***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH***

A: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. *(A brief silence)*

A: Holy Spirit, you are the Lord and giver of life. We thank you for filling us with your strength. Empower our witness so that we boldly share the truth with others in Christian love and service, at every time and in every place we are given the opportunity.

Lord, in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Holy God, inspire your church to lives of faithfulness, boldness, and compassion; so that, through its witness, many may join it in singing, “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!”

Lord, in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

A: God of goodness, all creation proclaims your glory; open our eyes to see your power and majesty in the detailed beauty of our world, and open our hearts to be gentle caretakers of the earth. Let the glory of creation be a testimony to your power and greatness, that we may live in praise and awe each day.

Lord, in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

A: We give thanks, everlasting Father, for your servants who have departed this life in faith and now share the joys of your heavenly kingdom. We humbly ask that, with them, we may live in Christ and die in him, and at the last awaken in his likeness in the resurrection to life everlasting.

Lord, in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Lord of all, we lift up to you all in need of your healing touch. Grant healing of the body for the sick, comfort of the soul for the grieving, and bring peace to those whose minds race with worry or confusion. We pray especially for those we now name before you, either silently or aloud: [NAMES] Bless with healing all who put their trust and hope in you.

Lord, in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,

trusting in your mercy; through you Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

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**Worship - Eve of Palm Sunday Sat, Apr 1st, 2023 - 6pm**

**Pastor: Rev Doug Hedman Lutheran Book of Worship**

**Pianist: Mary Ann Groven - Setting II**

**Announcements \* indicates stand as you are able**

***\*Processional Dialogue*** *(rise and face the back of the church)*

*P: In the name of the Father & of the Son & of the Holy Spirit.*

**C: Amen.**

*P: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.*

**C: Hosanna in the highest.**

*P: The Lord be with you.*

**C: And also with you.**

*P: Let us give thanks to the Lord.*

**C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

***Prayer of the Day ……*** *P: Let us pray.*

*Almighty and everlasting God, you have sent your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, to take upon himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross, that all of humanity should follow the example of his great humility. Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.* **C: Amen.**

***\*Processional Gospel*** …..…. **John 12:12-19** …………………. Scripture Pg 1

***Hymn*** *……………………………….…….* **All Glory, Laud and Honor** …. LBW #108

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***First Lesson*** *…*…….………..…. **Isaiah 50:4-9a .**………..…..… Scripture Pg 1

***Psalm 118:19-29*** ….….……... *(Read Responsively)* …..... Scripture Pg 2

***Second Lesson*** .................. **Philippians 2:5-11** .………... Scripture Pg 3

***Hymn*** ………..………... **My Faith Looks Up to Thee***(V.1,2,3)*....LBW #479

***Sermon*** ...................*...................................................*…. Rev Doug Hedman

***Hymn*** ………………... **Love Consecrates the Humblest Act** .... LBW #122

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***No Benediction***

***We are in one continuous Service of Worship until Easter.***

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***\*Apostles’ Creed***

**I Believe in God, the Father Almighty,**

**Creator of Heaven and Earth.**

**I Believe in Jesus Christ, His Only Son, Our Lord.**

**He Was Conceived by the Power of the Holy Spirit**

**And Born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He Suffered Under Pontius Pilate,**

**Was Crucified, Died, and Was Buried. He Descended into Hell.**

**On the Third Day He Rose Again. He Ascended Into Heaven,**

**And is Seated at the Right Hand of the Father.**

**He Will Come Again to Judge the Living and the Dead.**

**I Believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy catholic Church,**

**The Communion of Saints, the Forgiveness of Sins,**

**The Resurrection of the Body, and the Life Everlasting. Amen.**

***\*Lord’s Prayer: Traditional Version***

**Our Father, Who Art In Heaven, Hallowed Be Thy Name,**

**Thy Kingdom Come, Thy Will Be Done, On Earth As It Is In Heaven.**

**Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread. And Forgive Us Our Trespasses,**

**As We Forgive Those Who Trespass Against Us.**

**And Lead Us Not Into Temptation, But Deliver Us From Evil.**

**For Thine Is The Kingdom, And The Power, And The Glory,**

**Forever And Ever. Amen.**

***Offerings***

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***Worship Servants Tonight***

**Guest Pastor: Rev Doug Hedman**

**Pianist: Mary Ann Groven**

**Greeters: Lee & Julie Pearce**

**Scripture / Prayers Reader: Sharon Ruff**

**Sound / Recording / Projection Don Holtan**

**Set-up and Take-down: Don & Peg Holtan**

**Thanks for worshiping with us this evening. Your presence is your gift to us. We pray that our Service of Worship is a blessing to you. Sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever we are -- praising, proclaiming and practicing -- Emmanuel, God with us, in daily life!**

