

**PASSION SUNDAY
(PALM SUNDAY)
Year ABC**



Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance

Year A † Matthew 21:1-11

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When they were near Jerusalem and had come to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them,

'Go to the village facing you,
and you will at once find a tethered donkey and a colt with her.
Untie them and bring them to me.
If anyone says anything to you, you are to say,
"The Lord needs them and will send them back at once."'

This was to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet:

Say to the daughter of Zion:
Look, your king is coming,
humble and riding on a donkey
and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.

So the disciples went and did as Jesus had told them. They brought the donkey and the colt, then they laid their clothes on their backs and he took his seat on them. A great crowd spread their clothes on the road, while others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them in his path. The crowds who went in front of him and those who followed were crying out:

*'Hosanna to the son of David!
Blessed is he who is coming in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heavens!'*

And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil as people asked,

'Who is this?'

and the crowds answered,

'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

First Reading † Isaiah 50:4-7

Year B (option 1) † Mark 11:1-10

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When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, close by the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them,

‘Go to the village facing you, and as you enter it you will at once find a tethered colt that no one at all has yet ridden. Untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, “Why are you doing that?” say, “The Lord needs it and will send it back here at once.”’

They went off and found a colt tethered near a door in the open street and they untied it. Some of the bystanders said,

‘What are you doing, untying that colt?’

They gave the answer Jesus had told them, and the men let them go. Then they took the colt to Jesus and threw their clothes on its back, and he mounted it. Many people spread their clothes on the road, and others greenery which they had cut in the fields. And those who went ahead and behind kept crying out,

*‘Hosanna! Blessed is he who is coming in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the coming kingdom of David our father!
Hosanna in the highest heavens!’*

The Gospel of the Lord.

Year B (option 2) † John 12:12-16

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The next day the great crowd of people coming up for the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. They took branches of palm and went out to meet him, shouting:

‘Hosanna!
*Blessed is he who is coming in the name of the Lord,
the King of Israel.*’

Jesus found a young donkey and mounted it – as it is written:

*Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion;
look, your king is approaching,
sitting on the foal of a donkey.*

At first his disciples did not understand these things, but later, after Jesus had been glorified, they remembered that this had been written about him and that they had done this to him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

First Reading † Isaiah 50:4-7

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

When he had said this Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. Now it happened that when he was near Bethphage and Bethany, close by the Mount of Olives as it is called, he sent two of the disciples, saying,

‘Go to the village opposite, and as you enter it
you will find a tethered colt that no one has ever yet ridden.
Untie it and bring it here.
If anyone asks you, “Why are you untying it?”
you are to say this, “The Lord needs it.”’

The messengers went off and found everything just as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners said,

‘Why are you untying it?’

and they answered,

‘The Lord needs it.’

So they took the colt to Jesus and, throwing their clothes on its back, they lifted Jesus on to it. As he moved off, they spread their clothes in the road, and now, as he was approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples joyfully began to praise God at the top of their voices for all the works of power they had seen. They cried out,

*‘Blessed is he who is coming
as King in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven
and glory in the highest heavens!’*

Some Pharisees in the crowd said to him,

‘Teacher, rebuke your disciples,’

but he answered,

‘I tell you, if these keep silence, the stones will cry out.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

First Reading † Isaiah 50:4-7

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord God has given me a disciple's tongue,
to know how to comfort the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he sharpens my ear
to listen like a disciple.

The Lord God has opened my ear
and I did not rebel or turn away.

I offered my back to those who struck me,
my cheeks to those who plucked my beard;
I did not turn away my face from insult and spitting.

The Lord God comes to my help:
therefore no insult has touched me,
therefore I have set my face like flint.
I know that I shall not be shamed.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial † Psalm 21:8-9.17-20.23-24

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me deride me;
they curl their lips, they shake their heads,
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him, for in him he delights.'

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

For dogs have surrounded me;
a band of tormentors all round me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet;
I can count every one of my bones.

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

They divide my clothing among them,
casting lots for my robe.
But you, O Lord, do not stay far off;
my strength, make haste to help me!

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

I will tell of your name to my people,
and praise you in the midst of the assembly,
'You who fear the Lord, give him praise;
all offspring of Jacob, give him glory;
revere him, all you offspring of Israel.

