



John the Evangelist & Peter  
by Albrecht Dürer (1526)

# Gospel of John

5-14-23

- 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**



**Were you there when they  
CRUCIFIED my Lord**

**Love Sacrifices**

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



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

# Summer is afoot ... Snoopy Knows





# Happy Mother's Day



*Happy  
Mother's Day*



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  
*Sardonicus* – 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**

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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 HUMANKIND



Ecce Homo, Behold the Man  
by Antonio Ciseri (1821-1891)





**Ecce Homo, Behold the Man**  
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**Sardonicus watches**

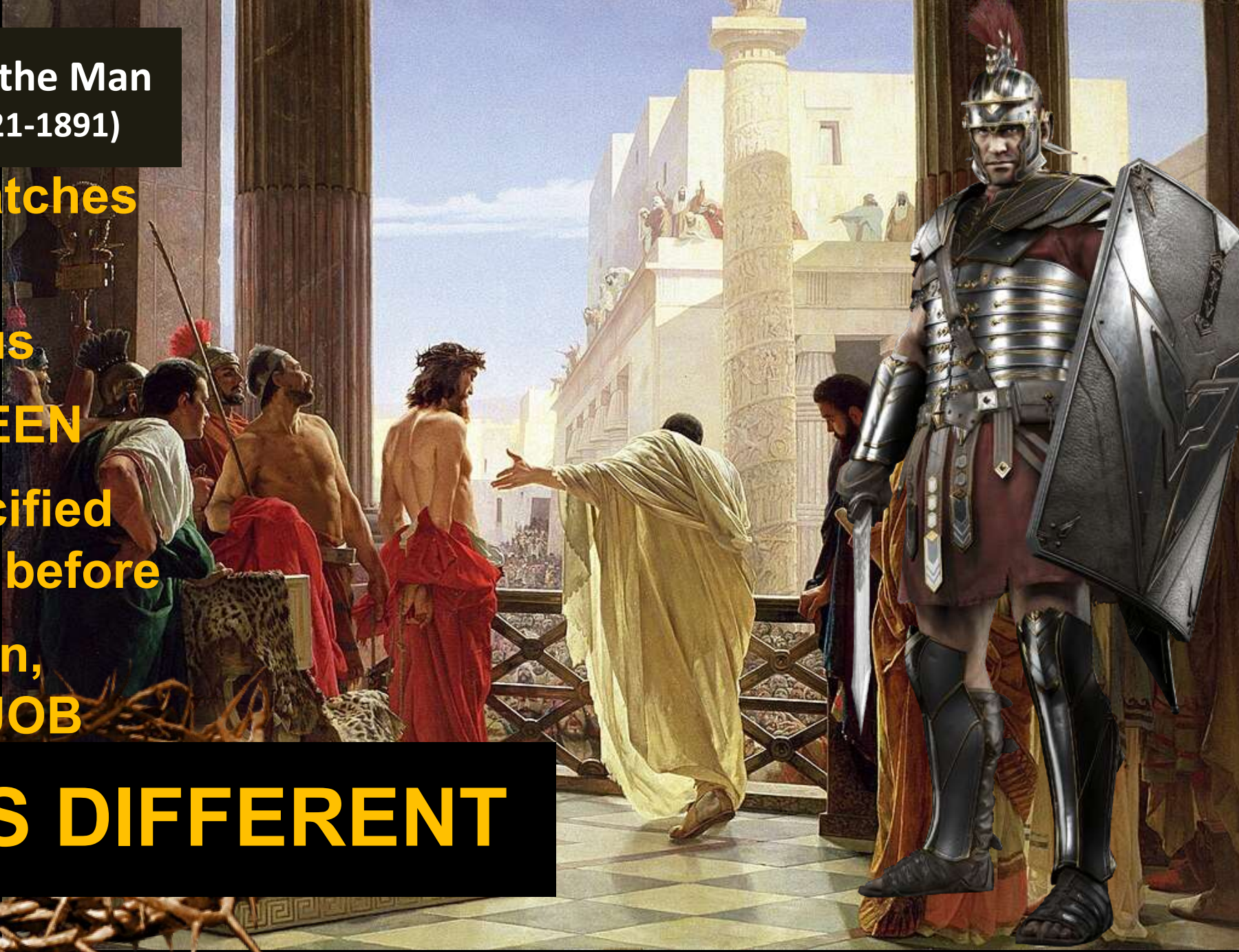
**NEVER** saw a  
man like Jesus

**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  
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guilty of a greater sin.”

