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The background image is a dramatic, low-angle shot of a crucifixion site. In the foreground, a wooden cross stands on a rough, stone-paved ground. To the right, a stone structure, possibly a tomb or a well, is partially visible. A figure, likely Jesus, lies on the ground in the lower right corner, with a white cloth draped over their head. The scene is set in a desolate, outdoor environment with bare, leafless trees in the background, suggesting a cold or late autumn setting. The lighting is soft and diffused, creating a somber and poignant atmosphere.

THE PREPARATION

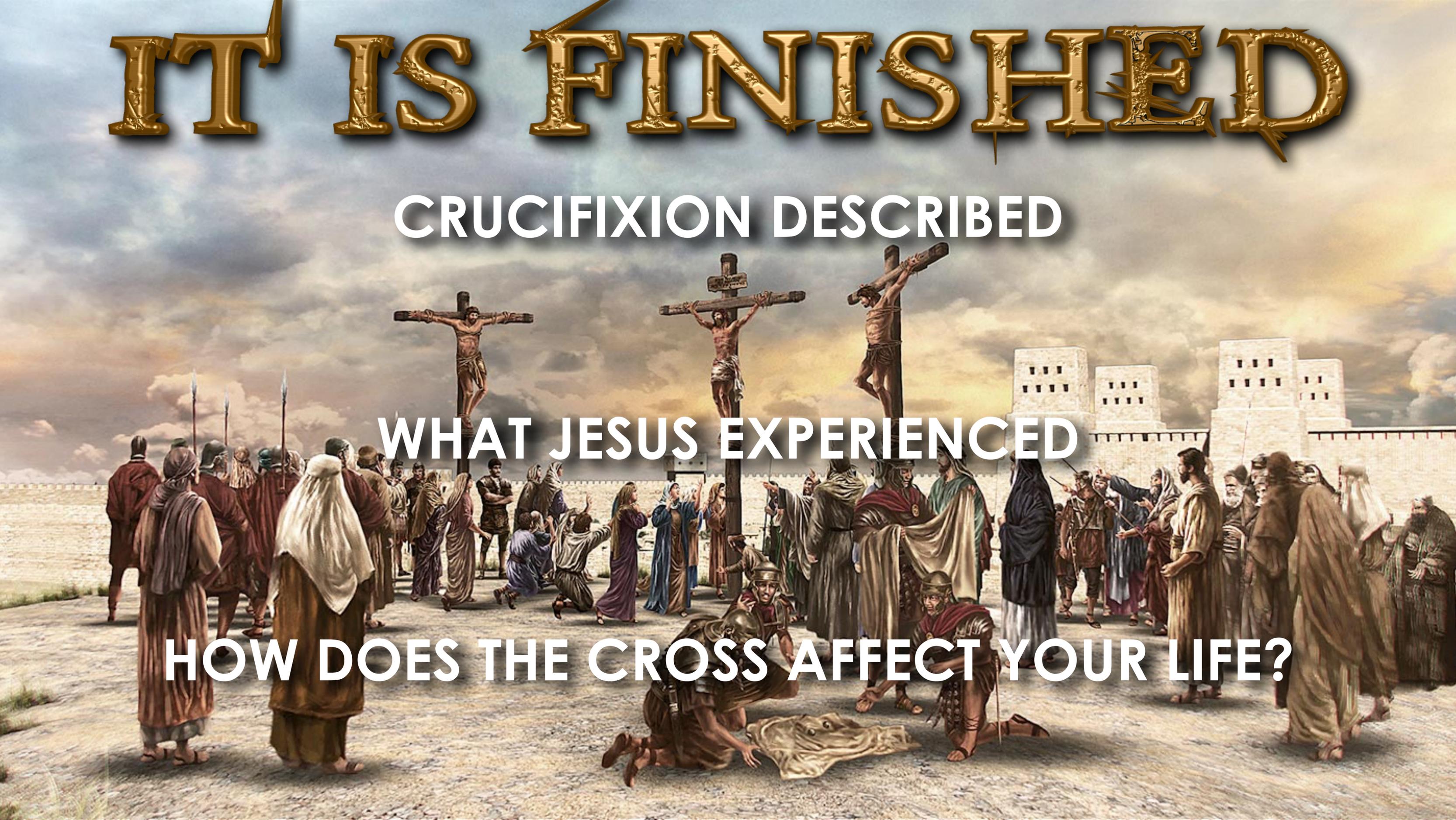
THE IMMENSE AGONY

THE BETRAYAL & ARREST

THE PSEUDO TRIALS

THE CRUCIFIXION

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CRUCIFIXION DESCRIBED

WHAT JESUS EXPERIENCED

HOW DOES THE CROSS AFFECT YOUR LIFE?

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³⁰ So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “It is finished!” And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit. — John 19:30 (NKJV)

John 3:14 (NKJV)

¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up,

John 8:28 (NKJV)

²⁸ Then Jesus said to them, “When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am *He*, and *that* I do nothing of Myself; but as My Father taught Me, I speak these things.

John 12:32 (NKJV)

³² And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all *peoples* to Myself.” ³³ This He said, signifying by what death He would die.

Luke 23:24–46 (NKJV)

²⁴ So Pilate gave sentence that it should be as they requested. ²⁵ And he released to them the one they requested, who for rebellion and murder had been thrown into prison; but he delivered Jesus to their will. ²⁶ Now as they led Him away, they laid hold of a certain man, Simon a Cyrenian, who was coming from the country, and on him they laid the cross that he might bear *it* after Jesus. ²⁷ And a great multitude of the people followed Him, and women who also mourned and lamented Him. ²⁸ But Jesus, turning to them, said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹ For indeed the days are coming in which they will say, ‘Blessed *are* the barren, wombs that never bore, and breasts which never nursed!’ ³⁰ Then they will begin ‘*to say to the mountains, “Fall on us!” and to the hills, “Cover us!”*’ ³¹ For if they do these things in the green wood, what will be done in the dry?”

Luke 23:24–46 (NKJV)

³² There were also two others, criminals, led with Him to be put to death.

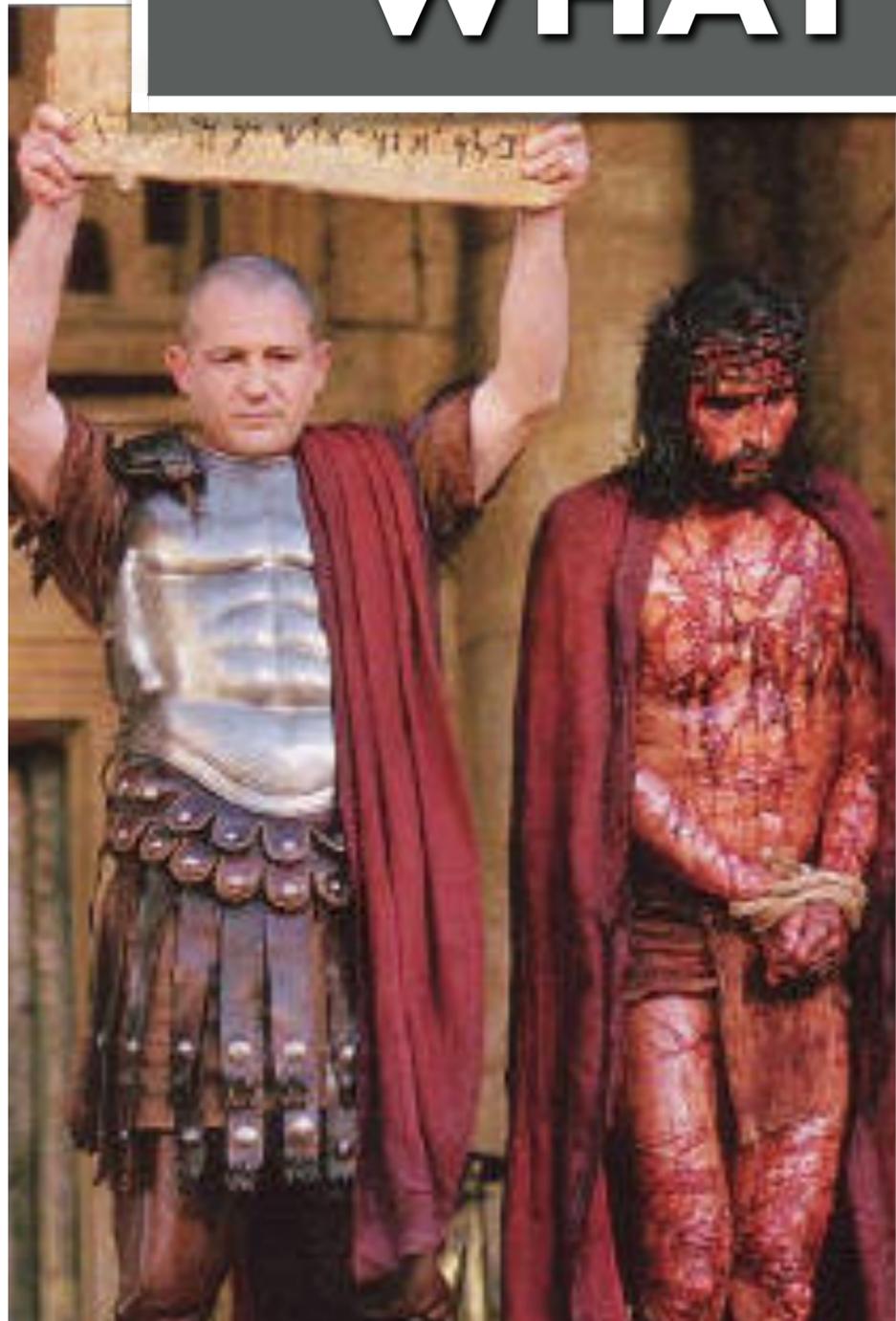
³³ And when they had come to the place called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on the right hand and the other on the left. ³⁴ Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do.” And they divided His garments and cast lots. ³⁵ And the people stood looking on. But even the rulers with them sneered, saying, “He saved others; let Him save Himself if He is the Christ, the chosen of God.” ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked Him, coming and offering Him sour wine, ³⁷ and saying, “If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself.” ³⁸ And an inscription also was written over Him in letters of Greek, Latin, and Hebrew: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS

