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Matthew 26:57-27:31	Mark 14:53-15:20	Luke 22:54-23:25	John 18:12-John 19:16
<p>57 Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered.</p> <p>58 But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end.</p> <p>59 Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death,</p> <p>60 but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward</p> <p>61 and said, "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.' "</p>	<p>53 They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled.</p> <p>54 Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire.</p> <p>55 Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none.</p> <p>56 For many gave false testimony against him, and</p>	<p>54 Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance.</p> <p>55 When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them.</p> <p>56 Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said, "This man also was with him."</p> <p>57 But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him."</p> <p>58 A little later someone else, on seeing him, said,</p>	<p>12 So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him.</p> <p>13 First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year.</p> <p>14 Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the people.</p> <p>15 Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest,</p> <p>16 but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in.</p>

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<p>62 The high priest stood up and said, "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?"</p> <p>63 But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him, "I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God."</p> <p>64 Jesus said to him, "You have said so. But I tell you, From now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven."</p> <p>65 Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy."</p> <p>66 What is your verdict?" They answered, "He deserves death."</p> <p>67 Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him,</p>	<p>their testimony did not agree.</p> <p>57 Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying,</p> <p>58 "We heard him say, "I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.' "</p> <p>59 But even on this point their testimony did not agree.</p> <p>60 Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?"</p> <p>61 But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him, "Are you</p>	<p>"You also are one of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not!"</p> <p>59 Then about an hour later still another kept insisting, "Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean."</p> <p>60 But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about!" At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed.</p> <p>61 The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times."</p> <p>62 And he went out and wept bitterly.</p>	<p>17 The woman said to Peter, "You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not."</p> <p>18 Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing around it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself.</p> <p>19 Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching.</p> <p>20 Jesus answered, "I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret."</p> <p>21 Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said."</p>
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<p>68 saying, "Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?"</p> <p>69 Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said, "You also were with Jesus the Galilean."</p> <p>70 But he denied it before all of them, saying, "I do not know what you are talking about."</p> <p>71 When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth."</p> <p>72 Again he denied it with an oath, "I do not know the man."</p> <p>73 After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, "Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you."</p>	<p>the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?"</p> <p>62 Jesus said, "I am; and "you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power,' and "coming with the clouds of heaven.' "</p> <p>63 Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "Why do we still need witnesses?"</p> <p>64 You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?" All of them condemned him as deserving death.</p> <p>65 Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him, "Prophecy!" The guards also took him over and beat him.</p>	<p>63 Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him;</p> <p>64 they also blindfolded him and kept asking him, "Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?"</p> <p>65 They kept heaping many other insults on him.</p> <p>66 When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council.</p> <p>67 They said, "If you are the Messiah, tell us." He replied, "If I tell you, you will not believe;</p> <p>68 and if I question you, you will not answer.</p>	<p>22 When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face, saying, "Is that how you answer the high priest?"</p> <p>23 Jesus answered, "If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?"</p> <p>24 Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.</p> <p>25 Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him, "You are not also one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not."</p> <p>26 One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?"</p> <p>27 Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.</p>
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<p>74 Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath, "I do not know the man!" At that moment the cock crowed.</p> <p>75 Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: "Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.</p> <p>1 When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death.</p> <p>2 They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor.</p> <p>3 When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders.</p>	<p>66 While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came by.</p> <p>67 When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said, "You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth."</p> <p>68 But he denied it, saying, "I do not know or understand what you are talking about." And he went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed.</p> <p>69 And the servant-girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders, "This man is one of them."</p> <p>70 But again he denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders again said to</p>	<p>69 But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God."</p> <p>70 All of them asked, "Are you, then, the Son of God?" He said to them, "You say that I am."</p> <p>71 Then they said, "What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!"</p> <p>1 Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate.</p> <p>2 They began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and</p>	<p>28 Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover.</p> <p>29 So Pilate went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?"</p> <p>30 They answered, "If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you."</p> <p>31 Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law." The Jews replied, "We are not permitted to put anyone to death."</p> <p>32 (This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.)</p>