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Second Reading † Philippians 2:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

Who, being in the form of God,
did not count equality with God
something to be grasped.
But he emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
born in human likeness,
and found in human shape;
he humbled himself,
becoming obedient unto death, death on a cross.

And therefore God highly exalted him,
and granted him the name above every name
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend
of beings heavenly, earthly and under the earth,
and *every tongue acknowledge*
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation † Philippians 2:8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Christ became obedient for us even to death,
dying on the cross.
Therefore God raised him on high
and gave him a name above all other names.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Passion Sunday Gospel, Year A | Gospel [shorter form] † Matthew 27:11-54

Passion Sunday Gospel, Year B | Gospel [shorter form] † Mark 15:1-39

Passion Sunday Gospel, Year C | Gospel [shorter form] † Luke 23:1-49



Passion Sunday Gospel, Year A

Gospel [longer form] † Matthew 26:14-27:66

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

N: Then one of the Twelve, the man called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said,

Judas | 'What are you prepared to give me if I hand him over to you?'

N: They settled with him for thirty silver pieces, and from then onwards he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus to say,

Crowd | 'Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?'

+Jesus | 'Go to a certain man in the city and say to him, "The teacher says: My time is near. It is at your house that I am keeping Passover with my disciples."'

N: The disciples did what Jesus told them and prepared the Passover. When evening came he was at table with the Twelve. And while they were eating he said,

+Jesus | 'Amen I say to you, one of you is about to betray me.'

N: They were greatly distressed and started asking him in turn,

Other | 'Not me, Lord, surely?'

+Jesus | 'Someone who has dipped his hand into the dish with me will betray me. The Son of man is going to his fate, as it is written about him, but alas for that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had never been born!'

N: Judas, who was to betray him, asked in his turn,

Judas | 'Not me, Rabbi, surely?'

+Jesus | 'It is you who said it.'

N: Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and giving it to the disciples he said,

+Jesus | 'Take it and eat, this is my body.'

N: Then taking a cup, after giving thanks he handed it to them saying,

+Jesus | 'Drink from this, all of you, for this is my blood, the blood of the covenant, poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. From now on, I tell you, I shall never again drink wine until the day I drink the new wine with you in the kingdom of my Father.'

N: Having sung the psalms they left for the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them,

+Jesus | 'You will all fall away from me tonight, for it is written, *I shall strike the shepherd and the sheep of the flock will be scattered*, but after I have been raised up I shall go before you into Galilee.'

N: At this, Peter said to him,

Peter | 'Even if all fall away from you, I will never fall away.'

N: Jesus answered him,

+Jesus | 'Amen I say to you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.'

N: Peter said to him,

Peter | 'Even if I have to die with you, I will never deny you.'

N: And all the disciples spoke similarly.

Then Jesus came with them to a plot of land called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples,

+Jesus | 'Sit here while I go over there to pray.'

N: He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee with him. And he began to feel sadness and anguish. Then he said to them,

+Jesus | 'My soul is sorrowful to the point of death. Wait here and stay awake with me.'

N: And going on a little further he fell on his face and prayed, saying,

+Jesus | 'My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me. Only not as I want, but as you.'

N: He came back to the disciples and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter,

+Jesus | 'So you had not the strength to stay awake with me for one hour? Stay awake, and pray not to enter into temptation. The spirit is eager, but the flesh is weak.'

N: Again, a second time, he went away and prayed, saying,

+Jesus | 'My Father, if this cup cannot pass by unless I drink it, your will be done!'

N: And he came back again and found them sleeping, for their eyes were weighed down. Leaving them there, he went away again and prayed for the third time, repeating the same words. Then he came back to the disciples and said to them,

+Jesus | 'Sleep on now and have your rest. Look, the hour is near when the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up! Let us go! Look, my betrayer is near.'

N: And suddenly, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, came, and with him a large crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent by the chief priests and elders of the people. Now the traitor had given them a sign, saying,

Judas | 'The one I kiss, he is the man. Take charge of him.'

N: So he went up to Jesus at once and said,

Judas | 'Greetings, Rabbi,'

N: and kissed him. Jesus said to him,

+Jesus | 'My friend, do what you are here for.'

