

JESUS CHRIST
JEHOVAH'S KING
THE LAST DAYS OF JESUS, THE MAN

1. THE ENTRY?
 - I. THE LAST WEEK
 - (1)

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE FOUND
WEDNESDAY	TUESDAY SUNSET TO WEDNESDAY SUNSET THE LAST SUPPER - JUDAS BETRAYS JESUS - THE GERHSEMANE PRAYER - THE ARREST - THE TRIALS THROUGHOUT TUESDAY NIGHT OR THE FIRST PART OF THEIR WEDNESDAY AND ALL THE EVENTS OF THE CRUCIFIXION AND BURIAL END ON WEDNESDAY AT SUNSET	MATTHEW 26:14 - 27:66, MARK 14:10-15:47, LUKE 22:1-23:56, JOHN 12:1 TO 19:42
THURSDAY	BEGINS WEDNESDAY SUNSET AND LASTS UNTIL THURSDAY SUNSET - FIRST DAY OF THE FEAST, THE HIGH DAY AND A SPECIAL SABBATH (NOT THE WEEK END SABBATH) - CHRIST'S BODY IS IN THE TOMB AND WILL BE THERE THREE FULL DAYS	LEV. 23:7, 24, 35. JOHN 19:31

THE TESTING OF JESUS

1. JESUS SENT TO PONTIUS PILATE
 - a. MATTHEW 27:1-66 EARLY IN THE MORNING, ALL THE CHIEF PRIESTS AND THE ELDERS OF THE PEOPLE CAME TO THE DECISION TO PUT JESUS TO DEATH. [2] THEY BOUND HIM, LED HIM AWAY AND HANDED HIM OVER TO PILATE, THE GOVERNOR.
 - I. IT IS NOW WEDNESDAY MORNING.
 - II. THEY AGAIN STATE THEIR PURPOSE.
 - (1) TO PUT JESUS TO DEATH.
 - III. THEY BOUND HIM.
 - (1) THEY WANTED PILATE TO SEE JESUS AS A CRIMINAL
 - (2) THIS IS THE MAN THAT SHOWED HIS POWER WHEN THEY CAME FOR HIM.
 - (A) JOHN 18:6 WHEN JESUS SAID, "I AM HE," THEY DREW BACK AND FELL TO THE GROUND.
 - (I) IT IS CLEAN THAT THEY COULD NOT HAVE TAKEN HIM IF HE HAD NOT ALLOWED IT.
 - (II) JESUS IS THE WILLING LAMB USED OF THE FATHER.
2. JUDAS UNAVAILING REMORSE

- A. MATTHEW 27:3-10 WHEN JUDAS, WHO HAD BETRAYED HIM, SAW THAT JESUS WAS CONDEMNED, HE WAS SEIZED WITH REMORSE AND RETURNED THE THIRTY SILVER COINS TO THE CHIEF PRIESTS AND THE ELDERS. [4] "I HAVE SINNED," HE SAID, "FOR I HAVE BETRAYED INNOCENT BLOOD." "WHAT IS THAT TO US?" THEY REPLIED. "THAT'S YOUR RESPONSIBILITY." [5] SO JUDAS THREW THE MONEY INTO THE TEMPLE AND LEFT. THEN HE WENT AWAY AND HANGED HIMSELF. [6] THE CHIEF PRIESTS PICKED UP THE COINS AND SAID, "IT IS AGAINST THE LAW TO PUT THIS INTO THE TREASURY, SINCE IT IS BLOOD MONEY." [7] SO THEY DECIDED TO USE THE MONEY TO BUY THE POTTER'S FIELD AS A BURIAL PLACE FOR FOREIGNERS. [8] THAT IS WHY IT HAS BEEN CALLED THE FIELD OF BLOOD TO THIS DAY. [9] THEN WHAT WAS SPOKEN BY JEREMIAH THE PROPHET WAS FULFILLED: "THEY TOOK THE THIRTY SILVER COINS, THE PRICE SET ON HIM BY THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL, [10] AND THEY USED THEM TO BUY THE POTTER'S FIELD, AS THE LORD COMMANDED ME."
- I. JESUS IS ON THE PATH THAT WILL LEAD TO HIS DEATH.
- II. BUT GOD WANTS US TO TURN OUR EYES FROM JESUS AND LOOK AT MAN.
- III. WHEN JUDAS, WHO HAD BETRAYED HIM, SAW THAT JESUS WAS CONDEMNED, HE WAS SEIZED WITH REMORSE AND RETURNED THE THIRTY SILVER COINS TO THE CHIEF PRIESTS AND THE ELDERS
- (1) JUDAS COMES TO HIS SENSE AND WANTS TO UNDO WHAT HE HAS STARTED.
- IV. "I HAVE SINNED," HE SAID, "FOR I HAVE BETRAYED INNOCENT BLOOD." "WHAT IS THAT TO US?" THEY REPLIED. "THAT'S YOUR RESPONSIBILITY."
- (1) NOW WITH OPEN EYES WE MUST SEE WHAT TAKES PLACE.
- (2) JUDAS JUST AS PETER HAS FAILED JESUS
- (A) PETER
- (i) MATTHEW 26:75 THEN PETER REMEMBERED THE WORD JESUS HAD SPOKEN: "BEFORE THE ROOSTER CROWS, YOU WILL DISOWN ME THREE TIMES." AND HE WENT OUTSIDE AND WEPT BITTERLY.
- 1) PETER GOES AND WEEPS BEFORE THE FATHER.
- (3) JUDAS MAKES HIS CONFESSION BEFORE MEN.
- (A) HE DOES NOT GO BACK TO THE FOLLOWERS OF JESUS WHO COULD HAVE HELPED HIM.
- (4) HE GOES BEFORE THOSE THAT ARE JUST AS GUILTY AS HE IS.
- (A) I HAVE SINNED,"
- (i) "FOR I HAVE BETRAYED INNOCENT BLOOD."
- 1) SIX PEOPLE WILL DECLARE JESUS INNOCENT
- A) JUDAS HERE
- B) PILATE'S WIFE
- i) VERSE 19 BELOW
- C) PILATE
- i) VERSE 24 BELOW
- D) HEROD
- i) LUKE 23:15 NEITHER HAS HEROD, FOR HE SENT HIM BACK TO US; AS YOU CAN SEE, HE HAS DONE NOTHING TO DESERVE DEATH
- E) THE MALEFACTOR ON THE CROSS.
- i) LUKE 23:41 WE ARE PUNISHED JUSTLY, FOR WE ARE GETTING WHAT OUR DEEDS DESERVE. BUT THIS MAN HAS DONE NOTHING WRONG."
- F) THE CENTURION
- i) LUKE 23:47 THE CENTURION, SEEING WHAT HAD HAPPENED, PRAISED GOD AND SAID, "SURELY THIS WAS A RIGHTEOUS MAN."