**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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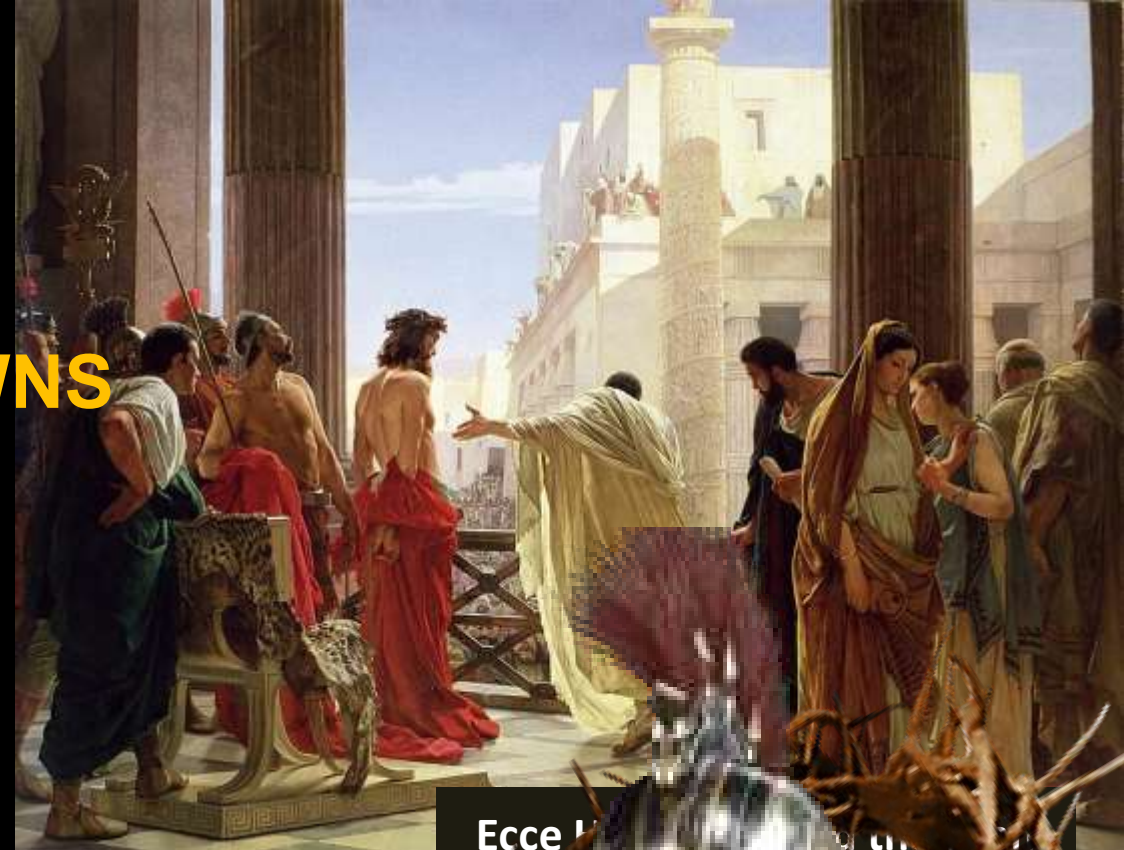




**John 19:12** From then on,  
Pilate TRIED to set Jesus FREE  
**Sardonicus sees, shares Pilate's  
disgust for these Religious CLOWNS**

**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  
(1891-1891)

**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, Sardonius KNEW ...**  
**KNEW Pilate would yield to the CLOWNS**

Christ Before Pilate  
by Mihály Munkácsy (1844–1900)