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***Men’s Bible Study In-Person***

***Join us at Oasis Church each Wednesday at 11am, Apr 5th, 12th, 19th*** ***& 26th to study the appointed Scriptures.***

***Women’s Bible Study***

***Join the Women of Emmanuel to study "Twelve Ordinary Men" by John MacArthur at 1pm on Wed, Apr 12th & 26th at Oasis Church.***

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***\*Processional Gospel: John 12:12-19***

**12***The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem.* **13***So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!”* **14***And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,* **15***“Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt!”* **16***His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him.* **17***The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness.* **18***The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign.* **19***So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.”*

***1st Reading:*** ***Isaiah 50:4-9a***

**4***The Lord God has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught.* **5***The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward.* **6***I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting.* **7***But the Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame.* **8***He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me.* **9a** *Behold, the Lord God helps me; who will declare me guilty? The Word of the Lord.* **Thanks be to God.**

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***Psalm 118:19-29*** *(Read Responsively)*

**19** *Open for me the gates of righteousness;*

**I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.**

**20** *“This is the gate of the Lord;*

**He who is righteous may enter.”**

**21** *I will give thanks to you, for you answered me*

**And have become my salvation.**

**22** *The same stone which the builders rejected*

**Has become the chief cornerstone.**

**23** *This is the Lord’s doing,*

**And it is marvelous in our eyes.**

**24** *On this day the Lord has acted;*

**We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

**25** *Hosannah, Lord, hosannah!*

**Lord, send us now success.**

**26** *Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord;*

**We bless you from the house of the Lord.**

**27** *God is the Lord; he has shined upon us;*

**Form a procession With branches up to the horns of the altar.**

**28** *“You are my God, and I will thank you;*

**You are my God, and I will exalt you.”**

**29** *Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;*

**His mercy endures forever.**

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***2nd Reading: Philippians 2:5-11***

**15***Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,* **6***who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,* **7***but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.* **8***And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.* **9***Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,* **10***so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,* **11***and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

*The Word of the Lord* **Thanks be to God.**

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***The Passion Gospel, Matthew 26:1-27:66 is quite lengthy and is printed on a separate sheet.***

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***Calendar Items***

**Wed, Apr 5 Men’s Bible Study - 11am at Oasis**

**Thu, Apr 6 Maundy Thursday Service w/Communion 6pm**

**Fri, Apr 7 Good Friday – Join Trinity in St Charles - 7pm**

**Sat, Apr 8 Eve of Easter Service w/Communion – 6pm**

**\*\*\* OR \*\*\***

**Sun, Apr 9 Easter Sunday Service – 10am at Our Land**

**Mon, Apr 10 Public Reading of the New Testament – 6am**

**Wed, Apr 12 Men’s Bible Study - 11am at Oasis**

**-and- Women’s Bible Study – 1pm at Oasis**

**Thu, Apr 13 Council Meeting at Oasis – 3pm**

**Sat, Apr 15 Eve of Easter 2 Worship Service - 6pm**

**Wed, Apr 19 Men’s Bible Study - 11am at Oasis**

**Sat, Apr 22 Eve of Easter 3 Worship Service - 6pm**

***Emmanuel Maundy Thursday Service at Oasis***

***Our Maundy Thursday continuous worship will be an austere service here at Oasis at 6pm and will be conducted by Rev Jack Miller. We will use the Reclaim Hymnal, Setting III including Holy Communion. No slide presentation so take a hymnal.***

***NO Emmanuel Good Friday Service at Oasis***

***We will attend Trinity Lutheran of St Charles,*** ***Community Center, 830 Whitewater Ave, 55972 at 7pm. If interested in carpooling or needing a ride, let us know.***

***Emmanuel EASTER Worship Service***

***Our Easter service is planned to be at our church land building on Sunday, April 9th at 10am. That facility is now heated. In case a blizzard is predicted for Sunday, we will have our Easter service at Oasis on Saturday, April 8th at 6pm.***

***Congregational Meeting – April 29th***

***A short informational exchange after our April 29th Service. Topics include The Great Commission & Activities at Church Land.***

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***Hymn 1:*** ***All Glory, Laud and Honor*** *LBW #108*