- (B) "WHAT IS THAT TO US?"
 - (C) "THAT'S YOUR RESPONSIBILITY.
 - (I) THEY DID NOT ARGUE THAT JESUS WAS NOT "INNOCENT BLOOD"
 - (II) BY THEIR STATEMENT THEY WERE ADMITTING THAT HE WAS INNOCENT BLOOD.
- V. JUDAS NEVER TURNS TO GOD.
- (1) REPENTANCE - A CHANGE OF MIND, A NEW MIND ABOUT GOD.
 - (A) MATTHEW 3:2 AND SAYING, "REPENT, FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS NEAR."
 - (B) MATTHEW 4:17 FROM THAT TIME ON JESUS BEGAN TO PREACH, "REPENT, FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS NEAR."
 - (C) LUKE 13:1-5 NOW THERE WERE SOME PRESENT AT THAT TIME WHO TOLD JESUS ABOUT THE GALILEANS WHOSE BLOOD PILATE HAD MIXED WITH THEIR SACRIFICES. [2] JESUS ANSWERED, "DO YOU THINK THAT THESE GALILEANS WERE WORSE SINNERS THAN ALL THE OTHER GALILEANS BECAUSE THEY SUFFERED THIS WAY? [3] I TELL YOU, NO! BUT UNLESS YOU REPENT, YOU TOO WILL ALL PERISH. [4] OR THOSE EIGHTEEN WHO DIED WHEN THE TOWER IN SILOAM FELL ON THEM--DO YOU THINK THEY WERE MORE GUILTY THAN ALL THE OTHERS LIVING IN JERUSALEM? [5] I TELL YOU, NO! BUT UNLESS YOU REPENT, YOU TOO WILL ALL PERISH."
 - (D) LUKE 24:47 AND REPENTANCE AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS WILL BE PREACHED IN HIS NAME TO ALL NATIONS, BEGINNING AT JERUSALEM.
 - (E) ACTS 2:38 PETER REPLIED, "REPENT AND BE BAPTIZED, EVERY ONE OF YOU, IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF YOUR SINS. AND YOU WILL RECEIVE THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.
 - (F) ACTS 3:19 REPENT, THEN, AND TURN TO GOD, SO THAT YOUR SINS MAY BE WIPED OUT, THAT TIMES OF REFRESHING MAY COME FROM THE LORD,
 - (G) ACTS 10:43 ALL THE PROPHETS TESTIFY ABOUT HIM THAT EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM RECEIVES FORGIVENESS OF SINS THROUGH HIS NAME."
 - (H) 2 COR. 7:9 YET NOW I AM HAPPY, NOT BECAUSE YOU WERE MADE SORRY, BUT BECAUSE YOUR SORROW LED YOU TO REPENTANCE. FOR YOU BECAME SORROWFUL AS GOD INTENDED AND SO WERE NOT HARMED IN ANY WAY BY US.
 - (I) 1 JOHN 1:9 IF WE CONFESS OUR SINS, HE IS FAITHFUL AND JUST AND WILL FORGIVE US OUR SINS AND PURIFY US FROM ALL UNRIGHTEOUSNESS.
- VI. HE TAKES MATTERS INTO HIS OWN HANDS AND KILLS HIMSELF.
- VII. NOW THE "MEN OF GOD" SHOW HOW CALLUS THEY ARE
- (1) THE CHIEF PRIESTS PICKED UP THE COINS AND SAID,
 - (A) "IT IS AGAINST THE LAW TO PUT THIS INTO THE TREASURY, SINCE IT IS BLOOD MONEY."
 - (2) [7] SO THEY DECIDED TO USE THE MONEY TO BUY THE POTTER'S FIELD AS A BURIAL PLACE FOR FOREIGNERS.
 - (A) [8] THAT IS WHY IT HAS BEEN CALLED THE FIELD OF BLOOD TO THIS DAY.
 - (B) [9] THEN WHAT WAS SPOKEN BY JEREMIAH THE PROPHET WAS FULFILLED: "THEY TOOK THE THIRTY SILVER COINS,
 - (I) THE PRICE SET ON HIM BY THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL,
 - (C) [10] AND THEY USED THEM TO BUY THE POTTER'S FIELD,
 - (I) AS THE LORD COMMANDED ME."

3. JESUS BEFORE PILATE

- A. MATTHEW 27:11-14 MEANWHILE JESUS STOOD BEFORE THE GOVERNOR, AND THE GOVERNOR ASKED HIM, "ARE YOU THE KING OF THE JEWS?" "YES, IT IS AS YOU SAY," JESUS REPLIED. [12]

WHEN HE WAS ACCUSED BY THE CHIEF PRIESTS AND THE ELDERS, HE GAVE NO ANSWER. [13] THEN PILATE ASKED HIM, "DON'T YOU HEAR THE TESTIMONY THEY ARE BRINGING AGAINST YOU?" [14] BUT JESUS MADE NO REPLY, NOT EVEN TO A SINGLE CHARGE--TO THE GREAT AMAZEMENT OF THE GOVERNOR.

- I. JESUS HAS BEEN CONDEMNED BY THE RELIGIOUS AUTHORITY OF THAT DAY.
- II. NOW HE STANDS BEFORE THE GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY OF THAT DAY [ROME]
 - (1) MEANWHILE JESUS STOOD BEFORE THE GOVERNOR
- III. THE GREAT QUESTION IS ASKED!
 - (1) ARE YOU THE KING OF THE JEWS?"
- IV. NOW THE ANSWER - DOES JESUS TELL THE TRUTH OR IS HE TELLING A LIE.
 - (1) "YES, IT IS AS YOU SAY,"
- V. WHEN HE WAS ACCUSED BY THE CHIEF PRIESTS AND THE ELDERS
 - (1) THIS IS THE ONES WHO ACCUSED JESUS!
- VI. THE RESPONSE OF JESUS TO THEIR ACCUSATIONS!
 - (1) BUT JESUS MADE NO REPLY, NOT EVEN TO A SINGLE CHARGE--
 - (A) TO THE GREAT AMAZEMENT OF THE GOVERNOR.