N: Then they came forward, laid hands on Jesus and took charge of him. And suddenly, one of the followers of Jesus grasped his sword and drew it; he struck the high priest's servant and cut off his ear. Then Jesus said,

+Jesus | 'Put your sword back into its place, for all who draw the sword will die by the sword. Or do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, who would promptly send more than twelve legions of angels to my defence? But then, how would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say that it must happen this way?'

N: At that hour Jesus said to the crowds,

+Jesus | 'Have you come out with swords and clubs to capture me as though I were a bandit? Day by day I sat teaching in the Temple and you did not lay hands on me.'

N: Now all this happened so that the scriptures of the prophets should be fulfilled. Then all the disciples deserted him and ran away.

The men who had arrested Jesus led him off to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled. Peter followed him at a distance right to the courtyard of the high priest, and he went inside and sat down with the attendants to see what the end would be. The chief priests and the whole council were looking for false evidence against Jesus, on which they

might have him executed. But they could not find any, though many false witnesses came forward. Eventually two came forward and said,

Crowd | ‘This man said, “I have power to destroy the Temple of God and in three days build it up.”’

N: Then the high priest rose and said to him,

Other | ‘Have you no answer to the evidence these men are bringing against you?’

N: But Jesus was silent. And the high priest said to him,

Other | ‘I put you on oath by the living God to tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.’

N: Jesus answered him,

+Jesus | ‘It is you who say it. Only, I tell you that from this time onward you will see the Son of man seated at the right hand of the Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.’

N: Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,

Other | ‘He has blasphemed. Why do we still need witnesses? See now! You have heard the blasphemy. What do you think?’

N: They said in answer,

Crowd | ‘He deserves to die.’

N: Then they spat in his face and hit him with their fists, saying,

Crowd | ‘Prophecy to us, Messiah! Who hit you?’

N: Meanwhile Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard, and a servant-girl came up to him saying,

Other | ‘You, too, were with Jesus the Galilean.’

N: But he denied it in front of them all, saying,

Peter | ‘I do not know or understand what you mean.’

N: When he went out into the gateway another servant-girl saw him and said to the people there,

Other | ‘This man was with Jesus the Nazarene.’

N: And again, with an oath, he denied it,

Peter | ‘I do not know the man.’

N: A little later the bystanders came up and said to Peter,

Crowd | ‘You are certainly one of them too! Why, your accent gives you away.’

N: Then he started cursing and swearing,

Peter | ‘I do not know the man.’

N: And at once the cock crowed, and Peter remembered what Jesus had said, ‘Before the cock crows you will deny me three times.’ And he went outside and wept bitterly.

When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people met in council to bring about the death of Jesus. They bound him, took him off and handed him over to Pilate, the governor.

When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus had been condemned, he was filled with remorse and took the thirty silver pieces back to the chief priests and elders, saying,

Judas | ‘I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.’

N: They replied,

Crowd | ‘What is that to us? See to it yourself.’

N: And flinging down the silver pieces in the sanctuary he made off, and went and hanged himself. The chief priests picked up the silver pieces and said,

Crowd | 'It is not permissible to put this into the treasury; since it is blood-money.'

N: So they discussed the matter and with it bought the potter's field as a graveyard for foreigners, and this is why the field has been called the Field of Blood till this day. The word spoken through the prophet Jeremiah was then fulfilled: *And they took the thirty silver pieces, the sum at which the precious One was priced by the children of Israel, and they gave them for the potter's field, just as the Lord directed me.*

Jesus, then, was brought before the governor, and the governor put to him this question,

Pilate | 'Are you the king of the Jews?'

+Jesus | 'You say so.'

N: But when he was accused by the chief priests and the elders he did not answer. Pilate then said to him,

Pilate | 'Do you not hear how many accusations they are bringing against you?'

N: But he did not answer a single word to him, so that the governor was amazed.

At festival time it was the governor's practice to release a prisoner for the people, anyone they chose. Now they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them,

Pilate | 'Which do you want me to release for you, Barabbas, or Jesus who is called the Messiah?'

N: For Pilate knew it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over.

Now as he was seated in the chair of judgement, his wife sent him a message,

Other | 'Have nothing to do with that righteous man; I have been extremely upset today by a dream that I had about him.'

N: The chief priests and the elders, however, had persuaded the crowds to ask for the release of Barabbas and the execution of Jesus. So when the governor spoke and asked them,

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Pilate | 'What, then, am I to do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?'

