



Gospel of John

5-14-23



John the Evangelist & Peter
by Albrecht Dürer (1526)

- 12a Why Wasn't This Sold? – Love Jesus
- 12b If It Dies – Love **LORD**'s Field
- 13 I Will Come Again – Love One Another
- 14 Peace I Leave with You – Love the Father
- 15 Remain In Me – Love One Another
- April 9 *Happy Easter*
- 16 When the Spirit Comes – Love in Action
- 17 I Pray – Love Prays
- 18a I Am He – Love Knows
- 18b I Find No Fault – Love Listens
- 19 It Is Finished**
- 20 Reach Out Your Hand
- 21 Do You Love Me?



19:28 I Thirst
19:30 It is Finished



Christ Crucified
by Diego Velázquez (1599-1660)
Museo del Prado in Madrid



Christ Falling on Way to Calvary
c. 1514-15, by Raphael

Love Sacrifices

Summer is afoot ... Snoopy Knows



Happy Mother's Day



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18:39 But it is *your* custom
for me to release to you
one prisoner at the
time of the Passover.

You know Pilate enjoyed saying this

Do you want me to release the

King of the Jews?

At those very words, you know Chief Priests *gringed, grimaced*
40 Crowd shouted back, “No, not him! Give us Barabbas!”

Now Barabbas had taken part in an uprising.

Governor Pilate slowly retreats ... grievous ... that he of the
Mighty Rome has to witness such diabolical **RELIGIOUS** Evil



Throughout ... one man not mentioned in Bible
Sardonius – fiction based upon Roman reality

“Sardonic” comes from the Greek

“*Sardonic*” = a disdainful, humorous SNEER

“*Sardonic*” = a grimly cynical mocking SNEER

When I see an athlete taking a knee
during the National Anthem ...

I have a *Sardonic* twist on my face

When I see a police officer disrespected
for DOING his/her job

I have a *Sardonic* crunch of my face, saying “*What a shame?*”



“Sardonic” goes back to Homer, c. 750 B.C.

“Sardonic” from a plant caused face to crunch

Sardinia – 2nd largest island in Mediterranean

about 175 miles from Rome

About 1,000 miles from Judea

***Sardonicus* is a LONG way from home**

**He’s a Centurion over Pilate’s Crucifixion
detail of 20 hardened soldiers**

Sardonicus, 55 yrs old, 10 yrs w Pilate

15 yrs under *other* Roman Generals

To Date: 1,378 Crucifixions

**71 BC his Grandpa lined 100 miles of Appian Way from
Rome to Capua 6,000 crucified slaves of Spartacus**



John 19:1 Then Pilate took Jesus & had him

FLOGGED

Sardonicus waved his hand ...
his soldiers took over

Matt 27 & Mark 15

Governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorian
... gathered a whole company of soldiers around him.

Done this MANY times ... 100s of times

Sardonicus himself just watches
he's very good at his job ...

Two soldiers are NEW ... YOUNG

Ambitious ... want to impress with abilities to HUMILIATE



Sardonicus orders them to FLOG Jesus

They have special post ... they *FLOG* Jesus

Matt, Mk, John, soldiers twisted together a

CROWN OF THORNS

put it on his HEAD

**They clothed him in a purple robe and
went up to him again and again, saying,**

“Hail, King of the Jews!”

Sardonicus doesn't even laugh

Late in the day ... HOWEVER ...

Sardonicus had NOT seen Pilate moved like *this* before



Purple – Expensive DYE from Murex shellfish
From 15th century B.C. Phoenicians from Tyre
were trading in the precious dye ...

Phoenicians were first to harvest them
off the Atlantic coast side of Morocco

Called “**Imperial Tyrian Purple Dye**”

Royal Purple - “**Born of the Purple**”=**Royalty**

Illegal in ancient Rome to Non-Equestrians

only for Equestrian Royalty & above

Byzantine thru Holy Roman Empire
and today’s Catholic Bishops

See Moroccan 200 Dirhams Banknote
Today’s exchange: 200 Dirhams = \$20



Tyrian purple

RGB 102, 2, 60

HEX #66023c

CMYK 0, 98, 41, 60

HSL 325°, 96%, 20%



John – Soldiers slapped Jesus in the face.