4. JESUS CONDEMNED - BARABBAS SET FREE

- A. MATTHEW 27:15-26 NOW IT WAS THE GOVERNOR'S CUSTOM AT THE FEAST TO RELEASE A PRISONER CHOSEN BY THE CROWD. [16] AT THAT TIME THEY HAD A NOTORIOUS PRISONER, CALLED BARABBAS. [17] SO WHEN THE CROWD HAD GATHERED, PILATE ASKED THEM, "WHICH ONE DO YOU WANT ME TO RELEASE TO YOU: BARABBAS, OR JESUS WHO IS CALLED CHRIST?" [18] FOR HE KNEW IT WAS OUT OF ENVY THAT THEY HAD HANDED JESUS OVER TO HIM. [19] WHILE PILATE WAS SITTING ON THE JUDGE'S SEAT, HIS WIFE SENT HIM THIS MESSAGE: "DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THAT INNOCENT MAN, FOR I HAVE SUFFERED A GREAT DEAL TODAY IN A DREAM BECAUSE OF HIM." [20] BUT THE CHIEF PRIESTS AND THE ELDERS PERSUADED THE CROWD TO ASK FOR BARABBAS AND TO HAVE JESUS EXECUTED. [21] "WHICH OF THE TWO DO YOU WANT ME TO RELEASE TO YOU?" ASKED THE GOVERNOR. "BARABBAS," THEY ANSWERED. [22] "WHAT SHALL I DO, THEN, WITH JESUS WHO IS CALLED CHRIST?" PILATE ASKED. THEY ALL ANSWERED, "CRUCIFY HIM!" [23] "WHY? WHAT CRIME HAS HE COMMITTED?" ASKED PILATE. BUT THEY SHOUTED ALL THE LOUDER, "CRUCIFY HIM!" [24] WHEN PILATE SAW THAT HE WAS GETTING NOWHERE, BUT THAT INSTEAD AN UPROAR WAS STARTING, HE TOOK WATER AND WASHED HIS HANDS IN FRONT OF THE CROWD. "I AM INNOCENT OF THIS MAN'S BLOOD," HE SAID. "IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY!" [25] ALL THE PEOPLE ANSWERED, "LET HIS BLOOD BE ON US AND ON OUR CHILDREN!" [26] THEN HE RELEASED BARABBAS TO THEM. BUT HE HAD JESUS FLOGGED, AND HANDED HIM OVER TO BE CRUCIFIED.
 - I. NOW IT WAS THE GOVERNOR'S CUSTOM AT THE FEAST TO RELEASE A PRISONER CHOSEN BY THE CROWD.
 - (1) WHO HAS CONTROL OVER WHAT IS ABOUT TO HAPPEN?
 - (A) IS IT ROME?
 - (B) IS IT THE PEOPLE?
 - II. THE FACTS AT THIS TIME KNOWN ABOUT JESUS!
 - (1) HE KNEW IT WAS OUT OF ENVY THAT THEY HAD HANDED JESUS OVER TO HIM.
 - (2) HIS WIFE SENT HIM THIS MESSAGE: "DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THAT INNOCENT MAN, FOR I HAVE SUFFERED A GREAT DEAL TODAY IN A DREAM BECAUSE OF HIM."
 - III. AGAIN, WHO IS BEHIND ALL THIS?
 - (1) BUT THE CHIEF PRIESTS AND THE ELDERS PERSUADED THE CROWD TO ASK FOR BARABBAS AND TO HAVE JESUS EXECUTED

- IV. AT THIS POINT WHAT IS THE ATTITUDE OF THE GOVERNOR?
 - (1) WHEN PILATE SAW THAT HE WAS GETTING NOWHERE, BUT THAT INSTEAD AN UPROAR WAS STARTING, HE TOOK WATER AND WASHED HIS HANDS IN FRONT OF THE CROWD. "I AM INNOCENT OF THIS MAN'S BLOOD," HE SAID. "IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY!"
 - (A) COULD HE GIVE UP THIS RESPONSIBILITY?
 - V. NOW WHO TAKES ON THE RESPONSIBILITY?
 - (1)] ALL THE PEOPLE ANSWERED, "LET HIS BLOOD BE ON US AND ON OUR CHILDREN!"
 - VI. THEN HE RELEASED BARABBAS TO THEM.
 - (1) THE GUILTY HAS BEEN SET FREE, THE INNOCENT WILL PAY THE PRICE.
 - VII. BUT HE HAD JESUS FLOGGED,
 - VIII. AND HANDED HIM OVER TO BE CRUCIFIED.
5. JESUS IS CROWNED AND LED AWAY TO BE KILLED! THE TESTING OF JESUS
- A. MATTHEW 27:-32 THEN THE GOVERNOR'S SOLDIERS TOOK JESUS INTO THE PRAETORIUM AND GATHERED THE WHOLE COMPANY OF SOLDIERS AROUND HIM. [28] THEY STRIPPED HIM AND PUT A SCARLET ROBE ON HIM, [29] AND THEN TWISTED TOGETHER A CROWN OF THORNS AND SET IT ON HIS HEAD. THEY PUT A STAFF IN HIS RIGHT HAND AND KNELT IN FRONT OF HIM AND MOCKED HIM. "HAIL, KING OF THE JEWS!" THEY SAID. [30] THEY SPIT ON HIM, AND TOOK THE STAFF AND STRUCK HIM ON THE HEAD AGAIN AND AGAIN. [31] AFTER THEY HAD MOCKED HIM, THEY TOOK OFF THE ROBE AND PUT HIS OWN CLOTHES ON HIM. THEN THEY LED HIM AWAY TO CRUCIFY HIM. [32] AS THEY WERE GOING OUT, THEY MET A MAN FROM CYRENE, NAMED SIMON, AND THEY FORCED HIM TO CARRY THE CROSS
 - I. THEN THE GOVERNOR'S SOLDIERS TOOK JESUS INTO THE PRAETORIUM AND GATHERED THE WHOLE COMPANY OF SOLDIERS AROUND HIM
 - (1) A FEW SOLDIERS TAKE JESUS AWAY.
 - (2) BUT A WHOLE COMPANY OF SOLDIERS WILL BE USED TO PUNISH HIM.
 - II. THEY STRIPPED HIM
 - (1) WHAT WE WILL NOW SEE, "WHAT GOD ASKED US TO DO."
 - (A) THEY REMOVED ALL HIS EARTHLY POSSESSIONS.
 - (i) ALL THAT HE HAD WAS ON HIS BACK.
 - (B) THEY WANTED TO BREAK HIM. HAVE DOMINION OVER HIM. WHAT SATAN WANTS TO DO WITH US!
 - (i) SATAN WANTS JESUS TO CALL ON HIS FATHER. HE DOES NOT WANT JESUS TO PREVAIL.
 - (C) WE ARE TESTED, SATAN WANTS US TO FAIL. TO TURN BACK TO THE THINGS OF THE WORLD.
 - (i) EPHESIANS 4:7 BUT TO EACH ONE OF US GRACE HAS BEEN GIVEN AS CHRIST APPORTIONED IT.
 - (ii) EPHESIANS 5:10-18 AND FIND OUT WHAT PLEASES THE LORD. [11] HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH THE FRUITLESS DEEDS OF DARKNESS, BUT RATHER EXPOSE THEM. [12] FOR IT IS SHAMEFUL EVEN TO MENTION WHAT THE DISOBEDIENT DO IN SECRET. [13] BUT EVERYTHING EXPOSED BY THE LIGHT BECOMES VISIBLE, [14] FOR IT IS LIGHT THAT MAKES EVERYTHING VISIBLE. THIS IS WHY IT IS SAID: "WAKE UP, O SLEEPER, RISE FROM THE DEAD, AND CHRIST WILL SHINE ON YOU." [15] BE VERY CAREFUL, THEN, HOW YOU LIVE--NOT AS UNWISE BUT AS WISE, [16] MAKING THE MOST OF EVERY OPPORTUNITY, BECAUSE THE DAYS ARE EVIL. [17] THEREFORE DO NOT BE FOOLISH, BUT UNDERSTAND WHAT THE LORD'S WILL IS. [18] DO NOT GET DRUNK ON WINE, WHICH LEADS TO DEBAUCHERY. INSTEAD,

BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT.

(III) JAMES 4:7 SUBMIT YOURSELVES, THEN, TO GOD. RESIST THE DEVIL, AND HE WILL FLEE FROM YOU.

(IV) 1 PETER 5:6-9 HUMBLE YOURSELVES, THEREFORE, UNDER GOD'S MIGHTY HAND, THAT HE MAY LIFT YOU UP IN DUE TIME. [7] CAST ALL YOUR ANXIETY ON HIM BECAUSE HE CARES FOR YOU. [8] BE SELF-CONTROLLED AND ALERT. YOUR ENEMY THE DEVIL PROWLs AROUND LIKE A ROARING LION LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO DEVOUR. [9] RESIST HIM, STANDING FIRM IN THE FAITH, BECAUSE YOU KNOW THAT YOUR BROTHERS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD ARE UNDERGOING THE SAME KIND OF SUFFERINGS.

III. PUT A SCARLET ROBE ON HIM,

(1) AFTER WE COME TO UNDERSTAND THAT SIN IS TAKEN AWAY. THAT WHAT JESUS ACCOMPLISHED HE GIVES TO US. IF WE RECEIVE IT, WE HAVE IT. HE PUTS A ROBE ON US.

(A) 1 Peter 2:24 HE HIMSELF BORE OUR SINS IN HIS BODY ON THE TREE, SO THAT WE MIGHT DIE TO SINS AND LIVE FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS; BY HIS WOUNDS YOU HAVE BEEN HEALED.

(B) ISAIAH 61:10 I DELIGHT GREATLY IN THE LORD; MY SOUL REJOICES IN MY GOD. FOR HE HAS CLOTHED ME WITH GARMENTS OF SALVATION AND ARRAYED ME IN A ROBE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, AS A BRIDEGROOM ADORNS HIS HEAD LIKE A PRIEST, AND AS A BRIDE ADORNS HERSELF WITH HER JEWELS.

IV. [29] AND THEN TWISTED TOGETHER A CROWN OF THORNS

(1) AND SET IT ON HIS HEAD.

(A) AGAIN HE IS BEING CROWNED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE THEN GOVERNMENT.

(B) MORE IMPORTANT.

(i) JAMES 1:12 BLESSED IS THE MAN WHO PERSEVERES UNDER TRIAL, BECAUSE WHEN HE HAS STOOD THE TEST, HE WILL RECEIVE THE CROWN OF LIFE THAT GOD HAS PROMISED TO THOSE WHO LOVE HIM.

V. THEY PUT A STAFF IN HIS RIGHT HAND

(1) PSALM 23:4 EVEN THOUGH I WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH, I WILL FEAR NO EVIL, FOR YOU ARE WITH ME; YOUR ROD AND YOUR STAFF, THEY COMFORT ME.

(2) EXODUS 12:11 THIS IS HOW YOU ARE TO EAT IT: WITH YOUR CLOAK TUCKED INTO YOUR BELT, YOUR SANDALS ON YOUR FEET AND YOUR STAFF IN YOUR HAND. EAT IT IN HASTE; IT IS THE LORD'S PASSOVER.

(A) NOW HE HAS ALL THE THINGS FOR HIS TRIP TO THE CROSS. THE PASSOVER ELEMENTS HAVE ALL BEEN PUT IN PLACE.

VI. AND KNELT IN FRONT OF HIM AND MOCKED HIM.

(1) "HAIL, KING OF THE JEWS!" THEY SAID.

(A) ISAIAH 45:23 BY MYSELF I HAVE SWORN, MY MOUTH HAS UTTERED IN ALL INTEGRITY A WORD THAT WILL NOT BE REVOKED: BEFORE ME EVERY KNEE WILL BOW; BY ME EVERY TONGUE WILL SWEAR.

(B) ROMANS 14:11 IT IS WRITTEN: " 'AS SURELY AS I LIVE,' SAYS THE LORD, 'EVERY KNEE WILL BOW BEFORE ME; EVERY TONGUE WILL CONFESS TO GOD.' "

(C) PHILIP. 2:10 THAT AT THE NAME OF JESUS EVERY KNEE SHOULD BOW, IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH AND UNDER THE EARTH,

(D) AUTHORITY

(i) ACTS 26:10-12 WHICH THING I ALSO DID IN JERUSALEM: AND MANY OF THE

SAINTS DID I SHUT UP IN PRISON, HAVING RECEIVED AUTHORITY FROM THE CHIEF PRIESTS; AND WHEN THEY WERE PUT TO DEATH, I GAVE MY VOICE AGAINST THEM. [11] AND I PUNISHED THEM OFT IN EVERY SYNAGOGUE, AND COMPELLED THEM TO BLASPHEME; AND BEING EXCEEDINGLY MAD AGAINST THEM, I PERSECUTED THEM EVEN UNTO STRANGE CITIES. [12] WHEREUPON AS I WENT TO DAMASCUS WITH AUTHORITY AND COMMISSION FROM THE CHIEF PRIESTS,