Crowd | 'Let him be crucified!'

Pilate | 'What evil has he done?'

N: But they shouted all the more,

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N: Then Pilate, seeing that he was making no impression, but rather that a riot was imminent, took some water, washed his hands in front of the crowd and said,

Pilate | 'I am innocent of this man's blood. You see to it.'

N: And the whole people shouted back,

Crowd | 'Let his blood be on us and on our children!'

N: Then he released Barabbas for them. After having Jesus scourged, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus with them into the Praetorium and collected the whole cohort round him. And they stripped him and put a scarlet cloak round him, and having twisted some thorns into a crown they put this on his head and placed a reed in his right hand. To make fun of him they knelt to him saying,

Crowd | 'Hail, king of the Jews!'

N: And they spat at him and took the reed and struck him on the head. And when they had mocked him, they took off the cloak and dressed him in his own clothes and led him away to crucifixion.

On their way out, they came across a man from Cyrene, called Simon, and enlisted him to carry his cross. When they had reached a place called Golgotha, which is called the place of the skull, they gave him wine to drink mixed with gall, which he tasted but refused to drink. When they had crucified him they shared out his clothing by casting lots, and then, sitting down, they guarded him there. And they placed above his head the charge against him; it read: 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.' Then they crucified two bandits with him, one on his right and one on his left.

The passers-by jeered at him, shaking their heads and saying,

Crowd | 'You who destroy the Temple and in three days rebuild it, save yourself, if you are God's son, and come down from the cross!'

N: The chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked him in the same way, with the words,

Crowd | 'He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the king of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He has put his trust in God; now let God rescue him if he wants him. For he said, "I am God's son."'

N: In the same way even the bandits who were crucified with him taunted him.

From noon onwards there was darkness over all the land until mid-afternoon. And at that time, Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

+Jesus | 'Eli, eli, lama sabachthani?'

N: that is, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' When some of the bystanders there heard this, they said,

Other | 'He is calling on Elijah, '

N: and one of them at once ran to get a sponge which he filled with vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink. But the rest of them said,

Crowd | 'Wait! Let us see if Elijah comes to save him.'

N: But Jesus, again crying out in a loud voice, yielded up his spirit.

All kneel and pause a moment.

N: And suddenly, the veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom, the earth quaked, the rocks were split, the tombs opened and the bodies of many holy people rose from the dead, and these, after his resurrection, came out of the tombs, entered the holy city and appeared to a number of people. The centurion, together with the others guarding Jesus, had seen the earthquake and all that was taking place, and they were terrified and said,

Crowd | 'In truth this man was son of God.'

N: And many women were there, watching from a distance, the same women who had followed Jesus from Galilee and looked after him. Among them were Mary of Magdala, Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of Zebedee's sons.

When it was evening, there came a rich man of Arimathaea, called Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be handed over. So Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and put

it in his own new tomb which he had hewn in the rock. Then he rolled a large stone to the doorway of the tomb and went away. Now Mary of Magdala and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the sepulchre. Next day, that is, when Preparation Day was over, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said to him,

Crowd | ‘Sir, we recall that this deceiver said, while he was still alive, “After three days I shall rise again.” Therefore give the order to have the sepulchre kept secure until the third day, for fear his disciples come and steal him away and tell the people, “He has been raised from the dead.” This last fraud would be worse than the first.’

N: Pilate said to them,

Pilate | ‘You have a guard; go and make all as secure as you know how.’

N: So they went and made the sepulchre secure, putting seals on the stone with the guard.

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Gospel [shorter form] † Matthew 27:11-54

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Pilate said to them, ‘What, then, am I to do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?’ They all said, ‘Let him be crucified!’ He asked, ‘What evil has he done?’ But they shouted all the more, ‘Let him be crucified!’ Then Pilate, seeing that he was making no impression, but rather that a riot was imminent, took some water, washed his hands in front of the crowd and said, ‘I am innocent of this man’s blood. You see to it.’ And the whole people shouted back, ‘Let his blood be on us and on our children!’ Then he released Barabbas for them. After having Jesus scourged, he handed him over to be crucified.

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Passion Sunday Gospel, Year B

Gospel [longer form] † Mark 14:1-15:47

A passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

N: It was two days before the Passover and the feast of Unleavened Bread, and the chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by some trick and kill him. For they said,

Crowd | ‘Not during the feast, or there may be a disturbance among the people.’