Luke 23:24–46 (NKJV)

³⁹ Then one of the criminals who were hanged blasphemed Him, saying, “If You are the Christ, save Yourself and us.” ⁴⁰ But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, “Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation? ⁴¹ And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴² Then he said to Jesus, “Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.” ⁴³ And Jesus said to him, “Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.” ⁴⁴ Now it was about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour. ⁴⁵ Then the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶ And when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice, He said, “Father, ‘*into Your hands I commit My spirit.*’ ” Having said this, He breathed His last.

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WHAT WAS “CRUCIFIXION?”



“Crucifixion was a Roman, not a Jewish, form of punishment. It was usually preceded by scourging, which, carried out thoroughly, left the body a mass of swollen and bloody flesh ... the Romans, who thought it necessary to rule by terror, chose, for capital offenses by other than Roman citizens, what Cicero called ‘the most cruel and hideous of tortures.’ .”
(Durant, Caesar And Christ, p. 572).

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The kinds of crosses used would vary according to their shape — the most common forms — X, T, †,



Crux Decussata



*Crux Commissa
(or tau)*



*Crux Immissa
(or capita)*

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- In 1968, Vassilios Tzaferis found the first indisputable remains of a crucifixion victim.
- “An ossuary at the Israel Museum contains the sole physical evidence ever found for the Roman practice of execution on the cross” — TIMES of ISRAEL By MATTI FRIEDMAN 26 March 2012,

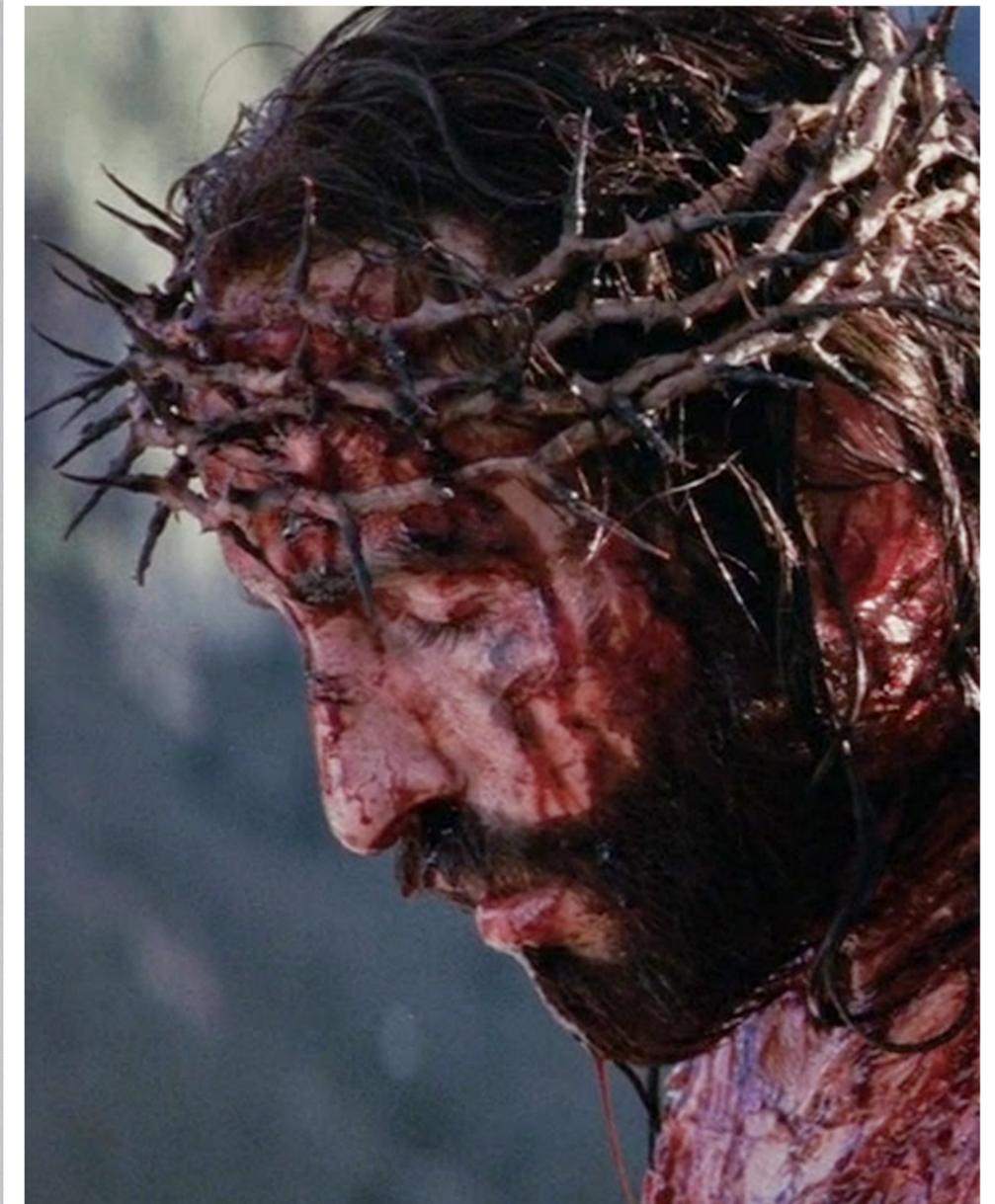


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“... unless mercifully killed, the victim would linger there for two or three days, suffering the agony of immobility, unable to brush away the insects that fed upon his naked flesh, and slowly losing strength until the heart failed and brought an end. Even the Romans sometimes pitied the victim, and offered him a stupefying drink.”

(Durant, Caesar And Christ, p. 572).



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JESUS LED AWAY TO BE CRUCIFIED

Matthew 27:31 (NKJV)

³¹ And when they had mocked Him, they took the robe off Him, put His *own* clothes on Him, and led Him away to be crucified.