- (II) EPHESIANS. 4:6 ONE GOD AND FATHER OF ALL, WHO IS OVER ALL AND THROUGH ALL AND IN ALL.
 - 1) SO GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY HAD BEEN GIVEN AT THAT TIME TO ROME.
 - 2) RELIGIOUS AUTHORITY HAD BEEN GIVEN TO THE CHIEF PRIEST.
 - A) NOW LOOK AT THE CENTURION WITH THE SICK SERVANT.
 - i) THE SERVANT RECOGNIZED THAT JESUS HAD THE AUTHORITY OF GOD THE FATHER BECAUSE HE WAS UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF GOD.
 - 3) SO THE SOLDIERS WHO ARE BEATING JESUS ARE MEN IN AUTHORITY.
 - A) SO WE MUST SEE WHAT THEY JUST DID!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
 - i) THEY CROWNED HIM KING OF THE JEWS.
 - ii) THEY PUT A STAFF IN HIS HAND - THE OFFICE OF HIGH PRIEST
 - iii) THEY PLACED A PURPLE ROB ON HIM - THE OFFICE OF ROYALTY.
 - 4) WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO YOU AND ME.
 - A) GOVERNMENT AND PRIESTHOOD IS IN THE HANDS OF ONE PERSON.
 - B) 1 PETER 2:9 BUT YOU ARE A CHOSEN PEOPLE, A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE BELONGING TO GOD, THAT YOU MAY DECLARE THE PRAISES OF HIM WHO CALLED YOU OUT OF DARKNESS INTO HIS WONDERFUL LIGHT.
 - i) SO CHRIST HAS PASSED ON TO US - THE CROWN, THE STAFF AND THE ROB.
 - 5) AND THEY WERE ALL SANCTIFIED BY HIS BLOOD.

6. THE CRUCIFIXION

- A. MATTHEW 27:33- 44 THEY CAME TO A PLACE CALLED GOLGOTHA (WHICH MEANS THE PLACE OF THE SKULL). [34] THERE THEY OFFERED JESUS WINE TO DRINK, MIXED WITH GALL; BUT AFTER TASTING IT, HE REFUSED TO DRINK IT. [35] WHEN THEY HAD CRUCIFIED HIM, THEY DIVIDED UP HIS CLOTHES BY CASTING LOTS. [36] AND SITTING DOWN, THEY KEPT WATCH OVER HIM THERE. [37] ABOVE HIS HEAD THEY PLACED THE WRITTEN CHARGE AGAINST HIM: THIS IS JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS. [38] TWO ROBBERS WERE CRUCIFIED WITH HIM, ONE ON HIS RIGHT AND ONE ON HIS LEFT. [39] THOSE WHO PASSED BY HURLED INSULTS AT HIM, SHAKING THEIR HEADS [40] AND SAYING, "YOU WHO ARE GOING TO DESTROY THE TEMPLE AND BUILD IT IN THREE DAYS, SAVE YOURSELF! COME DOWN FROM THE CROSS, IF YOU ARE THE SON OF GOD!" [41] IN THE SAME WAY THE CHIEF PRIESTS, THE TEACHERS OF THE LAW AND THE ELDERS MOCKED HIM. [42] "HE SAVED OTHERS," THEY SAID, "BUT HE CAN'T SAVE HIMSELF! HE'S 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 RESCUE HIM NOW IF HE WANTS HIM, FOR HE SAID, 'I AM THE SON OF GOD.'" [44] IN THE SAME WAY THE ROBBERS WHO WERE CRUCIFIED WITH HIM ALSO HEAPED INSULTS ON HIM.
 - I. THEY CAME TO A PLACE CALLED GOLGOTHA (WHICH MEANS THE PLACE OF THE SKULL).
 - (1) HE WAS TAKEN OUTSIDE THE CITY TO BE SLAIN.
 - (A) THE HISTORY OF THE PLACE, SOME SAY IT WAS CALLED SKULL BECAUSE THIS IS WHERE THE SKULL OF ADAM WAS FOUND OUTSIDE THE CITY.

- II. "YOU WHO ARE GOING TO DESTROY THE TEMPLE AND BUILD IT IN THREE DAYS, SAVE YOURSELF!"
 - (1) CONTINUES TO BE TESTED!
- III. COME DOWN FROM THE CROSS, IF YOU ARE THE SON OF GOD!"
 - (1) CONTINUES TO BE TESTED!
- IV. [41] IN THE SAME WAY THE CHIEF PRIESTS, THE TEACHERS OF THE LAW AND THE ELDERS MOCKED HIM. [42]
 - (1) "HE SAVED OTHERS," THEY SAID,
 - (A) NO QUESTION ABOUT WHAT JESUS HAS DONE!
 - (i) MATTHEW 9:6 BUT SO THAT YOU MAY KNOW THAT THE SON OF MAN HAS AUTHORITY ON EARTH TO FORGIVE SINS. . . ." THEN HE SAID TO THE PARALYTIC, "GET UP, TAKE YOUR MAT AND GO HOME."
 - (2) "BUT HE CAN'T SAVE HIMSELF!"
 - (A) THE ENEMIES OF CHRIST WORK AT GIVING THE LIE, YOU CAN HAVE ALL YOU WANT WITHOUT GOING THROUGH THE DISCIPLINE OF GOD.
 - (i) IF HE HAD SAVED HIMSELF HE COULD NOT HAVE SAVED ME!
 - 1) JOHN 3:14-16 JUST AS MOSES LIFTED UP THE SNAKE IN THE DESERT, SO THE SON OF MAN MUST BE LIFTED UP, [15] THAT EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM MAY HAVE ETERNAL LIFE. [16] "FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONE AND ONLY SON, THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHALL NOT PERISH BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.
 - 2) GALATIANS 3:13 CHRIST REDEEMED US FROM THE CURSE OF THE LAW BY BECOMING A CURSE FOR US, FOR IT IS WRITTEN: "CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO IS HUNG ON A TREE."
 - 3) COL. 1:20 AND THROUGH HIM TO RECONCILE TO HIMSELF ALL THINGS, WHETHER THINGS ON EARTH OR THINGS IN HEAVEN, BY MAKING PEACE THROUGH HIS BLOOD, SHED ON THE CROSS.
 - 4) COL. 2:14-17 HAVING CANCELED THE WRITTEN CODE, WITH ITS REGULATIONS, THAT WAS AGAINST US AND THAT STOOD OPPOSED TO US; HE TOOK IT AWAY, NAILING IT TO THE CROSS. [15] AND HAVING DISARMED THE POWERS AND AUTHORITIES, HE MADE A PUBLIC SPECTACLE OF THEM, TRIUMPHING OVER THEM BY THE CROSS. [16] THEREFORE DO NOT LET ANYONE JUDGE YOU BY WHAT YOU EAT OR DRINK, OR WITH REGARD TO A RELIGIOUS FESTIVAL, A NEW MOON CELEBRATION OR A SABBATH DAY. [17] THESE ARE A SHADOW OF THE THINGS THAT WERE TO COME; THE REALITY, HOWEVER, IS FOUND IN CHRIST.
 - 5) 1 PETER 2:24 HE HIMSELF BORE OUR SINS IN HIS BODY ON THE TREE, SO THAT WE MIGHT DIE TO SINS AND LIVE FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS; BY HIS WOUNDS YOU HAVE BEEN HEALED.
 - (3) HE'S THE KING OF ISRAEL!
 - (4) LET HIM COME DOWN NOW FROM THE CROSS,
 - (A) THEY COULD SEE THE PRICE HE WAS PAYING!
 - (5) AND WE WILL BELIEVE IN HIM
 - (A) WE WILL EXCEPT A KING IF HE WILL JUST COME DOWN AND BE LIKE OTHER KINGS.
 - (6) . [43] HE TRUSTS IN GOD.
 - (A) HERE THE WORDS OF THE ENEMIES OF JESUS.
 - (i) WE CAN ONLY HOPE THAT OUR ENEMIES WILL SAY THE SAME!
 - (B) HERE IS THE PROBLEM FOR ALL MEN! TO HAVE THIS KING AND HIS KINGDOM YOU