*Refrain: All Sing*

**All Glo-ry, Laud, and Hon-or, To You, Re-deem-er, King,**

**To Whom the Lips of Chil-dren, Made Sweet Ho-san-nas Ring.**

*Verse 1: All Sing*

**You Are the King of Is-ra-el, And Da-vid’s Roy-al Son,**

**Now in the Lord’s Name Com-ing, Our King and Bless-ed One.**

*Repeat Refrain: All Sing*

*Verse 2: Women Only*

**The Com-pa-ny of An-gels, Are Prais-ing You on High,**

**Cre-a-tion and All Mor-tals, In Cho-rus Make Re-ply.**

*Repeat Refrain: All Sing*

*Verse 3: All Sing*

**The Mul-ti-tude of Pil-grims, With Palms Be-fore You Went.**

**Our Praise and Prayers and An-thems, Be-fore You We Pre-sent.**

*Repeat Refrain: All Sing*

*Verse 4: Men Only*

**To You Be-fore Your Pas-sion, They Sang Their Hymns of Praise.**

**To You, Now High Ex-alt-ed, Our Mel-o-dy We Raise.**

*Repeat Refrain: All Sing*

*Verse 5: All Sing*

**Their Praises You Ac-cept-ed, Ac-cept the Prayers We Bring,**

**Great Author of All Good-ness, O Good and Gra-cious King.**

*Repeat Refrain: All Sing*

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***Hymn 2: My Faith Looks Up to Thee*** *LBW #479 (V.1,2,3)*

*Verse 1*

**My Faith Looks Up to Thee,**

**Thou Lamb of Cal-va-ry, Sav-ior Di-vine.**

**Now Hear Me While I Pray.**

**Take All My Guilt A-way,**

**Oh, Let Me from This Day Be Whol-ly Thine.**

*Verse 2*

**May Thy Rich Grace Im-part**

**Strength to My Faint-ing Heart, My Zeal In-spire.**

**As Thou Hast Died for Me,**

**Oh, May My Love to Thee**

**Pure, Warm, and Change-less Be, A Liv-ing Fire.**

*Verse 3*

**While Life’s Dark Maze I Tread**

**And Griefs A-round Me Spread, Be Thou My Guide.**

**Bid Dark-ness Turn to Day,**

**Wipe Sor-row’s Tears A-way,**

**Nor Let Me Ev-er Stray From Thee A-side.**

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***Hymn 3: Love Consecrates the Humblest Act*** *LBW #122*

*V1* **Love Con-se-crates the Hum-blest Act**

**And Ha-loes Mer-cy’s Deeds.**

**It Sheds a Ben-e-dic-tion Sweet**

**And Hal-lows Hu-man Needs.**

*V2* **When in the Shad-ow of the Cross**

**Christ Knelt and Washed the Feet**

**Of His Dis-ci-ples He Gave Us**

**A Sign of Love Com-plete.**

*V3* **Love Serves and Will-ing Stoops to Serve**

**What Christ in Love So True**

**Has Free-ly Done for One and All,**

**Let Us Now Glad-ly Do.**

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***Hymn 4: Ride On, Ride On in Majesty*** *LBW #121*

*V1* **Ride on, Ride on in Maj-es-ty.**

**Hear All the Tribes Ho-san-na Cry.**

**O Sav-ior Meek, Your Road Pur-sue,**

**With Palms & Scat-tered Gar-ments Strewed.**

*V2* **Ride on, Ride on in Ma-jes-ty.**

**In Low-ly Pomp Ride on to Die.**

**Bow Your Meek Head to Mor-tal Pain,**

**Then Take, O Christ, Your Pow'r, and Reign.**

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**31***And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him.* **32***As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry his cross.* **33***And when they came to a place called Golgotha, which means Place of a Skull,* **34***they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it.* **35***And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots.* **36***Then they sat down and kept watch over him there.* **37***And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, “This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.”* **38***Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left.* **39***And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads* **40***and saying, “You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.”* **41***So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying,* **42***“He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him.* **43***He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’”* **44***And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.* **45***Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour.* **46***And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”* **47***And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, “This man is calling Elijah.”* **48***And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink.* **49***But the others said, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.”* **50***And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.* **51***And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split.* **52***The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised,* **53***and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many.* **54***When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, “Truly this was the Son of God!”* **55***There were also many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him,* **56***among whom were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.* **57***When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus.* **58***He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him.* **59***And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud* **60***and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away.* **61***Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.* **62***The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate* **63***and said, “Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while he was still alive, ‘After three days I will rise.’* **64***Therefore order the tomb to be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples go and steal him away and tell the people, ‘He has risen from the dead,’ and the last fraud will be worse than the first.”* **65***Pilate said to them, “You have a guard of soldiers. Go, make it as secure as you can.”* **66***So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.*

*P: The Gospel of the Lord.*  **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

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***\*Passion Gospel: Matthew 26:1-27:66***