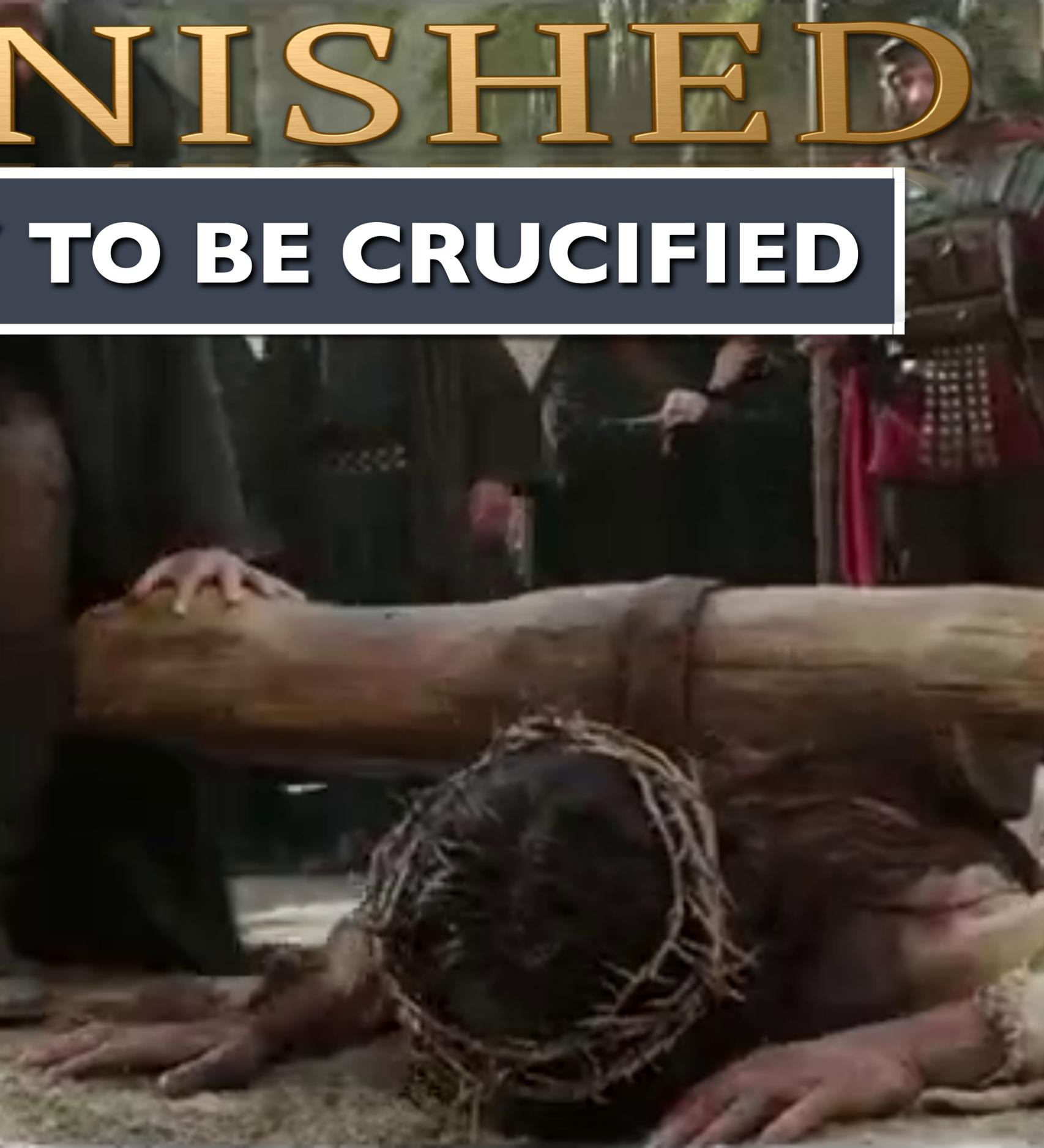
- Jesus probably only carried the crossbeam (patibulum) which weighed about 100 pounds—
- It was tied across His shoulders and He was led out through a road now known as the Via Dolorosa. (Dr. D.C. Truman Davis).

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Jesus began the journey to the place of crucifixion carrying His own cross – John 19:17

Simon, a Cyrenian, was forced to carry Jesus' cross when He could no longer carry it Himself, being weak from the beatings. - [Cyrene, a city in North Africa]



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Simon the Cyrenian, father of Alexander and Rufus, carried the cross the rest of the way from the Fortress Antonia to Calvary (Mark 15:21; Luke 23:26).



Possibly disciples known by Mark's readers — cf. Rom. 16:13

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A PUBLIC SPECTACLE



Luke 23:27–31 (NKJV)

²⁷ And a great multitude of the people followed Him, and women who also mourned and lamented Him. ²⁸ But Jesus, turning to them, said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹ For indeed the days are coming in which they will say, ‘Blessed *are* the barren, wombs that never bore, and breasts which never nursed!’ ³⁰ Then they will begin ‘*to say to the mountains, “Fall on us!” and to the hills, “Cover us!”*’ ³¹ For if they do these things in the green wood, what will be done in the dry?”

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Matthew 27:33–34
(NKJV)

³³ And when they had come to a place called Golgotha, that is to say, Place of a Skull, ³⁴ they gave Him sour wine mingled with gall to drink. But when He had tasted *it*, He would not drink.

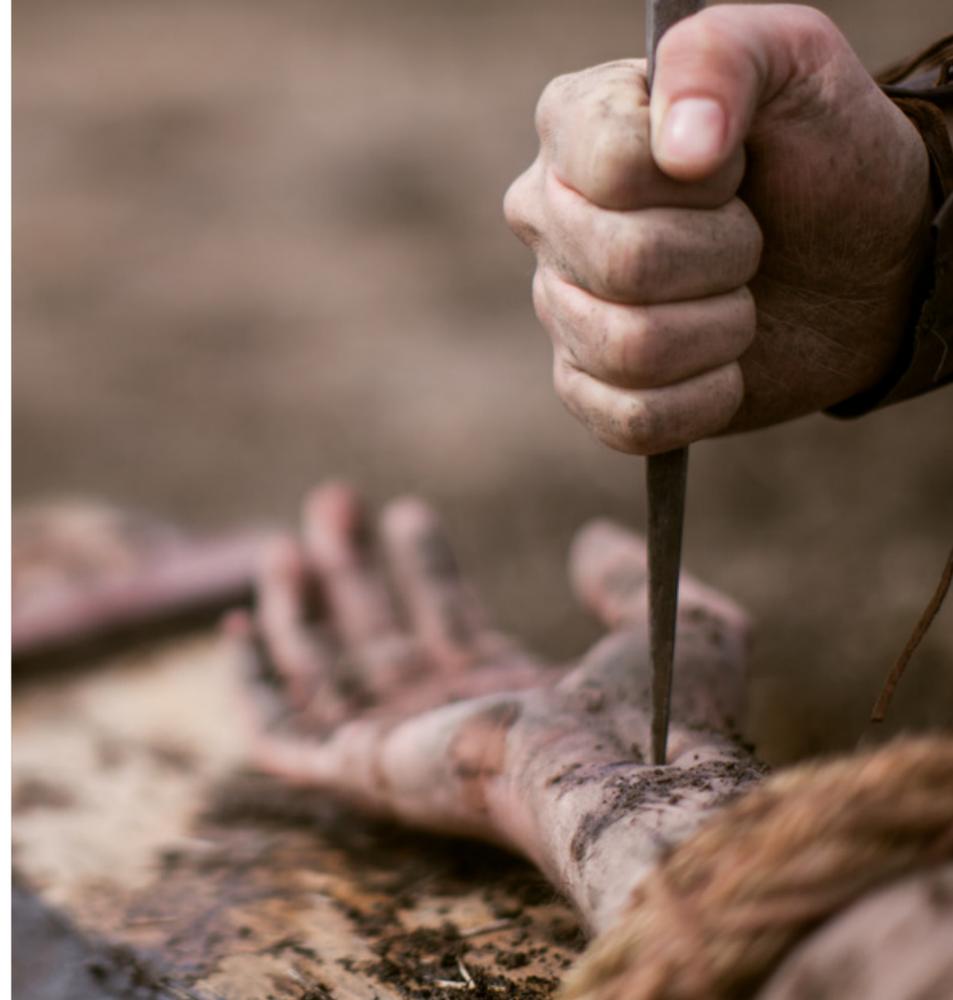
- At Golgotha, Jesus is given “sour wine mingled with gall” to drink (Mat. 27:34; Mk 15:23; Ps 68:22; 69:21).