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<p>4 He said, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." But they said, "What is that to us? See to it yourself."</p> <p>5 Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself.</p> <p>6 But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money."</p> <p>7 After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter's field as a place to bury foreigners.</p> <p>8 For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day.</p> <p>9 Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on</p>	<p>Peter, "Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean."</p> <p>71 But he began to curse, and he swore an oath, "I do not know this man you are talking about."</p> <p>72 At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him, "Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times." And he broke down and wept.</p> <p>1 As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate.</p>	<p>saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king."</p> <p>3 Then Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He answered, "You say so."</p> <p>4 Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no basis for an accusation against this man.</p> <p>5 But they were insistent and said, "He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place."</p> <p>6 When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean.</p> <p>7 And when he learned that he was under Herod's</p>	<p>33 Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?"</p> <p>34 Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?"</p> <p>35 Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?"</p> <p>36 Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here."</p> <p>37 Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to</p>
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<p>whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, 10 and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me." 11 Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." 12 But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. 13 Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?" 14 But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. 15 Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted.</p>	<p>2 Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" He answered him, "You say so." 3 Then the chief priests accused him of many things. 4 Pilate asked him again, "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you." 5 But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed. 6 Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. 7 Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had</p>	<p>jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. 8 When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. 9 He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. 10 The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. 11 Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate.</p>	<p>testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." 38 Pilate asked him, "What is truth?" After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, "I find no case against him." 39 But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" 40 They shouted in reply, "Not this man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a bandit. 1 Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. 2 And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. 3 They kept coming up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and striking him on the face.</p>
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<p>16 At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas.</p> <p>17 So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?"</p> <p>18 For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over.</p> <p>19 While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him."</p> <p>20 Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed.</p> <p>21 The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me</p>	<p>committed murder during the insurrection.</p> <p>8 So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom.</p> <p>9 Then he answered them, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?"</p> <p>10 For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over.</p> <p>11 But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead.</p> <p>12 Pilate spoke to them again, "Then what do you wish me to do with the</p>	<p>12 That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.</p> <p>13 Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, 14 and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him</p> <p>15 Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death.</p>	<p>4 Pilate went out again and said to them, "Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him."</p> <p>5 So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Here is the man!"</p> <p>6 When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him."</p> <p>7 The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God."</p> <p>8 Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever.</p> <p>9 He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus, "Where are you</p>
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<p>to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas."</p> <p>22 Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" All of them said, "Let him be crucified!"</p> <p>23 Then he asked, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"</p> <p>24 So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves."</p> <p>25 Then the people as a whole answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!"</p> <p>26 So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.</p>	<p>man you call the King of the Jews?"</p> <p>13 They shouted back, "Crucify him!"</p> <p>14 Pilate asked them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him!"</p> <p>15 So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.</p> <p>16 Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort.</p> <p>17 And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after</p>	<p>16 I will therefore have him flogged and release him."</p> <p>17</p> <p>18 Then they all shouted out together, "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!"</p> <p>19 (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.</p> <p>20 Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again;</p> <p>21 but they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify him!"</p> <p>22 A third time he said to them, "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the</p>	<p>from?" But Jesus gave him no answer.</p> <p>10 Pilate therefore said to him, "Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?"</p> <p>11 Jesus answered him, "You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin."</p> <p>12 From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor."</p> <p>13 When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge's bench at a place called</p>
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<p>27 Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him.</p> <p>28 They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him,</p> <p>29 and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!"</p> <p>30 They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head.</p> <p>31 After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.</p>	<p>twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him.</p> <p>18 And they began saluting him, "Hail, King of the Jews!"</p> <p>19 They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him.</p> <p>20 After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.</p>	<p>sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him."</p> <p>23 But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed.</p> <p>24 So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted.</p> <p>25 He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.</p>	<p>The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha.</p> <p>14 Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. He said to the Jews, "Here is your King!"</p> <p>15 They cried out, "Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!"</p> <p>Pilate asked them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but the emperor."</p> <p>16 Then he handed him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus;</p>
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