Matt & Mark Soldiers *SPIT* on Jesus,
took the staff and **STRUCK** him
on the **HEAD**

Matthew says struck Jesus on the **HEAD**
AGAIN & AGAIN

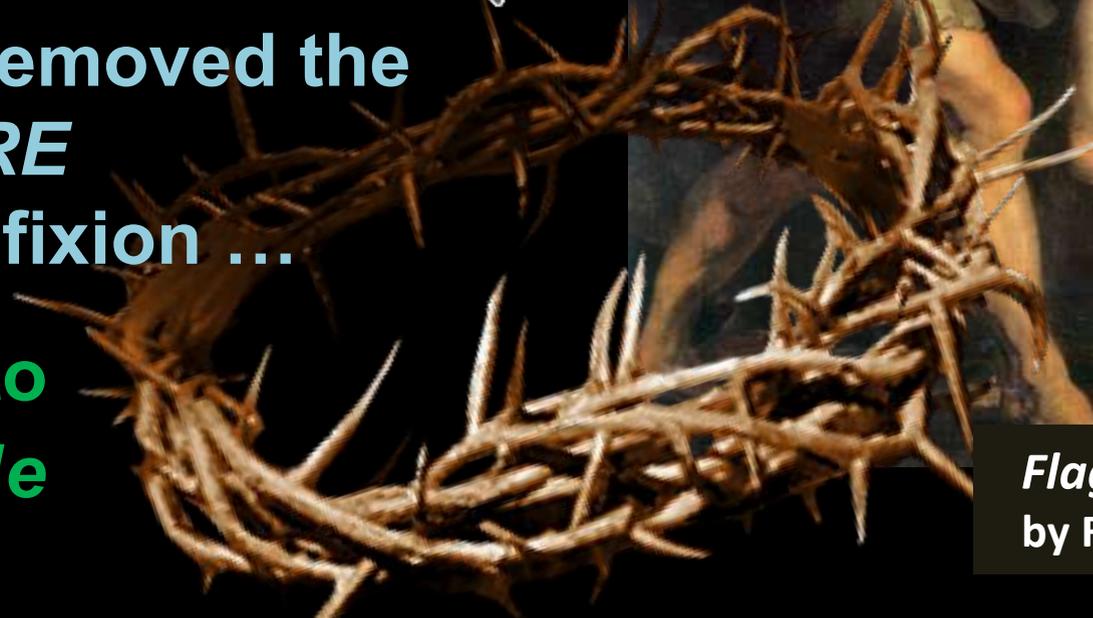


Matt & Mark say they removed the
Purple Robe *BEFORE*
leading him to crucifixion ...

Ohh ... it causes me to
Tremble ... Tremble



Flagellation of Christ
by Rubens (1577-1640)



John 19:4 Once more Pilate came out & said to the Jews “Look, I am bringing him out to you to let YOU KNOW that I find NO basis for a charge against him.”

5 When Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe,

Pilate said to them,

“Here is The MAN!”

As judge, Pilate presented Jesus—*THE* Advocate of HUMAN KIND



Ecce Homo, Behold the Man
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Sardonicus watches