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Matthew 27:35 (NKJV)

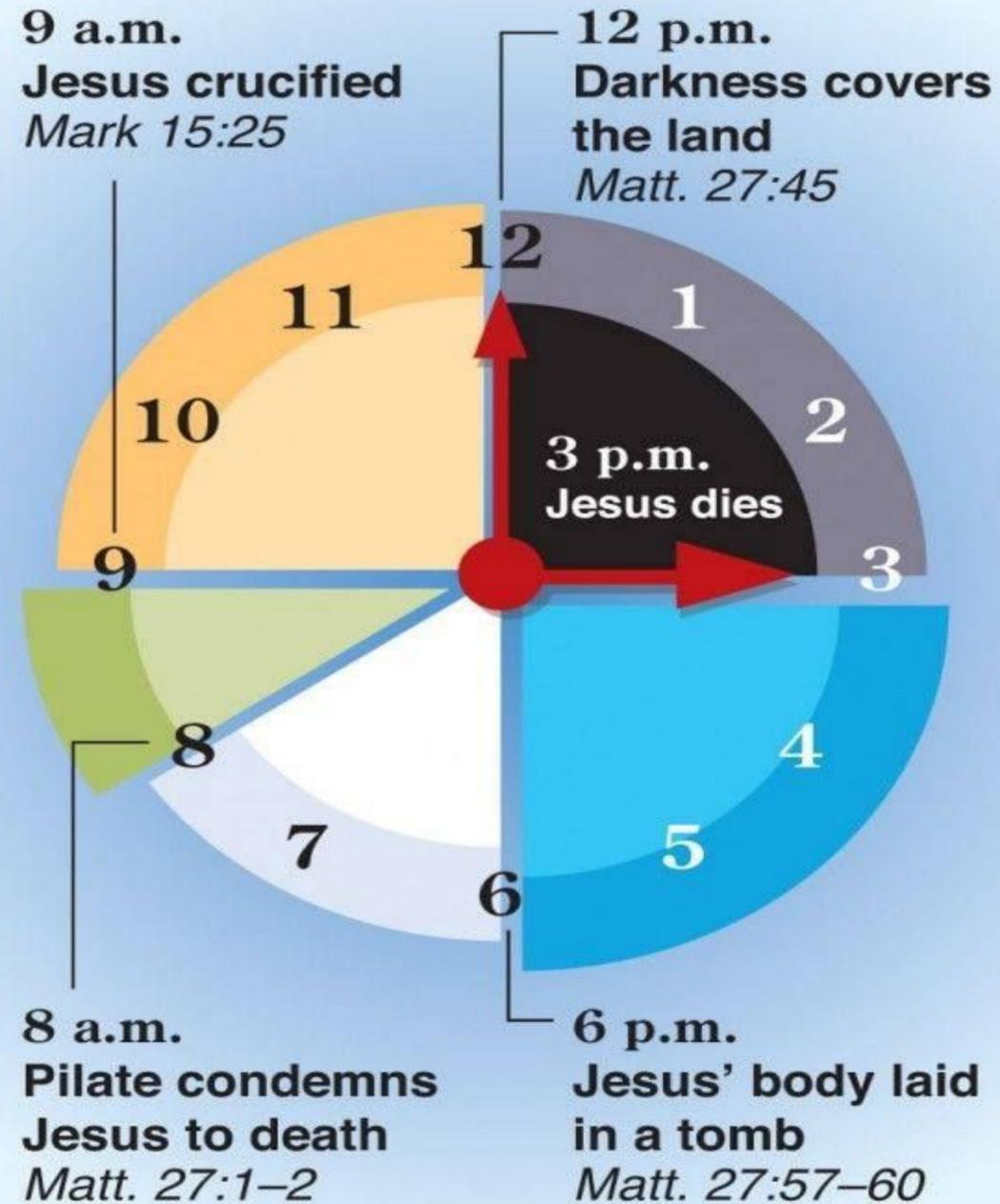
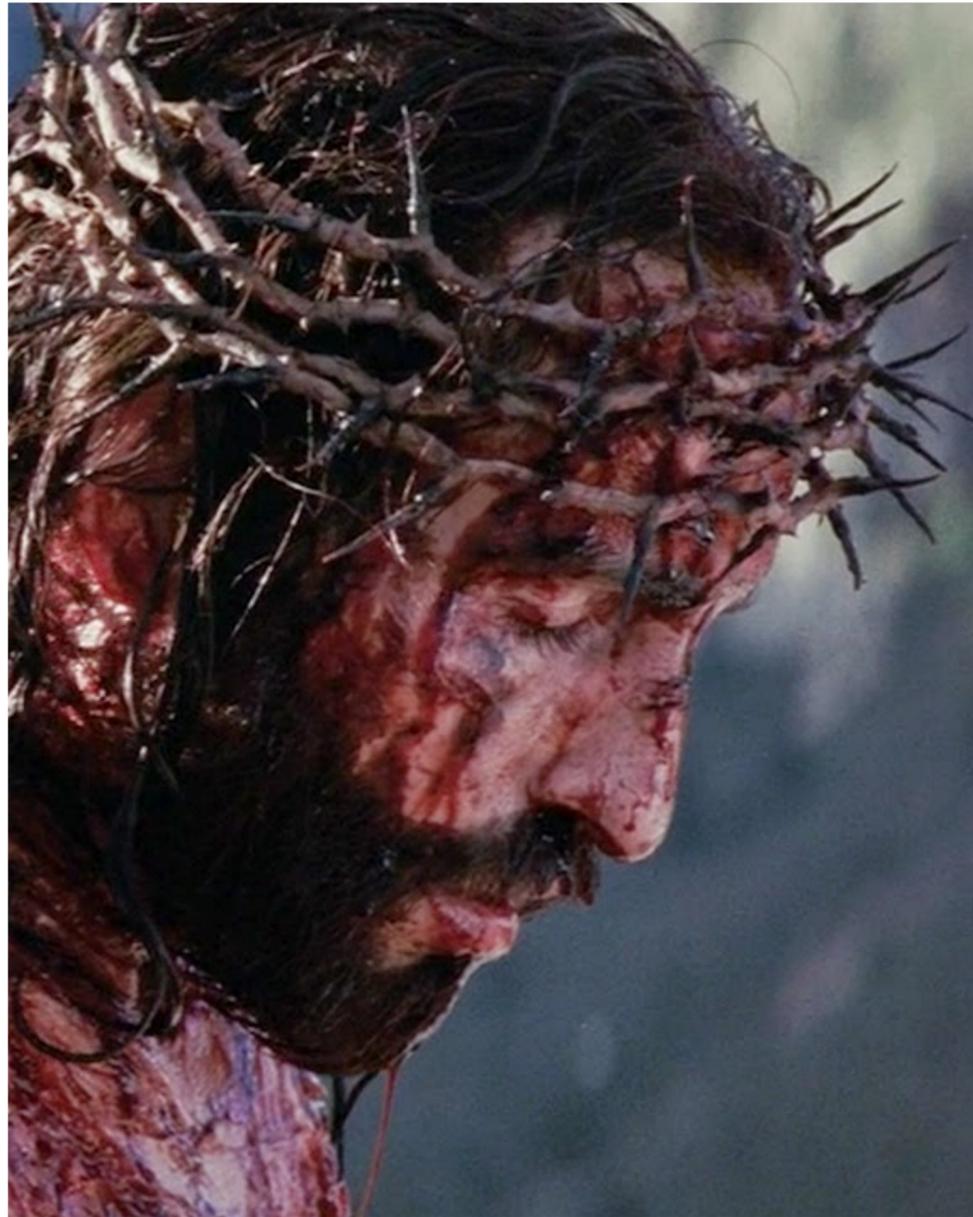
³⁵ Then they crucified Him,



- At Golgotha, Jesus is given “sour wine mingled with gall” to drink (Mat. 27:34; Mk 15:23; Ps 68:22; 69:21).
- **“Then they crucified Him,”** vs. 35 — Jesus is then thrown back onto the rough wood, arms outstretched, & spikes are driven Through His wrists.

