

And they were clothing him with purple, and sat him on the seat of judgment, saying, "Judge justly, king of Israel!" 8And one of them brought a thorn crown and placed it on the Lord's head.

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And other bystanders were spitting in his face, and others slapped his cheeks. Others were piercing him with a reed, and some were scourging him, saying, "With this honor, let's honor the unchanged, for any purpose. Son of God!"

Pilate and Herod The Lord is Crucified

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But of the Jews no one washed the hands, neither Herod nor one of his judges, and when they didn't want to wash Pilate stood the middle of them, but he was silent as if having no pain. 11And up. 2And then Herod the king, commanding the Lord to be when they set up the cross, they wrote that "This is the king of brought, said to them, "Do whatever I commanded you to do to Israel." 12And having laid the clothes in front of him, they divided him." them and cast lots for them.

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Joseph Requests Jesus' Body way, but this

But one of those wrongdoers rebuked them, saying, "We, because of the wrong that we did, are suffering this

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one, having become Savior of humanity, what wrong has he done And Joseph stood there, the friend of Pilate and the Lord. And to you?" seeing that they were about to crucify him, he went to Pilate and 14 And they were angry at him. They commanded that the legs asked for the body of the Lord for burial. 4And Pilate, having sent not be broken, so that he might die tortured. to Herod, asked him for the body.

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And Herod said, "Brother Pilate, even if someone hadn't asked The Lord Dies for him, we would've buried him, since also Sabbath is beginning, because it's written in the Law, 'The sun shouldn't set on one 15

who's been killed.'" was still

And it was mid-day, and darkness held fast over all Judea. And they were troubled and distressed lest the sun set, since he

The Lord is Tortured and Mocked with sour

living. It's written to them, "The sun shouldn't set on one who's been killed." 16And one of them said, "Give him bile

wine to drink." And having mixed it, they gave it to him to drink.

And he handed him over to the people before the first day of 17

their festival of the Unleavened Bread. 6And those having taken head. 18And many were going around with lanterns, thinking it was

night, and some fell down.

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And the Lord cried out, saying, "My Power, the Power, you've days, lest his disciples come and steal him, and the people think left me!" And when he said this, it was taken up. 20And that very that he rose from the dead, and do us wrong."

hour, the veil of the temple in Jerusalem was torn in two.
centurion, with soldiers

And Pilate gave them Petronius the

The Lord is Buried
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to guard the tomb. And elders and scribes went with them to the
grave. 32And having rolled a great stone to the centurion and
soldiers, all who were there set it at the door of the grave. 33And

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And then they drew the nails from the Lord's hands and
a tent there, they placed him on the earth. And the whole earth was shaken, and
great fear came.

they put seven seals on it, and having pitched
kept watch.

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Then the sun shone and it was found to be the ninth hour.

Men Descend from Heaven

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And the Jews rejoiced, and gave Joseph his body to bury, since
he had seen all the good he had done. 24And having taken the Lord,
he washed him and wrapped him in linen, and brought him into
countryside went that they might his own tomb, which was known as "Joseph's Garden."
during the night before

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Now when the morning of the Sabbath dawned, a crowd from
Jerusalem and the surrounding
see the grave that had been sealed. 35But

People React
saw

the Lord's day dawned, while the soldiers were watching two by
two as guards, there was a great voice in heaven. 36And they
the heavens being opened, and two men descended from there,

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Then the Jews, the elders, and the priests, knowing how much
approached the tomb. 37But that wrong they had done to themselves, began to mourn and say,
rolled away by itself, and "Woe to our sins. The judgment and the end of Jerusalem is near!"
opened, and both the young

having much radiance, and they
stone which had been placed at the door
made way in part, and the tomb was

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But I with my companions was grieved, and being wounded
in mind, we were hiding, because we were being sought by them
as wrongdoers and as wanting to burn the temple. 27On top of all
this, we were fasting, sitting, mourning, and weeping night and day

men went in.
Emerging from the Tomb

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until the Sabbath.
the

Then those soldiers seeing it woke up the centurion and

The Tomb is Secured
saw three

elders, because they were there too, keeping guard. 39And while
they were explaining to them what they saw, again they
men coming out of the tomb, with the two supporting the one,

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And the scribes, the Pharisees, and the elders gathered
of the two reached as together with one another, having heard that all the people were
by them reached grumbling, beating their chests, and saying, "If at his death these

and a cross following them. 40And the heads
far as heaven, but that of the one being led
beyond the heavens.

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greatest signs have happened, see how just he was!"
saying, "Have you

And they heard a voice from the heavens,

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The elders were afraid, and went to Pilate, begging him and
saying, 30"Give us soldiers, that we may guard his grave for three

proclaimed to those who sleep?"

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And a response was heard from the cross: "Yes!"

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Reporting to Pilate

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Then those men decided to go with each other and report had been opened. And these things to Pilate. 44And while they were still considering, again saw there a certain young the heavens were seen being opened, and a certain man descended He was beautiful, having and went into the grave. 45Having seen these things, those with the He said to them, 56“Why centurion hurried by night to Pilate, having left the tomb they were that one who was watching, and described all that they saw, being greatly distressed, and saying, “Truly he was the Son of God!” there, because he

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In response Pilate said, “I’m clean of the blood of the Son of God, and this is clear to us.”

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Then all who came were begging him, and encouraging him to command the centurion and the soldiers to say nothing about what they saw. 48“It’s better for us,” they said, “to be guilty of a great sin in front of God than to fall into the hands of the Jewish Bread, and many people and be stoned.” 49So Pilate commanded the centurion and the soldiers to say nothing. weeping and

Mary Magdalene Goes to the Tomb
brother Andrew,

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Now at dawn on the Lord’s day, Mary Magdalene, a disciple of the Lord, afraid because of the Jews (since they were inflamed by anger), had not done at the Lord’s grave what women are accustomed to do for their loved ones who’ve died.

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Taking her friends with her, she went to the grave where he was laid. 52And they were afraid lest the Jews might see them, and were saying, “If on the day he was crucified we weren’t able to weep and mourn, even now we might do this on his grave. 53But who will roll away for us the stone that has been placed at the door of the grave so that we might go in, sit by him, and do our duties?”

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Because the stone is great, and we’re afraid lest someone sees us. And if we aren’t able, at least let’s place at the door what we’re bringing in memory of him, and we’ll weep and mourn until we return to our house.”

Encounter at the Tomb

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And having gone, they found the tomb having approached, they bent down and man sitting in the middle of the tomb. clothed himself with a long, shining robe. did you come? Whom do you seek? Not crucified? He arose and went away. But if down and see where he was lying, that he’s not

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Then the women were afraid, and fled.

The Disciples Depart

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Now it was the last day of the Unleavened people were leaving, returning to their over. 59But we, the twelve disciples of the Lord, were grieving, and each of us grieving because of what had happened, returned home. 60But I, Simon Peter, and my

having taken our nets, went off to the sea. And with us was Levi,

the son of Alphaeus, whom the Lord ...

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