**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**



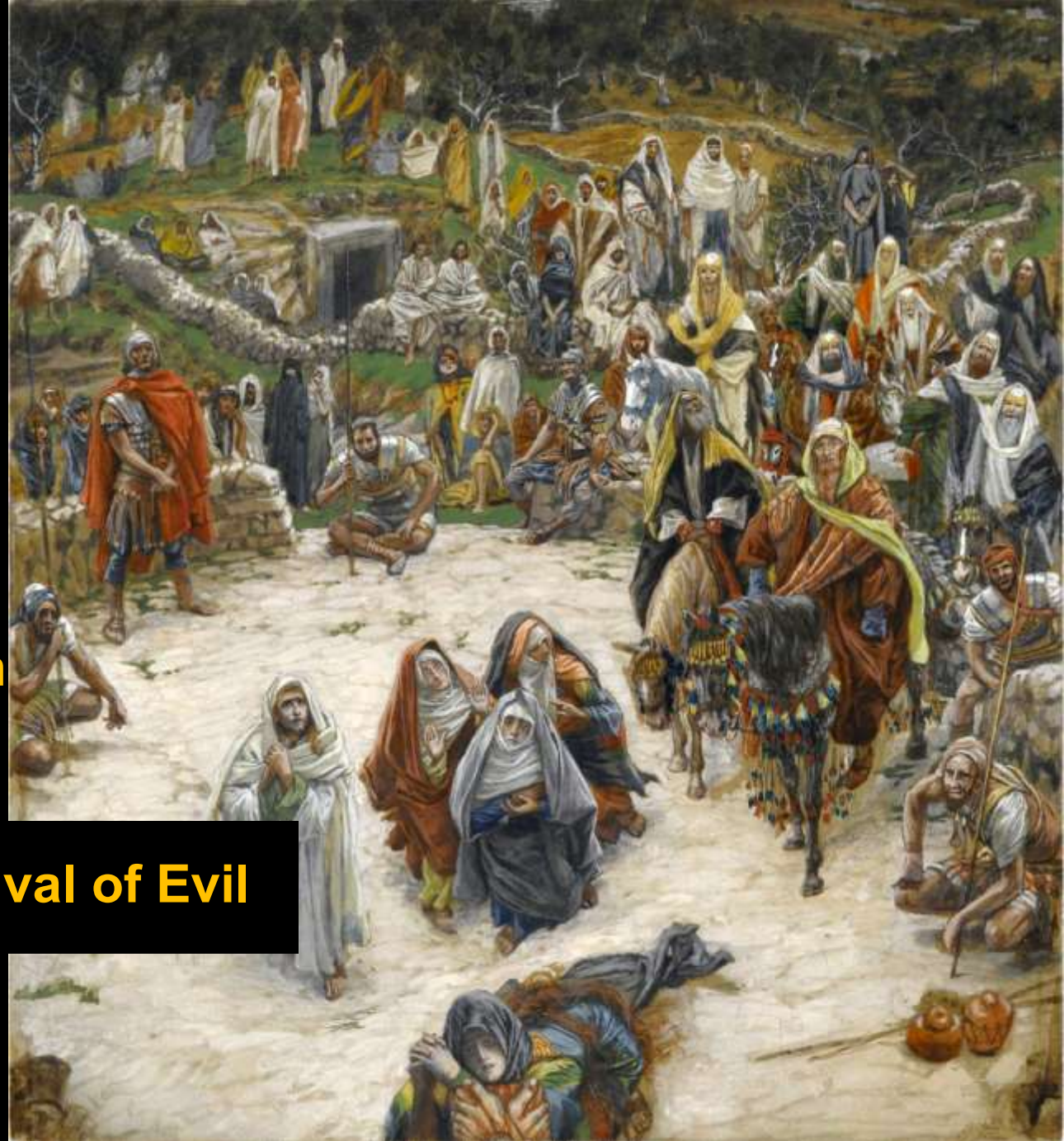
**Cross – Became Sign of Salvation**

**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 Behold thy mother!</i>				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