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WHAT JESUS EXPERIENCED



Jesus endured the torment of crucifixion from the third hour, (*app. 9 a.m.*), until his death at the ninth hour, (*about 3 p.m.*)

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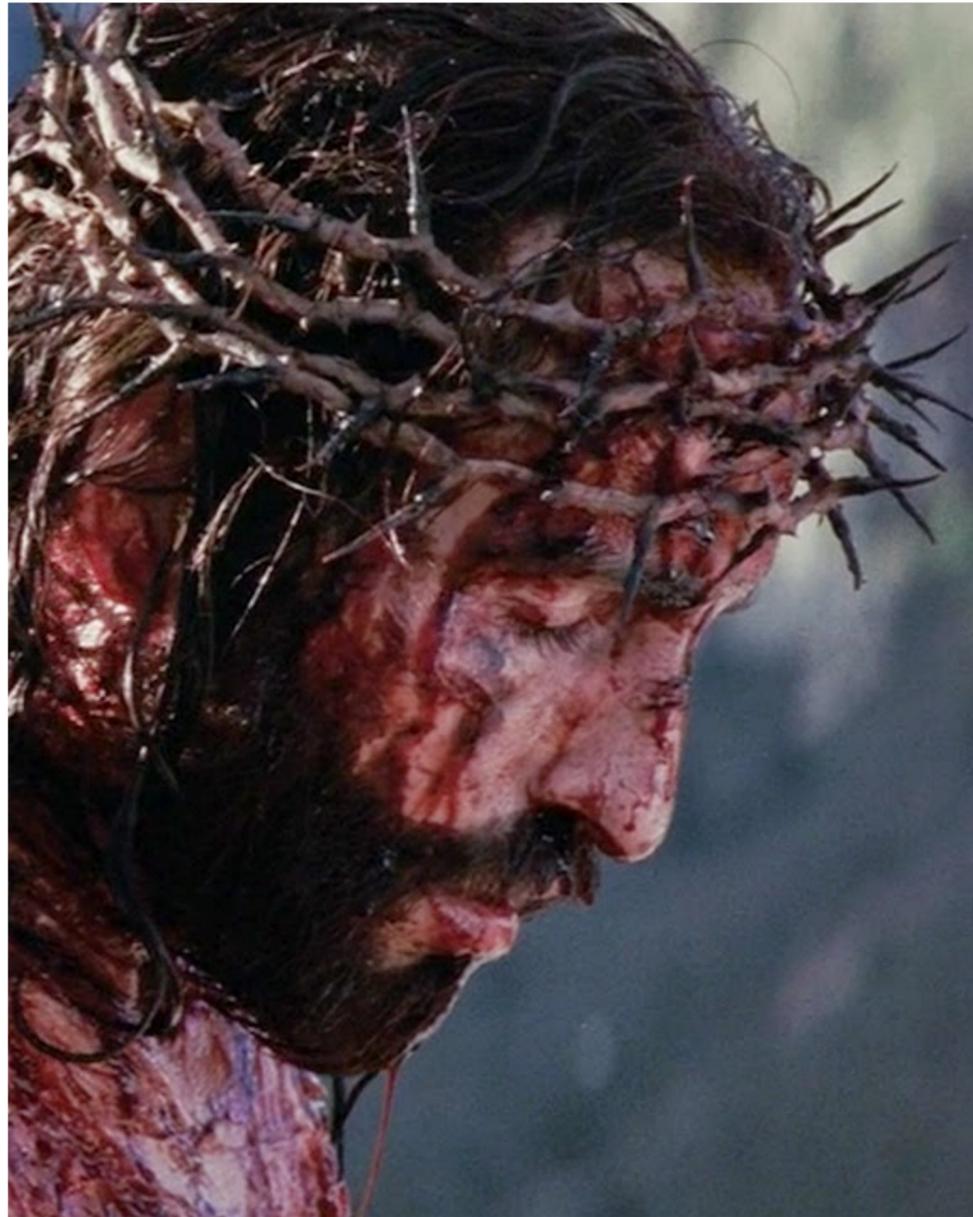
WHAT JESUS EXPERIENCED



- **Numbered** with transgressors (Lk 23:32-33; Is 53:12; Mt 27:38; Mk 15:27-28; Jn 19:18)
- **Soldiers casting lots for His clothes** (Mt 27:35-36; Lk 23:34; Jn 19:23,24; Psa 22:18)
- **Wine mixed with myrrh & mocking** (Mt 27:34,48; Ps 69:21; Mk 15:23; Jn 19:28-30)
- An **inscription** placed over Him (Mt 27:37; Mk 15:26; Lk 23:38; John 19:19-22)

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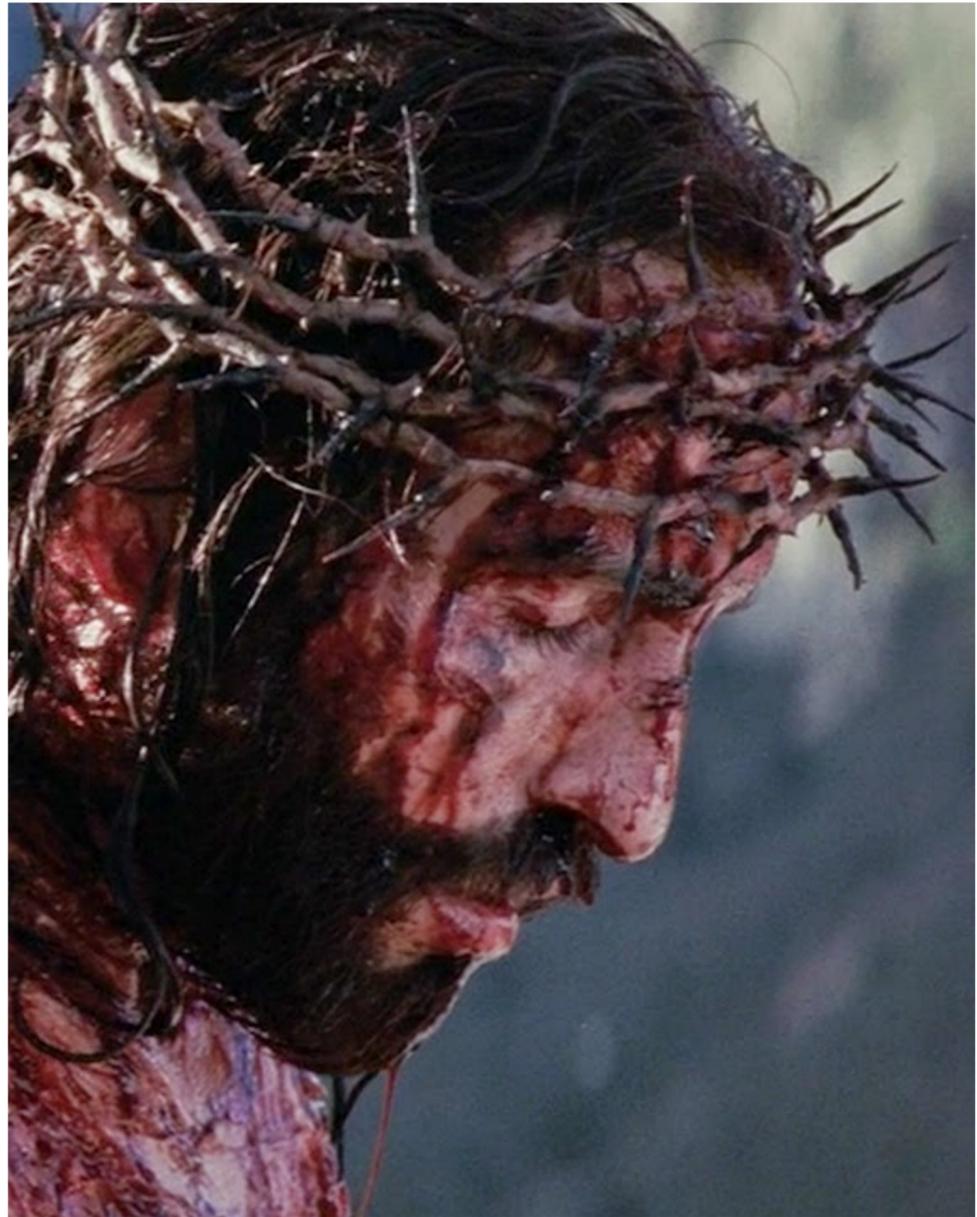
WHAT JESUS EXPERIENCED



- **Insults** – “He saved others, let Him save Himself” (yet it was only by remaining on the cross he could save others!) (Mt 27:39-44; Ps 22:6-7, 22:17; Mk 15:29-30; Lke 23:35-39)
- **A challenge** – “Come down from the cross and we will believe in you” (Matt 27:42; Mark 15:32; Luke 23:39)
- **Rejection** – Yet did not threaten or revile in return (1 Peter 2:23)