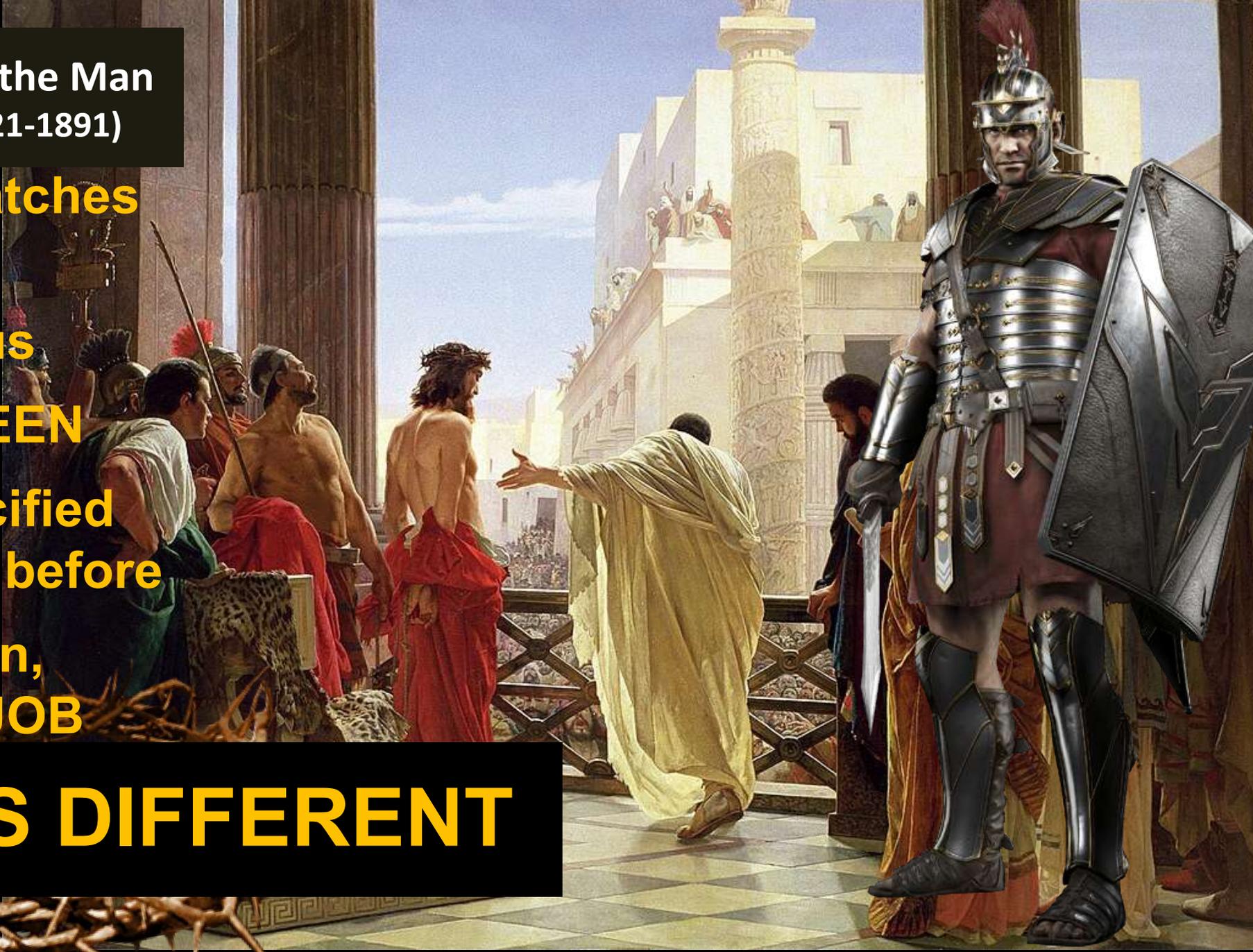
**NEVER saw a
man like Jesus**

Or Pilate so KEEN

**Sure, he's crucified
innocent men before**

**Not his concern,
just his JOB**

THIS WAS DIFFERENT



John 19:6 As soon as the Chief Priests & their officials saw him, they shouted,

“Crucify HIM! Crucify HIM!”

But Pilate answered,
“YOU take him and crucify him.

As for me, I find NO basis for a charge against him.”

7 Jewish leaders insisted,

“We have a LAW, and according to that LAW he must DIE,

because he claimed to be the Son of God.”

Sardonicus waits for his orders



Ecce Homo
by Antonio



John 19:8 When Pilate heard this,
he was even more **AFRAID**,

9 he went back in the palace.

“Where do you come from?”

Jesus gave him **NO** answer.

10 “Do you refuse to
speak to me?” said Pilate.

“Don’t you realize I have **POWER**
either to **FREE** you or to

CRUCIFY you?”

Sardonicus is a bit shocked ...

He’s seen Pilate’s **RARE** mercy before ...

Jesus **COULD** be set free ... if Jesus wants



John 19:11 Jesus answered,
“You would have
NO power over me if it were **NOT**
given to you from **ABOVE**`.
Therefore, the one who handed
me over to you is
guilty of a greater sin.”

At this point, Jesus reflects back
Jesus SEES Pilate’s STRUGGLE
Jesus FEELS Pilate’s GUILT

Sardonicus watches ... NEVER before
has a DOOMED man been so ...

TRUTHFUL



Ecce Homo ... and the Man
by Antonio Canova (1797-1891)



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Sardonicus’ eyes WIDEN

NO doomed **MAN** as ever said such
to a Governor or a General ...

Yet, it was **HOW** Jesus said it ...

as if **JESUS** was *freeing* Pilate!