MUST BE WILLING TO ENDURE THE TRIBULATION OF BEING IDENTIFIED WITH HIM
AND LIVING YOUR LIFE DEPENDING UPON GOD.

(C) JESUS SAYS GOD IS JUST!

(D) WHAT WE KNOW!

(I) JESUS IS HERE TO JUSTIFY THE JUSTICE OF GOD.

1) NO CROSS

2) NO CHRIST

3) NO CROWN

(7) LET GOD RESCUE HIM NOW IF HE WANTS HIM, FOR HE SAID, 'I AM THE SON OF GOD.'

(A) HOW HARD IT MUST HAVE BEEN FOR THE FATHER NOT TO RESCUE HIM. BUT JESUS
HAS A JOB TO DO!

(8) [44] IN THE SAME WAY THE ROBBERS WHO WERE CRUCIFIED WITH HIM ALSO HEAPED
INSULTS ON HIM.

7. THE DEATH OF JESUS

A. MATTHEW 27:45-56] FROM THE SIXTH HOUR UNTIL THE NINTH HOUR DARKNESS CAME OVER ALL
THE LAND. [46] ABOUT THE NINTH HOUR JESUS CRIED OUT IN A LOUD VOICE, "ELOI, ELOI, LAMA
SABACHTHANI?"--WHICH MEANS, "MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?" [47]
WHEN SOME OF THOSE STANDING THERE HEARD THIS, THEY SAID, "HE'S CALLING ELIJAH." [48]
IMMEDIATELY ONE OF THEM RAN AND GOT A SPONGE. HE FILLED IT WITH WINE VINEGAR, PUT IT
ON A STICK, AND OFFERED IT TO JESUS TO DRINK. [49] THE REST SAID, "NOW LEAVE HIM ALONE.
LET'S SEE IF ELIJAH COMES TO SAVE HIM." [50] AND WHEN JESUS HAD CRIED OUT AGAIN IN A
LOUD VOICE, HE GAVE UP HIS SPIRIT. [51] AT THAT MOMENT THE CURTAIN OF THE TEMPLE WAS
TORN IN TWO FROM TOP TO BOTTOM. THE EARTH SHOOK AND THE ROCKS SPLIT. [52] THE TOMBS
BROKE OPEN AND THE BODIES OF MANY HOLY PEOPLE WHO HAD DIED WERE RAISED TO LIFE. [53]
THEY CAME OUT OF THE TOMBS, AND AFTER JESUS' RESURRECTION THEY WENT INTO THE HOLY
CITY AND APPEARED TO MANY PEOPLE. [54] WHEN THE CENTURION AND THOSE WITH HIM WHO
WERE GUARDING JESUS SAW THE EARTHQUAKE AND ALL THAT HAD HAPPENED, THEY WERE
TERRIFIED, AND EXCLAIMED, "SURELY HE WAS THE SON OF GOD!" [55] MANY WOMEN
WERE THERE, WATCHING FROM A DISTANCE. THEY HAD FOLLOWED JESUS FROM GALILEE TO
CARE FOR HIS NEEDS. [56] AMONG THEM WERE MARY MAGDALENE, MARY THE MOTHER OF
JAMES AND Joses, AND THE MOTHER OF ZEBEDEE'S SONS.

I. FROM THE SIXTH HOUR UNTIL THE NINTH HOUR DARKNESS CAME OVER ALL THE LAND

(1) THIS WAS NOON UNTIL 3:00

II. THE SAYING FROM THE CROSS!

"MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE
YOU FORSAKEN ME?"

PSALM 22:1 FOR THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC. TO
THE TUNE OF "THE DOE OF THE MORNING." A
PSALM OF DAVID. MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE
YOU FORSAKEN ME? WHY ARE YOU SO FAR FROM
SAVING ME, SO FAR FROM THE WORDS OF MY
GROANING?

MARK 15:34 AND AT THE NINTH HOUR JESUS
CRIED OUT IN A LOUD VOICE, "ELOI, ELOI, LAMA
SABACHTHANI?"--WHICH MEANS, "MY GOD, MY
GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?"

FATHER FORGIVE THEM FOR THEY KNOW NOT WHAT THEY ARE DOING	LUKE 23:34 JESUS SAID, "FATHER, FORGIVE THEM, FOR THEY DO NOT KNOW WHAT THEY ARE DOING." AND THEY DIVIDED UP HIS CLOTHES BY CASTING LOTS.
VERILY, I SAY UNTO THEE, TO SHALT THOU BE WITH ME IN PARADISE	LUKE 23:43 JESUS ANSWERED HIM, "I TELL YOU THE TRUTH, TODAY YOU WILL BE WITH ME IN PARADISE."
WOMAN, BEHOLD THEY SON . . . BEHOLD THEY MOTHER	JOHN 19:26-27 WHEN JESUS SAW HIS MOTHER THERE, AND THE DISCIPLE WHOM HE LOVED STANDING NEARBY, HE SAID TO HIS MOTHER, "DEAR WOMAN, HERE IS YOUR SON," [27] AND TO THE DISCIPLE, "HERE IS YOUR MOTHER." FROM THAT TIME ON, THIS DISCIPLE TOOK HER INTO HIS HOME.
I THIRST	JOHN 19:28 LATER, KNOWING THAT ALL WAS NOW COMPLETED, AND SO THAT THE SCRIPTURE WOULD BE FULFILLED, JESUS SAID, "I AM THIRSTY."
IT IS FINISHED	JOHN 19:30 WHEN HE HAD RECEIVED THE DRINK, JESUS SAID, "IT IS FINISHED." WITH THAT, HE BOWED HIS HEAD AND GAVE UP HIS SPIRIT.
FATHER, INTO THY HANDS I COMMEND MY SPIRIT	LUKE 23:46 JESUS CALLED OUT WITH A LOUD VOICE, "FATHER, INTO YOUR HANDS I COMMIT MY SPIRIT." WHEN HE HAD SAID THIS, HE BREATHED HIS LAST.