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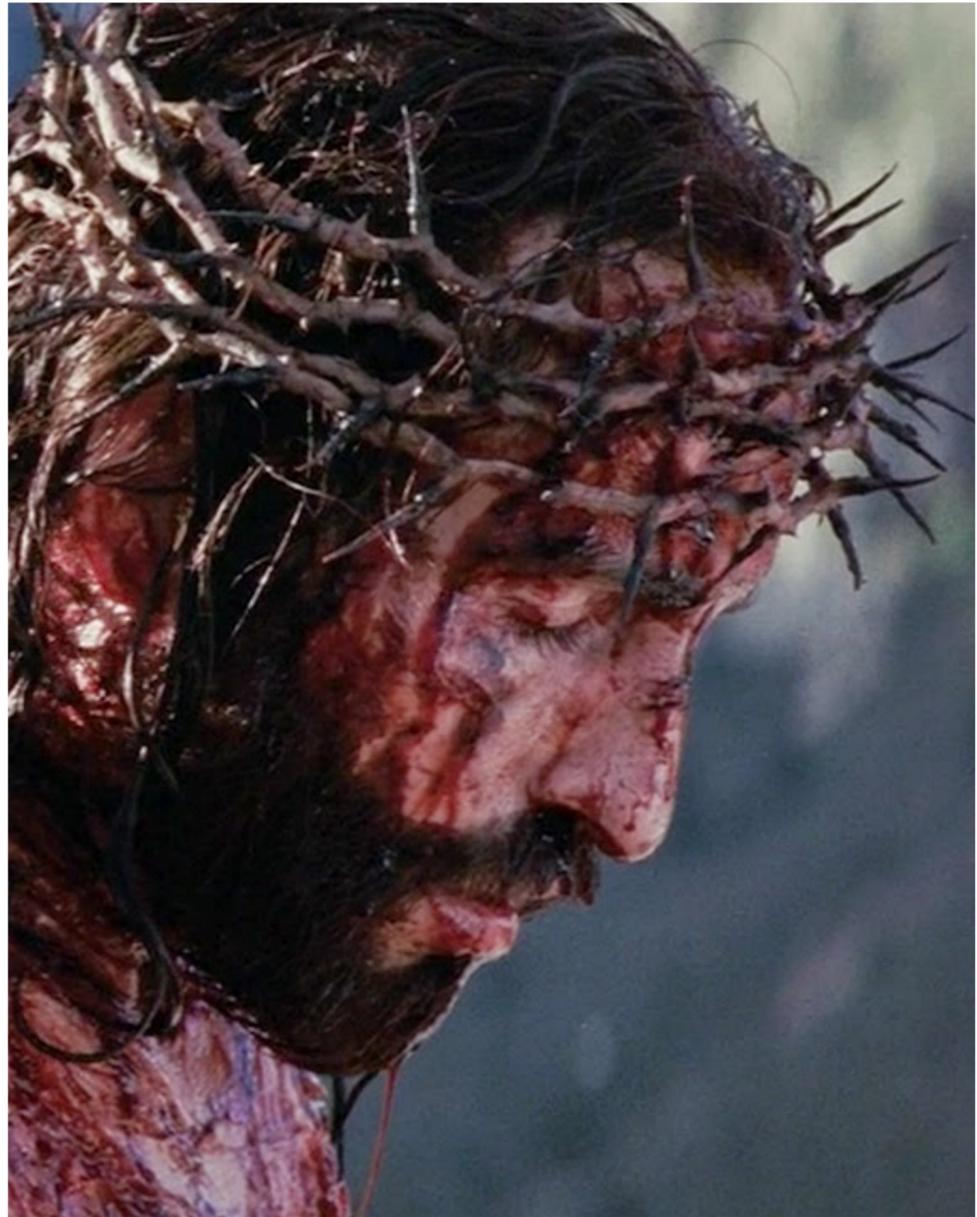
WHAT JESUS EXPERIENCED



- **A convert** - One of the thieves (Luke 23:39-42)
- 3 hours of **Darkness** (Matt 27:45; Mk 15:33; Lk 23:44)
- The **injustice and wickedness** of men (Isa. 53:8)
- **Love & Concern** – His mother and John – (John 19:26–27); the thief (Lk 23:43) & everyone else! (Lk 23:34)

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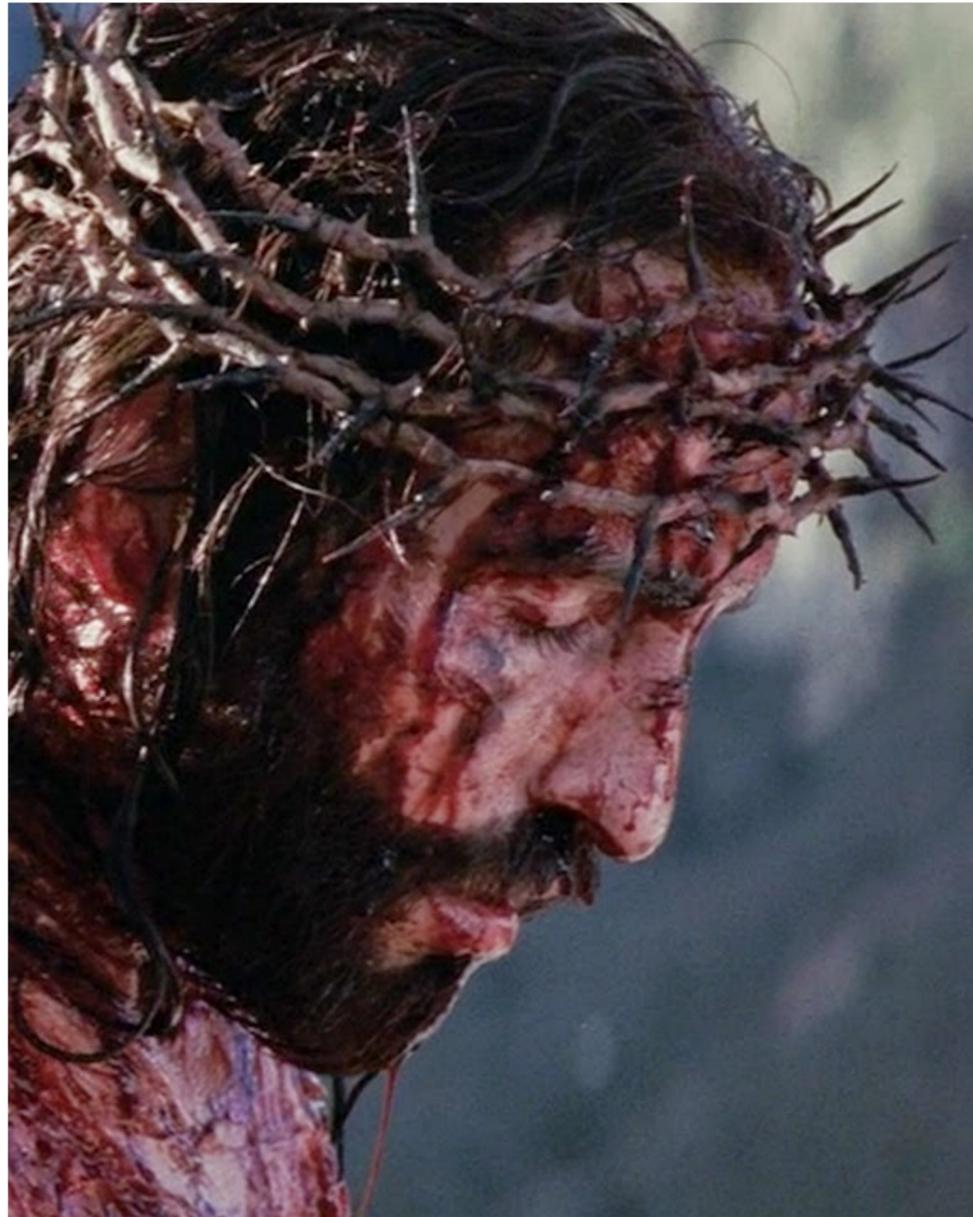
WHAT JESUS EXPERIENCED



- **Physical Pain & suffering** — He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, (Isa. 53:4-6)
- **Pointed to prophetic scripture** - present fulfillment! (Mt. 27:46; Ps 22)
- **Death** - Isa. 53:12; Mt 27:50; Mk 15:37; Lk 23:46; Jn 19:30; Phili 2:8; Heb 2:9-17