N: When he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, while he was at table a woman came in with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment, pure nard. She broke the jar and poured the ointment on his head. There were some who said to one another indignantly,

Crowd | ‘Why has this waste of ointment happened? This ointment could have been sold for over three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor’

N: and they were angry with her. But Jesus said,

+Jesus | ‘Leave her alone. Why are you upsetting her? She has done me a good service. You have the poor with you always, and you can benefit them whenever you wish, but me you will not always have. She has done what she could: she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. Amen I say to you, wherever throughout all the world the gospel is proclaimed, what she has done will also be told, in remembrance of her.’

N: Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, went off to the chief priests so that he might hand Jesus over to them. Hearing it, they were delighted, and promised to give him money; and he began to look for a way of betraying him at an opportune time.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they used to sacrifice the Passover lamb, his disciples said to him,

Other | ‘Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?’

N: So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them,

+Jesus | ‘Go into the city and someone will meet you carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and wherever he enters say to the owner of the house, “The teacher says: Where is the room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?” He will show you a large upper room ready set out. Make the preparations for us there.’

N: The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover.

When evening came he arrived with the Twelve. And while they were at table eating, Jesus said,

+Jesus | ‘Amen I say to you, one of you is about to betray me, one of you *eating with me.*’

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N: And as they were eating he took bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it, gave it to them and said,

+Jesus | ‘Take it, this is my body.’

N: Then taking a cup, after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them,

+Jesus | 'This is my blood of the covenant, poured out for many. Amen I say to you, I shall never again drink wine until that day when I drink new wine in the kingdom of God.'

N: Having sung the psalms they left for the Mount of Olives. And Jesus said to them,

+Jesus | 'You will all fall away, for it is written: *I shall strike the shepherd and the sheep will be scattered*; however, after I have been raised up I shall go before you into Galilee.'

N: Peter said,

Peter | 'Even if all fall away, I will not.'

N: And Jesus said to him,

+Jesus | 'Amen I say to you, today, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.'

N: But he repeated still more strongly,

Peter | 'Even if I have to die with you, I will never deny you.'

N: And they all said the same.

They came to a plot of land called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples,

+Jesus | 'Sit here while I pray.'

N: Then he took Peter and James and John with him. And he began to feel dismay and anguish. And he said to them,

+Jesus | 'My soul is deeply sorrowful to the point of death. Wait here, and stay awake.'

N: And going on a little further he began falling to the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, this hour might pass away from him. And he said,

+Jesus | 'Abba, Father! For you everything is possible. Take this cup away from me. Yet not what I want but what you want.'

N: He came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter,

+Jesus | 'Simon, are you asleep? Had you not the strength to stay awake one hour? Stay awake and pray not to enter into temptation. The spirit is eager, but flesh is weak.'

N: Again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were weighed down; and they did not know how they should answer him. He came a third time and said to them,

+Jesus | 'Sleep on and have your rest. Enough! The hour has come. See, the Son of man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up! Let us go! See, my betrayer is not far away.'

N: And at once, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, came up, and with him a crowd with swords and clubs from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. Now the traitor had arranged a sign with them saying,

Judas | 'The one I will kiss, he is the man. Take charge of him, and lead him away securely.'

N: So when he came, he went up to Jesus at once and said,

Judas | 'Rabbi!'

N: and kissed him. The others laid hands on him and took charge of him. Then one of the bystanders drew his sword and struck out at the high priest's servant and cut off his ear.

Then Jesus replied saying,

+Jesus | 'Have you come out with swords and clubs to capture me as though I were a bandit? Day by day I was among you teaching in the Temple and you did not lay hands on me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled.'

N: And they all deserted him and fled. A young man was following him with nothing on but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, but he left the cloth behind and fled naked.

They led Jesus off to the high priest; and all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes assembled. Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest, and was sitting with the attendants warming himself at the fire.

The chief priests and the whole council were looking for evidence against Jesus in order to put him to death. But they could not find any, for many gave false evidence against him, but their evidence did not agree. Some stood up and gave this false evidence against him,

Crowd | 'We heard him say, "I will destroy this Temple made by human hands, and in three days build another, not made by human hands."'