III. [MATTHEW 28:50] AND WHEN JESUS HAD CRIED OUT AGAIN IN A LOUD VOICE, HE GAVE UP HIS SPIRIT. [51] AT THAT MOMENT THE CURTAIN OF THE TEMPLE WAS TORN IN TWO FROM TOP TO BOTTOM. THE EARTH SHOOK AND THE ROCKS SPLIT.

(1) AT THIS TIME THE WAY WAS MADE FOR MAN TO ENTER AGAIN INTO THE PRESENCE OF GOD.

(A) HEBREWS 9:1-14 NOW THE FIRST COVENANT HAD REGULATIONS FOR WORSHIP AND ALSO AN EARTHLY SANCTUARY. [2] A TABERNACLE WAS SET UP. IN ITS FIRST ROOM WERE THE LAMPSTAND, THE TABLE AND THE CONSECRATED BREAD; THIS WAS CALLED THE HOLY PLACE. [3] BEHIND THE SECOND CURTAIN WAS A ROOM CALLED THE MOST HOLY PLACE, [4] WHICH HAD THE GOLDEN ALTAR OF INCENSE AND THE GOLD-COVERED ARK OF THE COVENANT. THIS ARK CONTAINED THE GOLD JAR OF MANNA, AARON'S STAFF THAT HAD BUDDED, AND THE STONE TABLETS OF THE COVENANT. [5] ABOVE THE ARK WERE THE CHERUBIM OF THE GLORY, OVERSHADOWING THE ATONEMENT COVER. BUT WE CANNOT DISCUSS THESE THINGS IN DETAIL NOW. [6] WHEN EVERYTHING HAD BEEN ARRANGED LIKE THIS, THE PRIESTS ENTERED REGULARLY INTO THE OUTER ROOM TO CARRY ON THEIR MINISTRY. [7] BUT ONLY THE HIGH PRIEST ENTERED THE INNER ROOM, AND THAT ONLY ONCE A YEAR, AND NEVER WITHOUT BLOOD, WHICH HE OFFERED FOR HIMSELF AND FOR THE

SINS THE PEOPLE HAD COMMITTED IN IGNORANCE. [8] THE HOLY SPIRIT WAS SHOWING BY THIS THAT THE WAY INTO THE MOST HOLY PLACE HAD NOT YET BEEN DISCLOSED AS LONG AS THE FIRST TABERNACLE WAS STILL STANDING. [9] THIS IS AN ILLUSTRATION FOR THE PRESENT TIME, INDICATING THAT THE GIFTS AND SACRIFICES BEING OFFERED WERE NOT ABLE TO CLEAR THE CONSCIENCE OF THE WORSHIPER. [10] THEY ARE ONLY A MATTER OF FOOD AND DRINK AND VARIOUS CEREMONIAL WASHINGS--EXTERNAL REGULATIONS APPLYING UNTIL THE TIME OF THE NEW ORDER. [11] WHEN CHRIST CAME AS HIGH PRIEST OF THE GOOD THINGS THAT ARE ALREADY HERE, HE WENT THROUGH THE GREATER AND MORE PERFECT TABERNACLE THAT IS NOT MAN-MADE, THAT IS TO SAY, NOT A PART OF THIS CREATION. [12] HE DID NOT ENTER BY MEANS OF THE BLOOD OF GOATS AND CALVES; BUT HE ENTERED THE MOST HOLY PLACE ONCE FOR ALL BY HIS OWN BLOOD, HAVING OBTAINED ETERNAL REDEMPTION. [13] THE BLOOD OF GOATS AND BULLS AND THE ASHES OF A HEIFER SPRINKLED ON THOSE WHO ARE CEREMONIALLY UNCLEAN SANCTIFY THEM SO THAT THEY ARE OUTWARDLY CLEAN. [14] HOW MUCH MORE, THEN, WILL THE BLOOD OF CHRIST, WHO THROUGH THE ETERNAL SPIRIT OFFERED HIMSELF UNBLEMISHED TO GOD, CLEANSE OUR CONSCIENCES FROM ACTS THAT LEAD TO DEATH, SO THAT WE MAY SERVE THE LIVING GOD!

- (B) HEBREWS 10:19-22 THEREFORE, BROTHERS, SINCE WE HAVE CONFIDENCE TO ENTER THE MOST HOLY PLACE BY THE BLOOD OF JESUS, [20] BY A NEW AND LIVING WAY OPENED FOR US THROUGH THE CURTAIN, THAT IS, HIS BODY, [21] AND SINCE WE HAVE A GREAT PRIEST OVER THE HOUSE OF GOD, [22] LET US DRAW NEAR TO GOD WITH A SINCERE HEART IN FULL ASSURANCE OF FAITH, HAVING OUR HEARTS SPRINKLED TO CLEANSE US FROM A GUILTY CONSCIENCE AND HAVING OUR BODIES WASHED WITH PURE WATER.

IV. MATTHEW 28: [52] THE TOMBS BROKE OPEN AND THE BODIES OF MANY HOLY PEOPLE WHO HAD DIED WERE RAISED TO LIFE. [53] THEY CAME OUT OF THE TOMBS, AND AFTER JESUS' RESURRECTION THEY WENT INTO THE HOLY CITY AND APPEARED TO MANY PEOPLE.

V. THOSE AT THE CROSS AT THE END - THIS IS THE SON OF GOD.

- (1) THIS SIGNIFIES THAT CHRIST'S DEATH AND RESURRECTION GUARANTEES OUR GLORIOUS RESURRECTION AT HIS RETURN

- (A) 1 COR. 15:50-58 I DECLARE TO YOU, BROTHERS, THAT FLESH AND BLOOD CANNOT INHERIT THE KINGDOM OF GOD, NOR DOES THE PERISHABLE INHERIT THE IMPERISHABLE. [51] LISTEN, I TELL YOU A MYSTERY: WE WILL NOT ALL SLEEP, BUT WE WILL ALL BE CHANGED-- [52] IN A FLASH, IN THE TWINKLING OF AN EYE, AT THE LAST TRUMPET. FOR THE TRUMPET WILL SOUND, THE DEAD WILL BE RAISED IMPERISHABLE, AND WE WILL BE CHANGED. [53] FOR THE PERISHABLE MUST CLOTHE ITSELF WITH THE IMPERISHABLE, AND THE MORTAL WITH IMMORTALITY. [54] WHEN THE PERISHABLE HAS BEEN CLOTHED WITH THE IMPERISHABLE, AND THE MORTAL WITH IMMORTALITY, THEN THE SAYING THAT IS WRITTEN WILL COME TRUE: "DEATH HAS BEEN SWALLOWED UP IN VICTORY." [55] "WHERE, O DEATH, IS YOUR VICTORY? WHERE, O DEATH, IS YOUR STING?" [56] THE STING OF DEATH IS SIN, AND THE POWER OF SIN IS THE LAW. [57] BUT THANKS BE TO GOD! HE GIVES US THE VICTORY THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.