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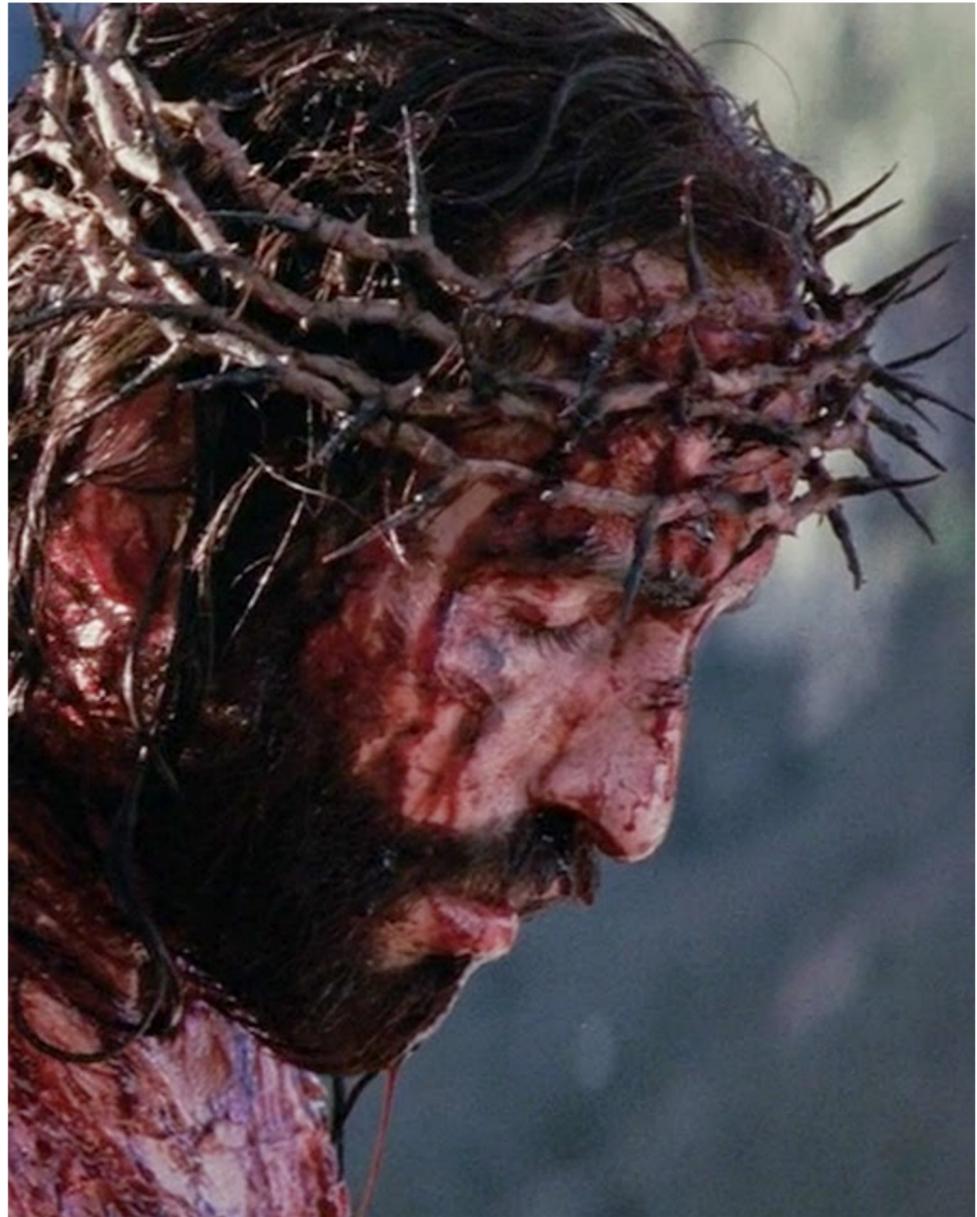
WHAT JESUS EXPERIENCED



- **Matthew 27:50** And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and **yielded up** His spirit.
- **Luke 23:46** And when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice, He said, "Father, '*into Your hands I commit My spirit.*' " Having said this, He breathed His last.
- **John 19:30** So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, **He gave up His spirit.**

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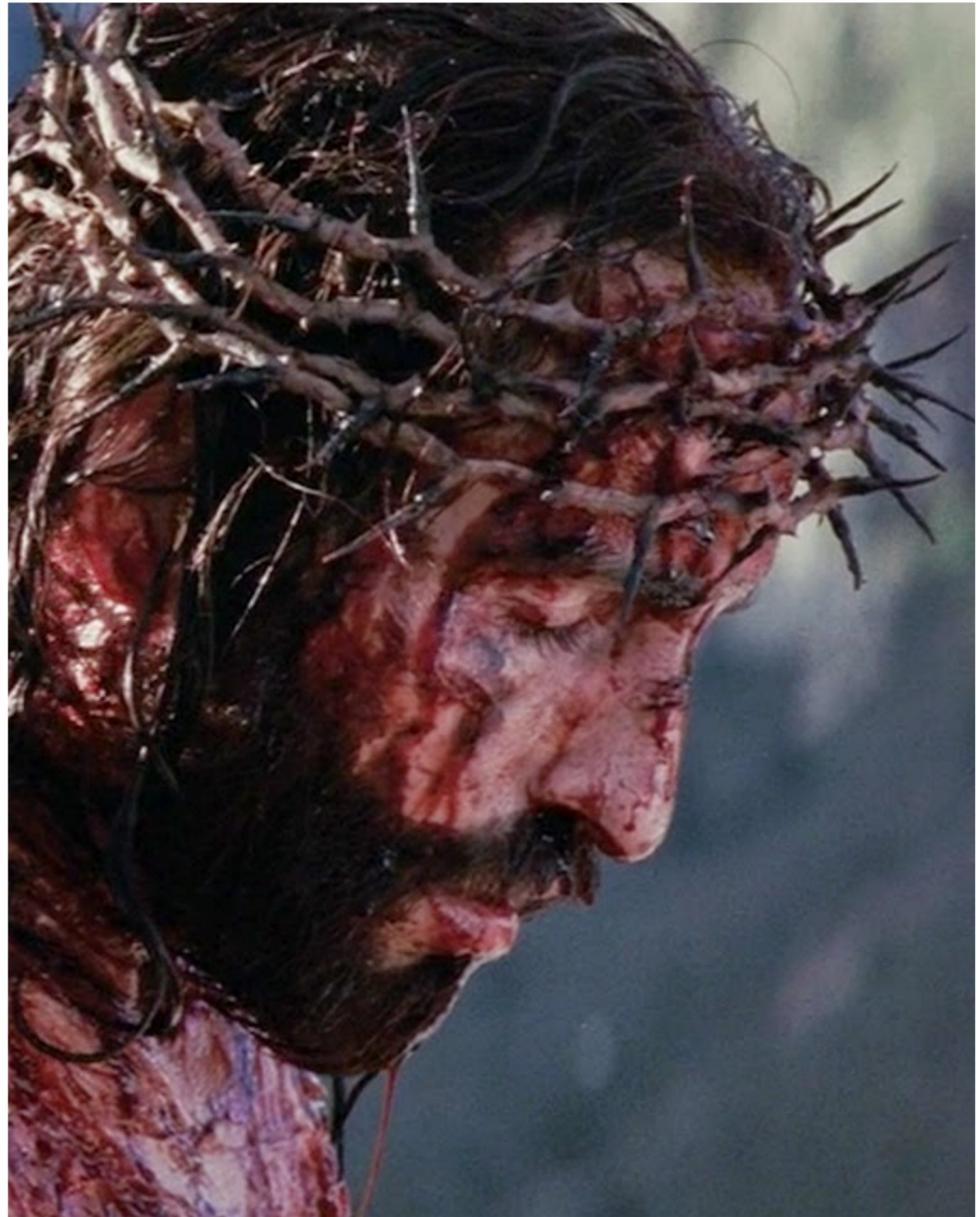
WHAT WE SHOULD SEE IN THE CROSS



- **God loves us** (John 3:16)
- **God hates sin** (Ps 45:7)
- The **HIGH cost** the Father & Son paid for **our redemption** (1 Peter 1:18,19)
- Necessity of **obedience** (Phili. 2:5-8; Heb. 5:7-9)
- **Motivation** to live for the Lord Who died for us (Jn 12:32; 2 Cor. 5:14-15)