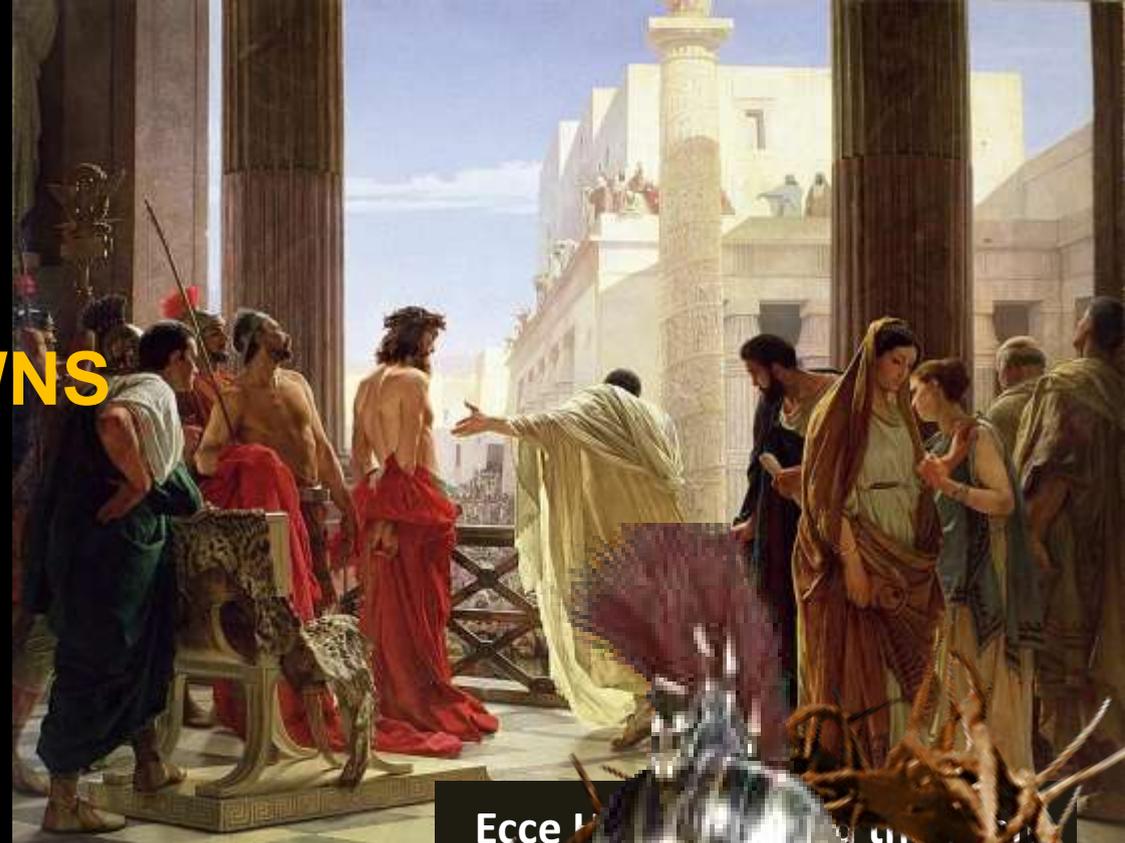
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John 19:12 From then on,
Pilate TRIED to set Jesus FREE
Sardonicus sees, shares Pilate's
disgust for these Religious CLOWNS

12 but the Jewish leaders
kept shouting,
“If you let this man go,
you are NO FRIEND of Caesar.
Anyone who claims to be
a king OPPOSES Caesar.”

Sardonicus thumbs to one Jewish LEADER
whispers to his Captain Bobaticus
“Sure be an honor to crucify THAT Clown!”



Ecce Homo
321-322

You see ... you *know* ...

Sardonicus did **NOT care**

Sardonicus *shares* Pilate's disgust
MORE than Pilate to the Clowns

Sardonicus is **GOOD** at his job

He **KNOWS** what is in store for

Jesus & the Two Thieves

Sardonicus **KNOWS** just when to

STOP the flogging before **KILLING**

Doomed men **NEED** to carry their **CROSS**

Or they'd have to get someone else too

Sardonicus has supervised over

1,000 crucifixions ... 12 this last month



Id the Man
(1871-1891)



Christ Before Pilate
by Mihály Munkácsy (1844–1900)

John 19:13 When Pilate heard this, he brought Jesus out & sat down on the judge's seat at a place known as the Stone Pavement (which in Aramaic is Gabbatha).

14 It was the day of Preparation of the Passover....

Pilate said to the Jews,

“Here is your **KING**”

15 But they shouted, “Take him away! Take him away! **Crucify him!**”

At this point, Sardonicus KNEW ...

KNEW Pilate would yield to the CLOWNS



John 19:15 Pilate replied,
“Shall I crucify your **KING**?”

Chief Priest said,
“We have **NO KING** but Caesar.”