- (B) 1 THESSALONIANS. 4:14 WE BELIEVE THAT JESUS DIED AND ROSE AGAIN AND SO WE BELIEVE THAT GOD WILL BRING WITH JESUS THOSE WHO HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP IN HIM.

8. THE BURIAL OF JESUS

A. MATTHEW 27:57-61 AS EVENING APPROACHED, THERE CAME A RICH MAN FROM ARIMATHEA, NAMED JOSEPH, WHO HAD HIMSELF BECOME A DISCIPLE OF JESUS. [58] GOING TO PILATE, HE ASKED FOR JESUS' BODY, AND PILATE ORDERED THAT IT BE GIVEN TO HIM. [59] JOSEPH TOOK THE BODY, WRAPPED IT IN A CLEAN LINEN CLOTH, [60] AND PLACED IT IN HIS OWN NEW TOMB THAT HE HAD CUT OUT OF THE ROCK. HE ROLLED A BIG STONE IN FRONT OF THE ENTRANCE TO THE TOMB AND WENT AWAY. [61] MARY MAGDALENE AND THE OTHER MARY WERE SITTING THERE OPPOSITE THE TOMB.

I. THERE CAME A RICH MAN FROM ARIMATHEA

(1) ISAIAH 53:9 HE WAS ASSIGNED A GRAVE WITH THE WICKED, AND WITH THE RICH IN HIS DEATH, THOUGH HE HAD DONE NO VIOLENCE, NOR WAS ANY DECEIT IN HIS MOUTH.

II. NAMED JOSEPH, WHO HAD HIMSELF BECOME A DISCIPLE OF JESUS

(1) JOHN 19:38-39 LATER, JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA ASKED PILATE FOR THE BODY OF JESUS. NOW JOSEPH WAS A DISCIPLE OF JESUS, BUT SECRETLY BECAUSE HE FEARED THE JEWS. WITH PILATE'S PERMISSION, HE CAME AND TOOK THE BODY AWAY. [39] HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY NICODEMUS, THE MAN WHO EARLIER HAD VISITED JESUS AT NIGHT. NICODEMUS BROUGHT A MIXTURE OF MYRRH AND ALOES, ABOUT SEVENTY-FIVE POUNDS.

(2) WHAT DID THESE MEN DO?

(A) HE ROLLED A BIG STONE IN FRONT OF THE ENTRANCE TO THE TOMB AND WENT AWAY

(I) THIS STONE ROLLED DOWN HILL - IT IS SORT OF A LOCK

(3) WHO WAS WATCHING ALL THIS?

(A) . [61] MARY MAGDALENE AND THE OTHER MARY WERE SITTING THERE OPPOSITE THE TOMB.

9. TOMB SEALED AND GUARDED

A. MATTHEW 27:62-66 THE NEXT DAY, THE ONE AFTER PREPARATION DAY, THE CHIEF PRIESTS AND THE PHARISEES WENT TO PILATE. [63] "SIR," THEY SAID, "WE REMEMBER THAT WHILE HE WAS STILL ALIVE THAT DECEIVER SAID, 'AFTER THREE DAYS I WILL RISE AGAIN.' [64] SO GIVE THE ORDER FOR THE TOMB TO BE MADE SECURE UNTIL THE THIRD DAY. OTHERWISE, HIS DISCIPLES MAY COME AND STEAL THE BODY AND TELL THE PEOPLE THAT HE HAS BEEN RAISED FROM THE DEAD. THIS LAST DECEPTION WILL BE WORSE THAN THE FIRST." [65] "TAKE A GUARD," PILATE ANSWERED. "GO, MAKE THE TOMB AS SECURE AS YOU KNOW HOW." [66] SO THEY WENT AND MADE THE TOMB SECURE BY PUTTING A SEAL ON THE STONE AND POSTING THE GUARD

I. THE NEXT DAY, THE ONE AFTER PREPARATION DAY, THE CHIEF PRIESTS AND THE PHARISEES WENT TO PILATE.

(1) THIS NEXT DAY WAS WEDNESDAY SUNSET TO THURSDAY SUNSET - THIS IS THE HIGH SABBATH, NOT THE REGULAR SATURDAY SABBATH.

II. SO GIVE THE ORDER FOR THE TOMB TO BE MADE SECURE UNTIL THE THIRD DAY. OTHERWISE, HIS DISCIPLES MAY COME AND STEAL THE BODY AND TELL THE PEOPLE THAT HE HAS BEEN RAISED FROM THE DEAD. THIS LAST DECEPTION WILL BE WORSE THAN THE FIRST."

(1) THIS WAS SO IMPORTANT TO EVERY ONE THEN - JUST AS GREAT TODAY!

(A) MATTHEW 12:40 FOR AS JONAH WAS THREE DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS IN THE BELLY OF A HUGE FISH, SO THE SON OF MAN WILL BE THREE DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS IN THE HEART OF THE EARTH.

(I) THREE DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS IN THE GRAVE.

III. [65] "TAKE A GUARD," PILATE ANSWERED. "GO, MAKE THE TOMB AS SECURE AS YOU

KNOW HOW." [66] SO THEY WENT AND MADE THE TOMB SECURE BY PUTTING A SEAL ON THE STONE AND POSTING THE GUARD

(1) THIS GUARD WILL BE FOUR MEN - CHANGED EVERY THREE HOURS

(A) ACTS 12:4 AFTER ARRESTING HIM, HE PUT HIM IN PRISON, HANDING HIM OVER TO BE GUARDED BY FOUR SQUADS OF FOUR SOLDIERS EACH. HEROD INTENDED TO BRING HIM OUT FOR PUBLIC TRIAL AFTER THE PASSOVER.

(2) SO THEY WENT AND MADE THE TOMB SECURE BY PUTTING A SEAL ON THE STONE AND POSTING THE GUARD

(A) THE SEAL IS A CORD PLACED ACROSS THE TOMB - A CLAY SEAL BINDING THEM TOGETHER.