N: But even so their evidence did not agree. The high priest then stood up before the whole council and questioned Jesus saying,

Other | 'Have you no answer at all to the evidence they are bringing against you?'

N: But he was silent and made no answer at all. Again the high priest questioned him saying,

Other | 'Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?'

+Jesus | '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.'

N: Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,

Other | 'Why do we still need witnesses? You heard the blasphemy. What is your opinion?'

N: They all condemned him as deserving death.

Some of them started to spit at him, cover his face, buffet him and say

Crowd | 'Prophecy!'

N: And the attendants took him over, slapping him in the face.

While Peter was down below in the courtyard, one of the high priest's servant-girls came up. She saw Peter warming himself there; she stared at him and said,

Other | 'You were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth, too.'

N: But he denied it saying,

Peter | 'I do not know, and do not understand what you are talking about.'

N: And he went out into the forecourt, and a cock crowed. And seeing him the servant-girl again started saying to the bystanders,

Other | 'This man is one of them.'

N: But again he denied it. A little later the bystanders themselves said to Peter,

Other | 'You certainly are one of them! You are a Galilean too.'

N: But he started cursing and swearing,

Peter | 'I do not know this man you are talking about.'

N: And at once the cock crowed for the second time, and Peter recalled how Jesus had said to him, 'Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.' And he burst into tears.

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Crowd | 'Hail, king of the Jews!'

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When noon came there was darkness over the whole land until mid-afternoon. And at that time Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

+Jesus | 'Eloi, eloi, lama sabachthani?'

N: which means, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?'

When some of the bystanders heard, they said,

Crowd | 'Listen, he is calling Elijah.'

N: And someone ran and soaked a sponge in vinegar and, putting it on a stick, gave it to him to drink saying,

Other | 'Wait! Let us see if Elijah comes to take him down.'

N: But Jesus let out a loud cry and breathed his last.

All kneel and pause a moment.

N: And the curtain of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The centurion, who was standing opposite him, seeing that he had breathed his last, said,

Other | 'In truth this man was Son of God.'

N: There were some women watching from a distance. Among them were Mary of Magdala, Mary who was the mother of James the younger and Joset, and Salome. These used to follow him and look after him when he was in Galilee. And many other women were there who had come up to Jerusalem with him.

Now as soon as evening came, since it was Preparation Day – that is, the day before the Sabbath – Joseph of Arimathaea, a respected member of the council, who was himself awaiting the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate, surprised if he was already dead, summoned the centurion and asked if he had been long dead. Having been assured of this by the centurion, he granted the corpse to Joseph.

Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking him down from the cross, wrapped him in the shroud, laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock and rolled a stone against the doorway of the tomb. Mary of Magdala and Mary the mother of Joset were watching where he was laid.

Gospel [shorter form] † Mark 15:1-39

A passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

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Gospel [longer form] † Luke 22:14-23:56

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

N: When the time came Jesus took his place at table, and the apostles with him.

And Jesus said to them,

+Jesus | 'I have ardently longed to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; because, I tell you, I shall not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.'

N: Then, taking a cup, he gave thanks and said,

+Jesus | 'Take this and share it among you, because from now on, I tell you, I shall never again drink from the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.'

N: Then Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying,

+Jesus | 'This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.'

N: And the cup similarly after supper saying,

+Jesus | 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for you.

'But look, here with me on the table is the hand of the man who is betraying me. The Son of man is indeed going as it is decreed, only alas for that man by whom he is betrayed!'

N: And they began to question one another which of them it could be who intended to do this. An argument also began between them about who of them should be reckoned the greatest; but Jesus said to them,

+Jesus | 'The kings of the gentiles lord it over them, and those who have authority over them are given the title Benefactor. Not so with you, but the greatest among you must be as the youngest, the leader as the one who serves. For who is the greater: the one at table or the one who serves? The one at table, surely? Yet I am among you as one who serves!

'You are those who have endured with me in my trials; and now I confer a kingdom on you, just as my Father conferred one on me. You may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

'Simon, Simon! Look, Satan has been granted to sift you all like wheat; but I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail; and sometime you must turn back and strengthen your brothers.'

Peter | 'Lord, with you I am ready to go to prison and to death.'

+Jesus | 'I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow today before you have denied three times that you know me.'

'When I sent you out without purse or bag or sandals, were you short of anything?'

N: They answered,

Disciples | 'Nothing.'