16 Finally Pilate handed Jesus
over to them to be crucified.

Sardonicus wagged his head
ever so slightly ... then to
Captain Bobaticus, nodded slightly

16 So the soldiers took charge of Jesus.

Preparing for ruckus, an hour **EARLIER**,
Sardonicus ordered 30 soldiers to the Via Delarosa



Christ Falling on Way to Calvary
c. 1514-15, by Raphael



John 19:17 Carrying his own cross,
he went out to the place of the Skull,
which in Aramaic is called Golgotha

18 There they crucified him,
and with him two others—
one on each side
Jesus in the MIDDLE

19 Pilate had a notice prepared
... fastened to the cross.

It read:

**JESUS OF NAZARETH
THE KING OF THE JEWS**

**Were you there when they
nailed him to the tree**



Jesus of Nazareth King of the Jews

Aramaic
Latin
Greek



CHRIST ON THE CROSS, 1651
by Rembrandt, Église Saint-Vincent
French town of Le Mas-d'Agenais

John 19:20 Many of the Jews
read this sign, for the place where
Jesus was crucified was
near the city,

and the sign was written in
Aramaic, Latin, & Greek.

**Sardonicus didn't even have to order
His captain returned with the
inscribed lambskin**

**Pilate never did that before either
For Tiberius, they **HAD** to support some
Sardonicus *shared* Pilate's DISGUST ...
Pilate's nauseating dislike of these Clowns**



John 19:21 Chief Priests of the
Jews protested to Pilate,
“Do not write ‘The King of the Jews,’
but that this man *CLAIMED* to be
CLAIMED to be King of the Jews.”

Sardonicus almost smiled ... tongue in cheek
Wanted to LAUGH at the Clowns ... but did not
Would've been an HONOR to crucify the Clowns
He KNEW what Pilate was going to do ...

22 Pilate answered,
“What I have written, I have written.”

NO more pandering to the Clowns



John 19:23-24

Soldiers divide Jesus' clothes

On Seamless undergarment cast lots

Just as Scripture had foretold

**After this, a few women &
young man approached**

Soldiers looked at Sardonius for permission

Sardonius waved an "OKAY"

Was not unusual for family to come

These, he could tell, posed **NO threat**

He heard **ONE was Jesus' **MOTHER****



John 19:25 Near the Cross of Jesus
stood his mother, his mother's sister,
Mary the wife of Clopas,
and Mary Magdalene.

You can hear the women sing ...

**I dreamed a dream in time gone by
When HOPE was high and
life worth living**

I dreamed that LOVE would never DIE

**The Women ... who loved Jesus most
who had shared a splendid dinner w Jesus
just a week ago in Bethany ... now ...**

Love was ... *CRUCIFIED* ...



John 19:26 When Jesus saw his mother there,
and the disciple whom he loved
standing nearby, he said to her,

“Woman, here is your son,”

27 to the disciple, “Here is your mother.”

From that time on, this
disciple took her into his home.

Sardonicus had never seen that before either

Though the disciples were not there ...

From a distance,

- ✓ **38-yr Healed Paralytic watched with a tear**
- ✓ **Several FORMER Lepers fearfully watched**
- ✓ **Healed Born-blind Man watched, eyes sad**