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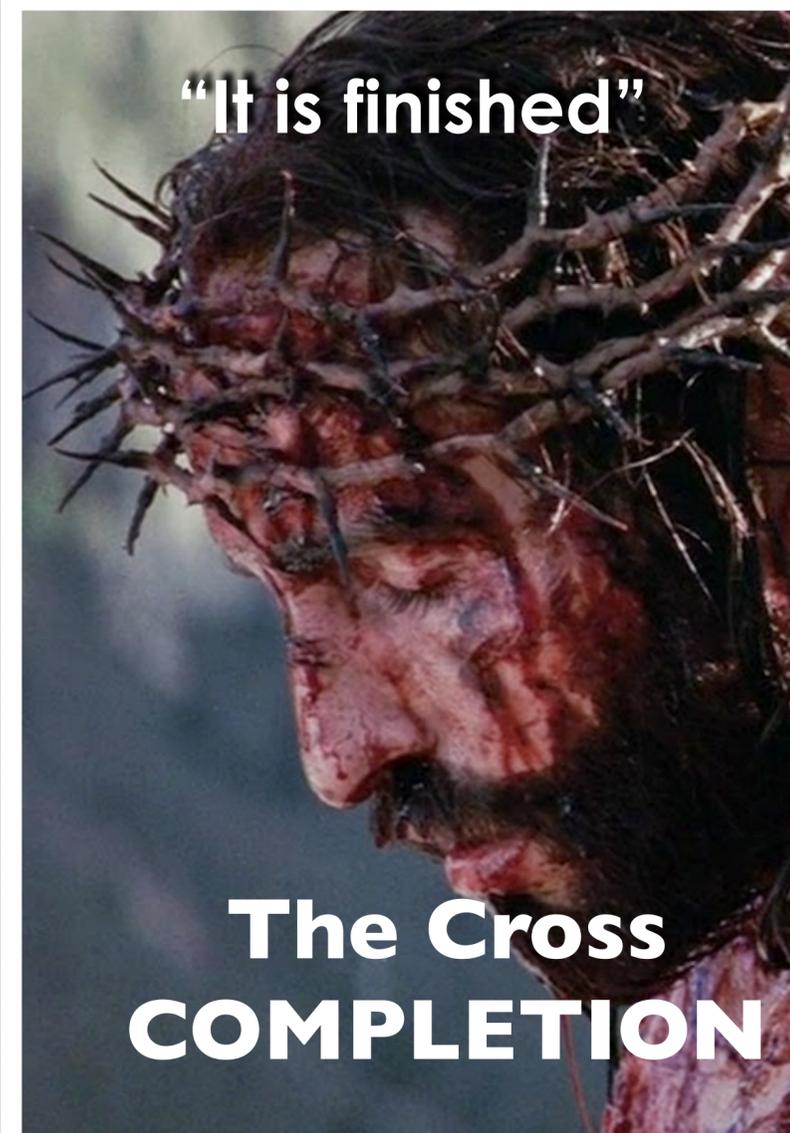
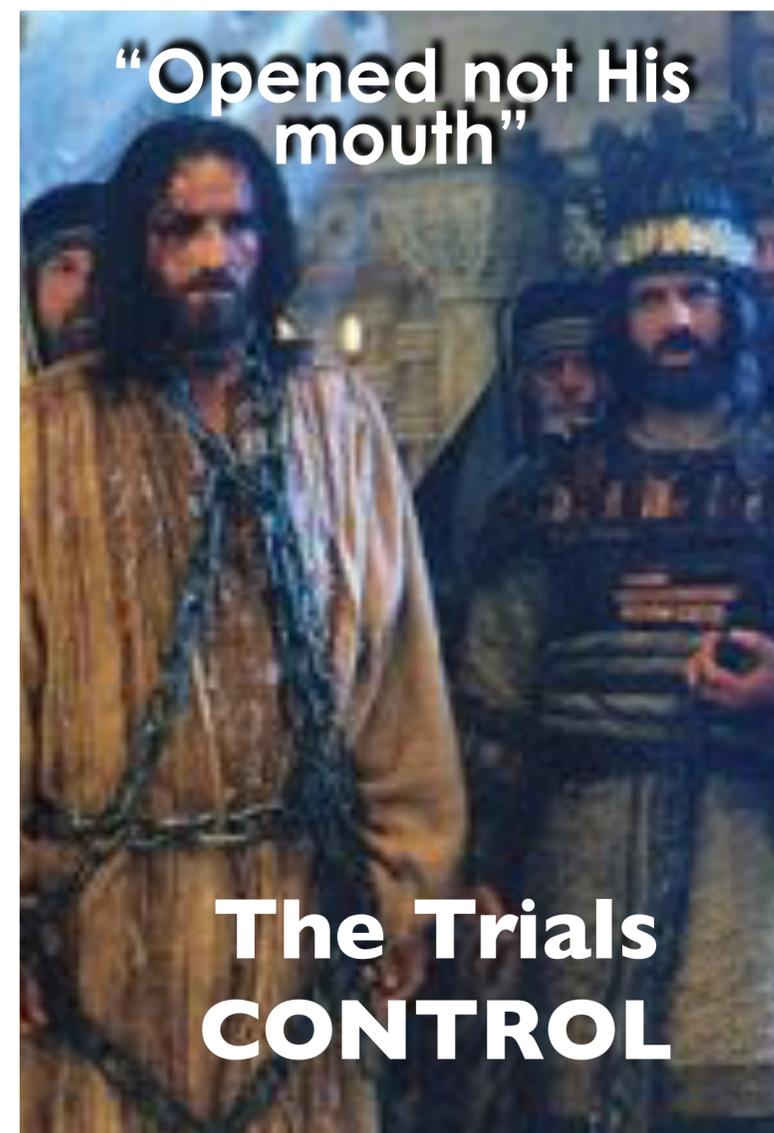
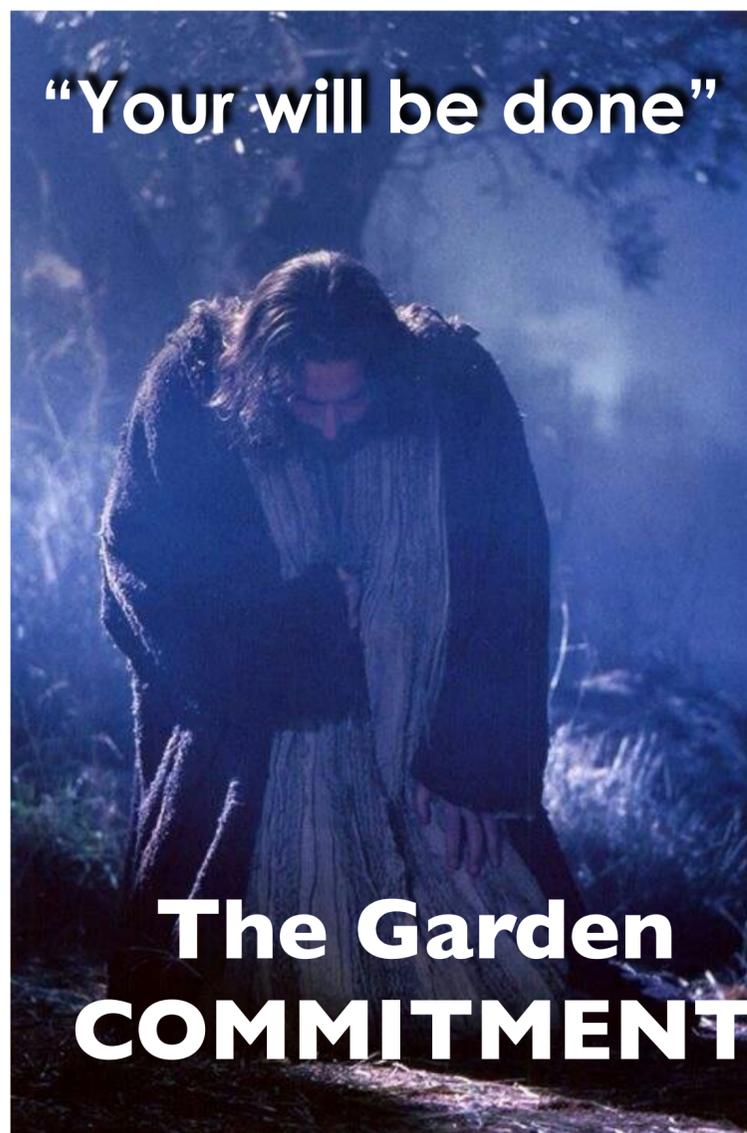
WHAT WE SHOULD DO IN VIEW OF THE CROSS



- I MUST DIE to self & sin (Rom 6:1-6)
- Expect rejection, Ridicule, Injustice, & suffering (2 Tim 3:12)
- BE grateful on a daily basis for what Jesus did for me! (Luke 7:42,43)
- Live for him who died for us by following His teaching (2 Cor. 5:14-15)

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¹⁵ and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again. 2 Corinthians 5:15 (NKJV)



1 Corinthians 1:18
(NKJV)

¹⁸ For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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Romans 6:3–4 (NKJV)

³ Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? ⁴ Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.



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Philippians 2:5–11 (NKJV)

⁵ Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, ⁷ but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of* death, even the death of the cross. ⁹ Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, ¹¹ and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.