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



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



**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**



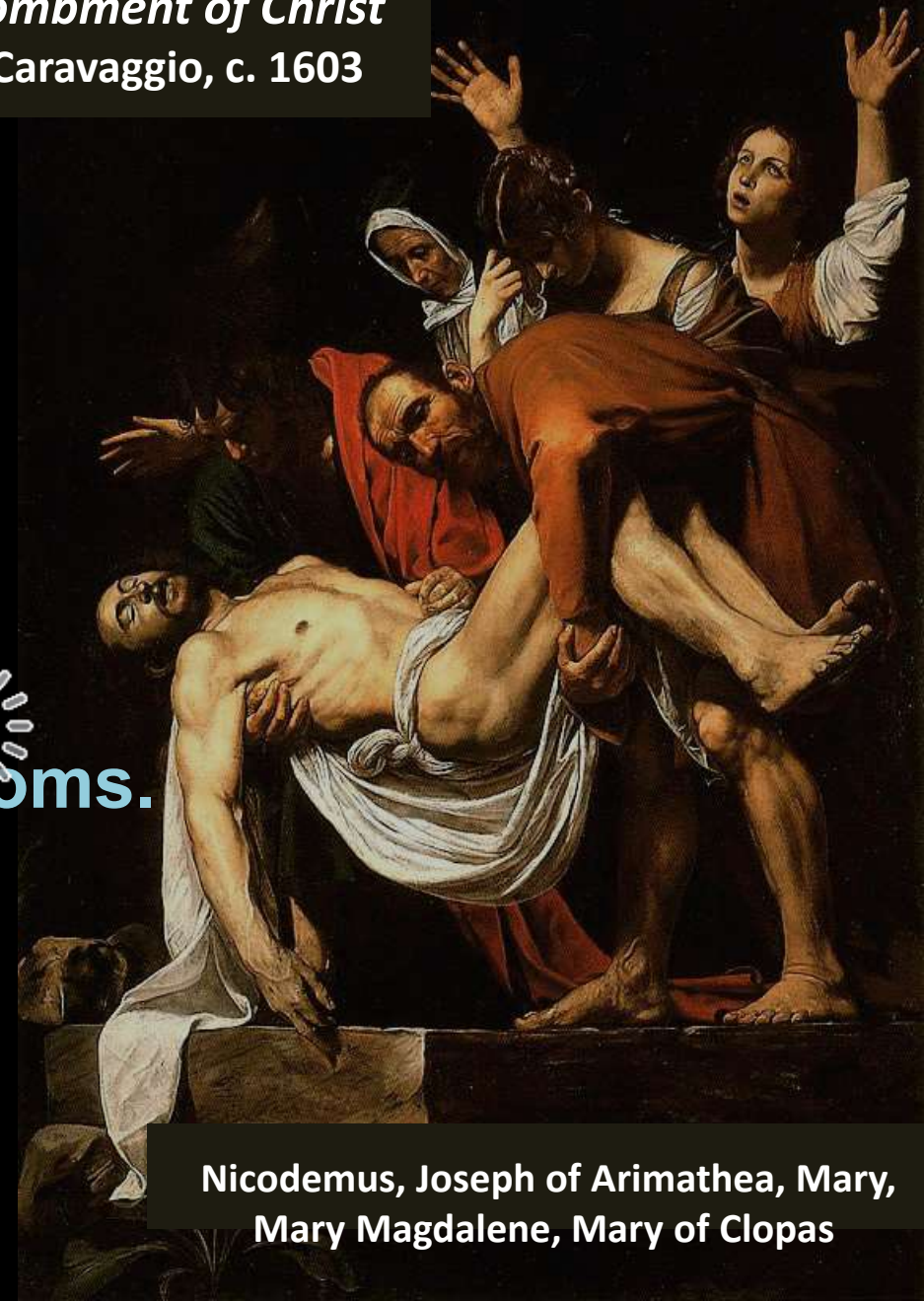
**John 19:39** Joseph of Arimathea was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night.

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 ...

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**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**