Crucifixion, Seen from the Cross

by James Tissot, c. 1890
Brooklyn Museum

Cross – Very Public Punishment

Cross – Meant to be Memorable

Cross – Meant to be Satan's

Victory



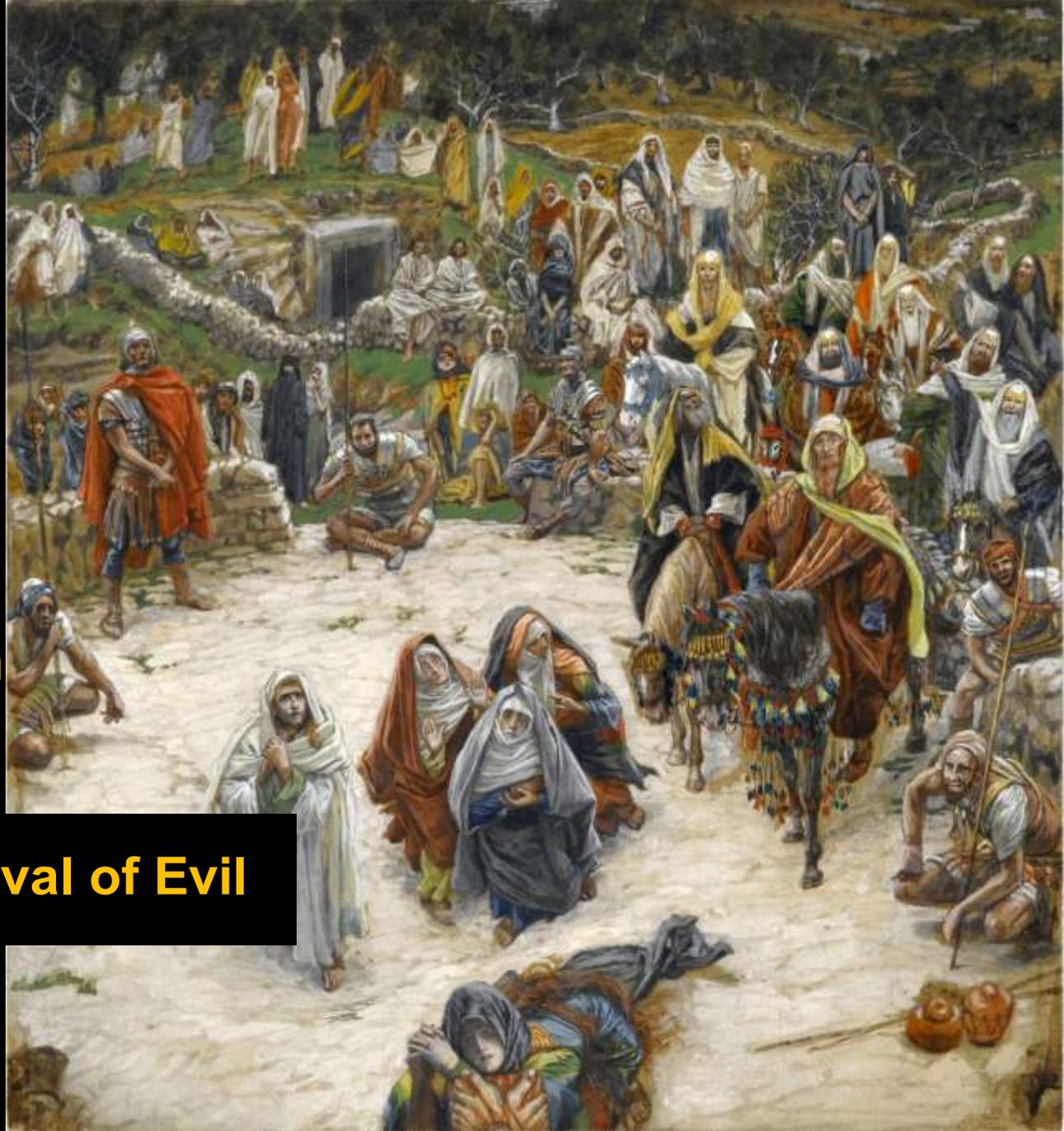
Cross – Became Sign of Salvation

Cross – an END that was just the

Beginning

Near the END of the Cosmic Carnival of Evil

**Were you there when
they crucified my LORD**



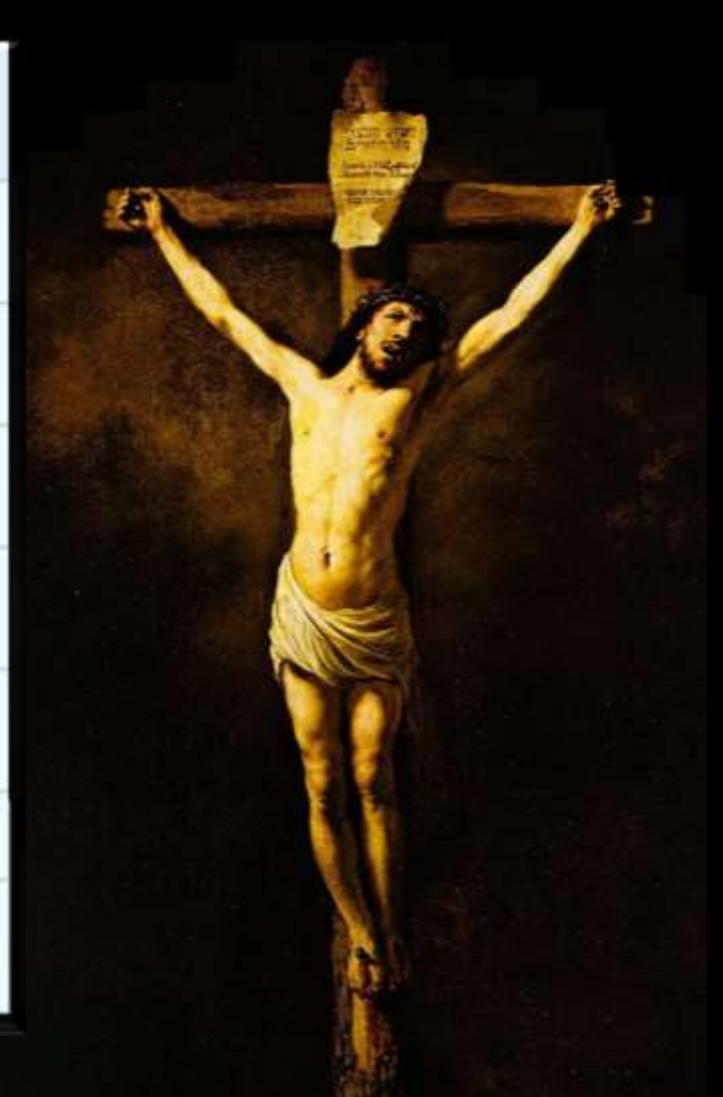
John 19:28 Later,
knowing that everything had
now been finished, and
so that Scripture would be fulfilled,
Jesus said, “I am thirsty.”