N: He said to them,

+Jesus | 'But now anyone who has a purse, should take it, and the same with a bag; anyone who has no sword, should sell his tunic and buy one, for I say to you that this scripture must be fulfilled in me, *He was reckoned as one of the lawless*. And indeed what is written about me is being fulfilled.'

Disciples | 'Lord, here are two swords.'

+Jesus | 'That is enough!'

N: Jesus then left to make his way as usual to the Mount of Olives, with the disciples following.
When he reached the place he said to them,

+Jesus | 'Pray that you do not enter into temptation.'

N: Then he withdrew from them, about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed, saying,

+Jesus | 'Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me. Yet not my will but yours be done.'

N: Then an angel from heaven appeared to him, strengthening him. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like drops of blood falling to the ground. Standing up from prayer and going to the disciples he found them sleeping from grief. And he said to them,

+Jesus | 'Why are you asleep? Get up and pray that you do not enter into temptation.'

N: While he was still speaking, a crowd suddenly appeared, and the one called Judas, one of the Twelve, was leading them. And he approached Jesus to kiss him. Jesus said,

+Jesus | 'Judas, are you betraying the Son of man with a kiss?'

N: Those around him, seeing what was going to happen, said,

Disciple | 'Lord, shall we strike with the sword?'

N: And one of them struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. But at this Jesus said,

+Jesus | 'Leave it at that!'

N: And touching his ear he healed him.

Then Jesus said to the chief priests and officers of the guard and elders who had come for him,

+Jesus | 'Have you come with swords and clubs as though I were a bandit? When I was with you in the Temple day by day you did not lift a hand against me. But this is your hour and the reign of darkness.'

N: They seized him then and led him away, and they took him into the high priest's house. Peter followed at a distance. When they had lit a fire in the middle of the courtyard and had sat down together, Peter sat down among them, and a servant-girl, seeing him sitting in the light, peered at him, and said,

Other | 'This man was with him too.'

N: But he denied it saying,

Peter | 'I do not know him, woman.'

N: Shortly afterwards someone else saw him and said,

Other | 'You are one of them too.'

N: But Peter replied,

Peter | 'Man, I am not.'

N: A little later another person saw him and insisted,

Other | 'For certain this man was with him also, for he is a Galilean too.'

N: Peter said,

Peter | 'Man, I do not know what you are talking about.'

N: And immediately, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed, and the Lord turned and looked straight at Peter, and Peter remembered the Lord's words when he had said to him, 'Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times.' And he went outside and wept bitterly. Meanwhile the men who were holding Jesus were mocking and beating him. They blindfolded him and questioned him, saying,

Crowd | 'Prophecy! Who hit you?'

N: And they kept heaping many other insults on him.

When day broke a meeting of the elders of the people, the chief priests and scribes was convened, and they brought him before their council, saying,

Crowd | 'If you are the Messiah, tell us.'

N: But he said to them,

+Jesus | 'If I tell you, you will not believe, and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on, the Son of man will be seated at the right hand of the Power of God.'

N: They all said,

Crowd | 'So you are the Son of God?'

+Jesus | 'You say that I am.'

N: Then they said,

**Crowd | 'Why do we still need any evidence?
We have heard it ourselves from his own lips.'**

N: The whole gathering then rose and brought him before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying,

**Crowd | 'We found this man inciting our people to revolt,
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Pilate | 'I find no case against this man.'

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N: Hearing this, Pilate asked if the man were a Galilean; and having discovered that he came under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem at that time.

Herod was delighted to see Jesus; he had been wanting for a long time to set eyes on him; moreover, he was hoping to see some sign done by him. So he questioned him at some length, but without getting any reply. Meanwhile the chief priests and the scribes were there, vehemently pressing their accusations. Then Herod, together with his guards, treated him with contempt and made fun of him; he put a rich cloak on him and sent him back to Pilate. And Herod and Pilate became friends that day, though formerly they had been at enmity with each other.

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N: But as one man they all howled,

Crowd | 'Take this man away! Release Barabbas for us!'

N: (This man had been thrown into prison because of a riot in the city and murder.) Again Pilate addressed them, wanting to release Jesus again, but they swelled their shouting,

Crowd | 'Crucify! Crucify him!'

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Gospel [shorter form] † Luke 23:1-49

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