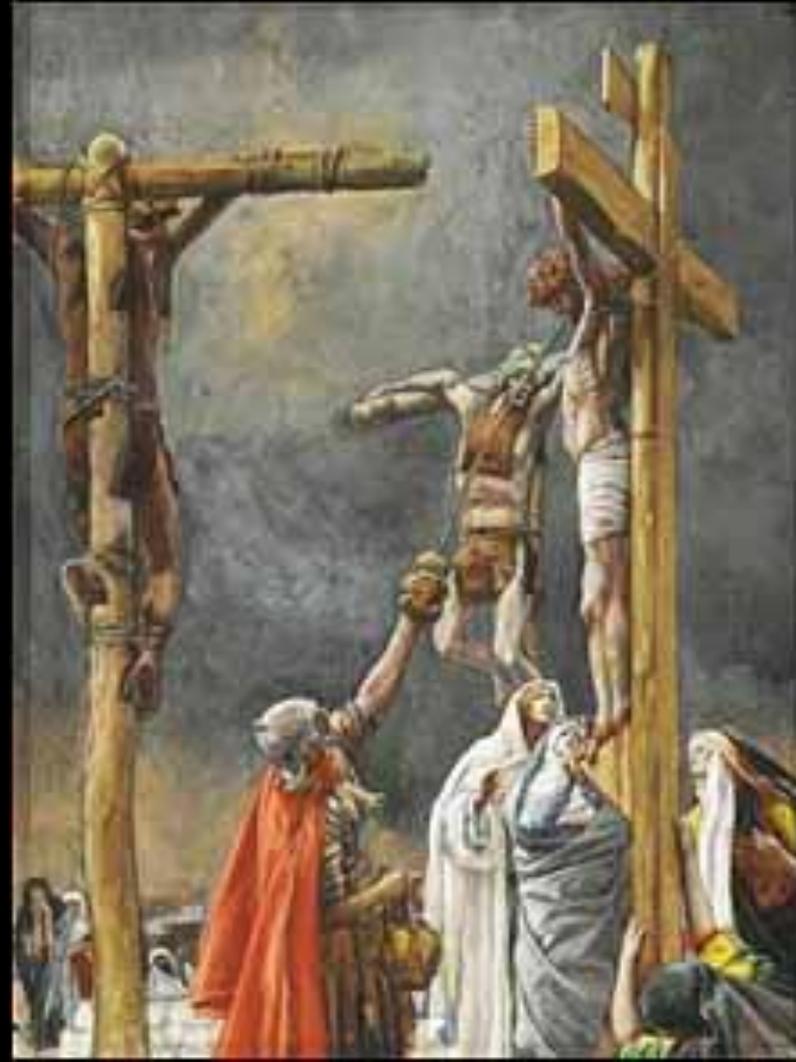


SAME

I Thirst

After this, aware that everything was now finished, in order that the scripture might be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I thirst." (John 19:28)

- **Gnosticism was a heresy of John's time**
 - ~100AD
 - Believed Jesus had no real body
 - Phantom human form
 - Left no footprints on the ground
- **John dramatizes Jesus' humanity**



Hyssop Reed

So, they put a sponge soaked in wine on a sprig of hyssop and put it up to his mouth. (John 19:29)

- Hyssop reed: a stalk at most 2' long
 - Unlikely for passing sponge to Jesus
- Some scholars suggest miscopied version of “hasso”
 - Meaning javelin or spear
- At first Passover hyssop was used to paint the door posts with lambs’ blood so the angel of death would pass over the Israelite houses
 - “Then take a bunch of hyssop and dipping it in the blood that in the basin, sprinkle the lintel and the two door posts with this blood.” (Ex 12:22)



It Is Finished

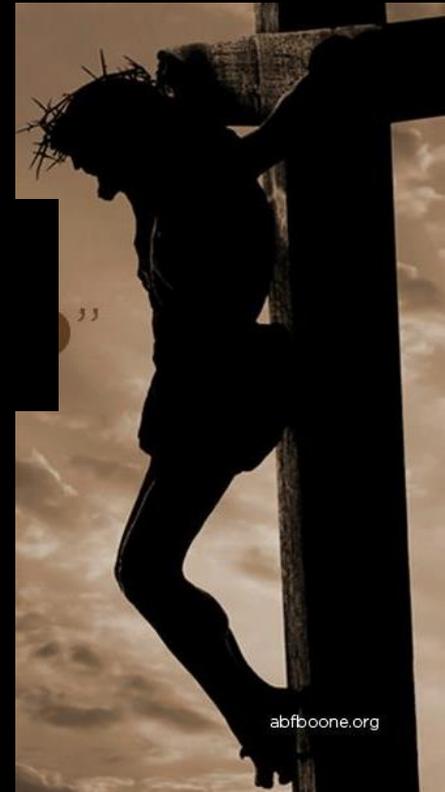
When Jesus had taken the wine, he said, "It is finished." And bowing his head, he handed over the spirit. (John 19:30)

- Synoptics say only that Jesus died with a shout
- "It is finished" is one word in Greek
 - "tetelestai"
- Word is used when completing a religious rite or sacrifice
- **He handed over the spirit.**
 - **Jesus is in control to the end.**
 - **His life is not taken,**
 - **He hands it over.**