Jesus spoke Seven Times from the Cross
Part of the **Art of Crucifixion** was to

HELP the Doomed LIVE Long & Suffer
Cross meant to Humiliate & Lengthen PAIN
Unless there are orders to hurry ...



Seven Sayings of Jesus on the Cross	Gospel of				Psalm
	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John	
Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.			23:34		
Verily I say to thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise.			23:43		
Woman, behold thy Son! <i>and</i> Behold thy mother!				19:26–27	
★ My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?	27:46	15:34			22:2
I thirst.				19:28	22:16, 69:22, 42:1
It is finished.				19:30	22:32
Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit.			23:46		31:5



Christ on the Cross, 1631
by Rembrandt, Église Saint-Vincent
French town of Le Mas-d'Agenais

Matthew 27:45 From noon until three
DARKNESS came over **ALL** the **LAND**.
Then Jesus called out the Father

John 19:29 Jar of wine vinegar was there,
so they soaked a sponge ...
put sponge on a stalk of hyssop ...
lifted it to Jesus' lips.

30 When he had received the drink,
Jesus said, **“It is finished”**
With that, he bowed his head and
gave up his spirit.

Luke 23:46 Jesus said, Father, into
THY hands I commend my spirit

Sardonicus looked on ... amazed

Of 1,000s, NEVER saw a man **DIE** like JESUS



Matthew 27: 51 At that moment the **[Mark & Luke too]**
curtain of the temple was torn in TWO
from TOP to BOTTOM

Earth Shook, Rocks Split

52 Tombs broke open. Bodies of many
holy people ... were raised to life.

53 They came out of the tombs
after Jesus' resurrection ...
appeared to many people.

54 When the centurion & *those with him* ...
saw the earthquake ... terrified, said,

“Surely **HE** was the **Son of God!**”



John 19:31 Now it was the Day of Preparation, and the next day was a special Sabbath.

Because the Jewish LEADERS did not want the bodies left on the crosses during the Sabbath, asked Pilate to **BREAK the LEGS** and the bodies taken down.

Sardonicus got the orders ... so ...

32 Therefore, the soldiers broke the legs of of the first man who had been crucified with Jesus, then the legs of the other.



John 19:33 But when they came to Jesus
and found that he was already dead,
they did NOT break his legs

**Sardonicus *knew* ... just pointed to a spear
anything to avoid a clown's demand**

34 Instead, one soldier pierced
Jesus' side with a spear,
bringing a sudden flow of
blood and water.

35-37 happened as foretold in Scripture

**Sardonicus & his Golgotha detachment
nearly finished for the day ...**

Oddly still DARK ... for some strange reason



John 19:38 Later,
Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate
for the body of Jesus.

Now Joseph was a disciple of Jesus,
but secretly because he
feared the Jewish LEADERS.

With Pilate's permission,
he came and took the body away.

Sardonicus & soldiers left for dinner

Yet he KNEW Jesus was innocent ...