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**1***When Jesus had finished all these sayings, he said to his disciples,* **2***“You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified.”* **3***Then the chief priests and the elders of the people gathered in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas,* **4***and plotted together in order to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him.* **5***But they said, “Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar among the people.”* **6***Now when Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper,* **7***a woman came up to him with an alabaster flask of very expensive ointment, and she poured it on his head as he reclined at table.* **8***And when the disciples saw it, they were indignant, saying, “Why this waste?* **9***For this could have been sold for a large sum and given to the poor.”* **10***But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, “Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a beautiful thing to me.* **11***For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me.* **12***In pouring this ointment on my body, she has done it to prepare me for burial.* **13***Truly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will also be told in memory of her.”* **14***Then one of the twelve, whose name was Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests* **15***and said, “What will you give me if I deliver him over to you?” And they paid him thirty pieces of silver.* **16***And from that moment he sought an opportunity to betray him.* **17***Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Where will you have us prepare for you to eat the Passover?”* **18***He said, “Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, ‘The Teacher says, My time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.’”* **19***And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover.* **20***When it was evening, he reclined at table with the twelve.* **21***And as they were eating, he said, “Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me.”* **22***And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another, “Is it I, Lord?”* **23***He answered, “He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me.* **24***The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.”* **25***Judas, who would betray him, answered, “Is it I, Rabbi?” He said to him, “You have said so.”* **26***Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.”* **27***And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you,* **28***for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.* **29***I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”* **30***And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.* **31***Then Jesus said to them, “You will all fall away because of me this night. For it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’* **32***But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.”* **33***Peter answered him, “Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away.”* **34***Jesus said to him, “Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.”* **35***Peter said to him, “Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you!” And all the disciples said the same.***36***Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, “Sit here, while I go over there and pray.”*

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**37***And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled.* **38***Then he said to them, “My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me.”* **39***And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, “My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will.”* **40***And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, “So, could you not watch with me one hour?* **41***Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”* **42***Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, “My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.”* **43***And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy.* **44***So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again.* **45***Then he came to the disciples and said to them, “Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.* **46***Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand.”* **47***While he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people.* **48***Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I will kiss is the man; seize him.”* **49***And he came up to Jesus at once and said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” And he kissed him.* **50***Jesus said to him, “Friend, do what you came to do.” Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus and seized him.* **51***And behold, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear.* **52***Then Jesus said to him, “Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword.* **53***Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels?* **54***But how then should the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?”* **55***At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, “Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me.* **56***But all this has taken place that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled.” Then all the disciples left him and fled.* **57***Then those who had seized Jesus led him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had gathered.* **58***And Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and going inside he sat with the guards to see the end.* **59***Now the chief priests and the whole council were seeking false testimony against Jesus that they might put him to death,* **60***but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward* **61***and said, “This man said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to rebuild it in three days.’”* **62***And the high priest stood up and said, “Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?”* **63***But Jesus remained silent. And the high priest said to him, “I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God.”* **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.”* **65***Then the high priest tore his robes and said, “He has uttered blasphemy. What further witnesses do we need? You have now heard his blasphemy.* **66***What is your judgment?” They answered, “He deserves death.”* **67***Then they spit in his face and struck him. And some slapped him,* **68***saying, “Prophesy to us, you Christ! Who is it that struck you?”* **69***Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came up to him and said, “You also were with Jesus the Galilean.”* **70***But he denied it before them all, saying, “I do not know what you mean.”*

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**71***And when he went out to the entrance, another servant girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, “This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.”* **72***And again he denied it with an oath: “I do not know the man.”* **73***After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, “Certainly you too are one of them, for your accent betrays you.”* **74***Then he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, “I do not know the man.” And immediately the rooster crowed.* **75***And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus, “Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly.* **1***When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death.* **2***And they bound him and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate the governor.* **3***Then when Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he changed his mind and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders,* **4***saying, “I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.” They said, “What is that to us? See to it yourself.”* **5***And throwing down the pieces of silver into the temple, he departed, and he went and hanged himself.* **6***But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, “It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since it is blood money.”* **7**So *they took counsel and bought with them the potter’s field as a burial place for strangers.* **8***Therefore that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day.* **9***Then was fulfilled what had been spoken by the prophet Jeremiah, saying, “And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him on whom a price had been set by some of the sons of Israel,* **10***and they gave them for the potter’s field, as the Lord directed me.”* **11***Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus said, “You have said so.”* **12***But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he gave no answer.* **13***Then Pilate said to him, “Do you not hear how many things they testify 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 feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted.* **16***And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas.* **17***So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?”* **18***For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up.* **19***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 because of him today in a dream.”* **20***Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus.* **21***The governor again said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?” And they said, “Barabbas.”* **22***Pilate said to them, “Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?” They all said, “Let him be crucified!”* **23***And he said, “Why? What evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Let him be crucified!* **24***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 man’s blood; see to it yourselves.”* **25***And all the people answered, “His blood be on us and on our children!”* **26***Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified.* **27***Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor’s headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him.* **28***And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him,* **29***and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!”* **30***And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head.*

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