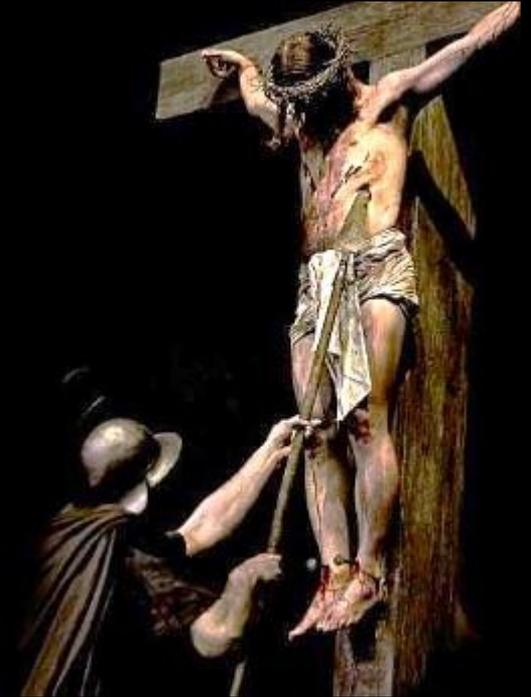
I lay down my life... take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up again. Jn. 17:17-18

- Double (triple?) meaning
 - Same word is used for breath and spirit.
 - Breathed His last breath
 - His spirit (soul) left His body
 - His work was handed to the Holy Spirit and the Church



Piercing the Side of Jesus

- Not mentioned in Synoptics
- Proof that Jesus was a real man
- Fulfillment of prophecy
 - “They shall look on me whom they have pierced” (Zech 12:10)
 - “Bones of the Passover lamb are not to be broken” (Numbers 9:12)
 - “He watches over all his bones; not one of them shall be broken.” (Ps 34:21)
- Literary technique of enclosure
 - John bears witness to the paschal lamb and the suffering servant as did John the Baptist in the beginning (John 1:29)



Blood and Water

- One soldier thrust his lance into his side, and immediately blood and water flowed out. An eyewitness has testified, and his testimony is true; he knows that he is speaking the truth, so that you also may (come to) believe. For this happened so that the scripture passage might be fulfilled: "Not a bone of it will be broken." And again, another passage says: "They will look upon him whom they have pierced." (John 19:34-37)
- Out pouring of blood and water
 - Symbols of two great sacraments
 - Baptism
 - Eucharist
- Jesus is the source of Living Water
 - "The water I give shall become a fountain within him leaping up to provide eternal life" (John 4:14)
- Jesus' blood is the source of life
- "If you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you." (John 6:53)



CCC518 Christ's whole life is a mystery of recapitulation.

- A son of David, hanging from a tree...an enemy soldier pierces his side with a lance

And taking three pikes in hand, he [Joab] thrust for the heart of Absalom. (2 Samuel 18:14)



+



New Courage

Notice the
shroud

- Joseph of Arimathea
a secret disciple
- Jesus' death brought him
out of secret
 - Recall Jesus' words – “and
once I am lifted up from the
earth, I will draw all men to
myself.” (John 12:32)
 - After this, Joseph of
Arimathea, secretly a
disciple of Jesus for fear of
the Jews, asked Pilate if he
could remove the body of
Jesus. And Pilate permitted
it. So, he came and took his
body. (John 19:38) +



New Courage

- Nicodemus, the one who had first come to him at night, also came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes weighing about one hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and bound it with burial cloths along with the spices, according to the Jewish burial custom. Now in the place where he had been crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had yet been buried. So, they laid Jesus there because of the Jewish preparation day; for the tomb was close by. +
(John 19:39-42)

Preparation day, G. paraskewae, always refers to Friday before a Sabbath.



Spices and dress

- 100 lbs. was an enormous amount
 - Fit to bury a king
- Preparation was in the Jewish customs
 - No mutilation of the body
 - Egyptian customs removed the major organs of the body
- “The grave-clothes were probably of the fashion worn in life, but swathed and fastened with bandages and the head covered separately.”
 - The Shroud of Turin reveals Jesus dressed in a male skirt typical of the time



Passion of Christ today

- Today we remember and celebrate the Passion of Christ in the Eucharist
 - We see Him consecrated for our salvation
 - By your Cross and Resurrection, you have saved the world.
 - We see Him lifted up to draw all people to Himself
 - On the altar we, see the representation of His Passion
- But, we know the end of the story
 - We receive You in the Eucharist
 - Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity
 - Fully and truly present
 - You are our hope of Salvation
 - Our hope is to see You again in Heaven



- **Lord, as we read this account of your Passion and death on the cross it is hard to comprehend what we read: that You, Creator and Lord of the Universe All that exists, every living thing, every mountain, every ocean, every star in the sky, exists at Your will.**
- **Yet, You gave it all up, assumed our very nature and lived among us. What love, what overwhelming love for your creation.**
- **Lord, give us the Grace to truly appreciate the sacrifice You made for us lowly creatures made in Your most holy image.**
- **Give us the Grace to treat Your creation, every creature, great and small, as the work of your hands. Make our every gesture be love. Love for You and love for our neighbors. Amen**