When the Earth Shook ... this was different

Stunningly Unique of ALL his crucifixions



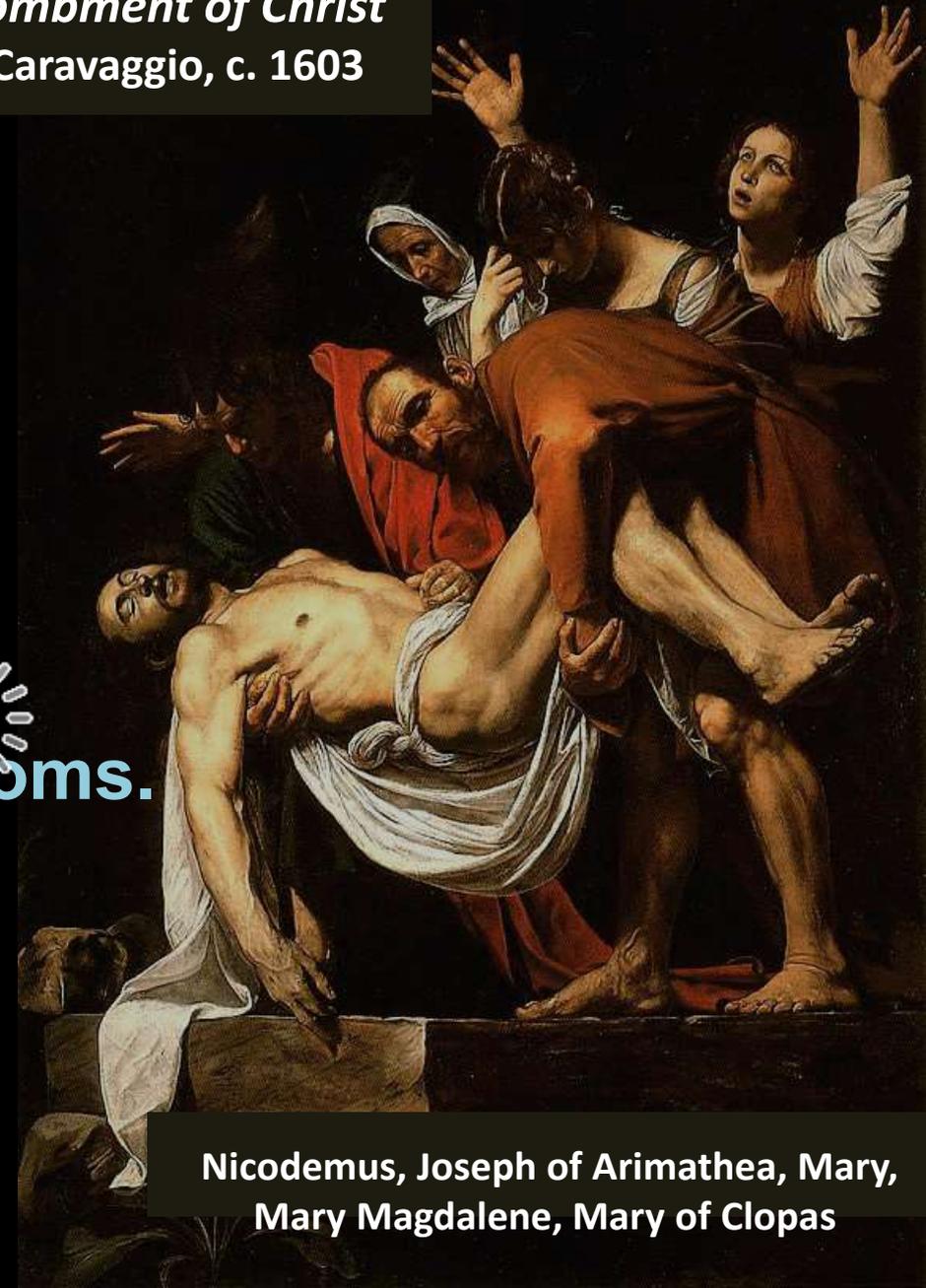
John 19:39 Joseph of Arimathea was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night.

Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about 75 pounds

40 Taking Jesus' body, two wrapped it with the spices, in strips of linen. ... in accord with Jewish burial customs.

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb

Entombment of Christ
by Caravaggio, c. 1603



Nicodemus, Joseph of Arimathea, Mary,
Mary Magdalene, Mary of Clopas

A masterpiece ...

***Entombment of Christ*
by Caravaggio, c. 1603**



**Nicodemus, Joseph of Arimathea, Mary,
Mary Magdalene, Mary of Clopas**

John 19:41 At the place where Jesus was crucified, there was a garden, and in the garden a New Tomb, in which NO ONE had ever been laid.

42 Because it was the Jewish Day of Preparation & since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there

Cosmic Carnival of Evil is OVER

Sometimes it causes me to
tremble ... tremble

