

**A JOURNEY
THROUGH
THE HOLY
WEEK**



THOK TE TIGOM

THOK TE TI-GOM, NEM PI-O-OO
NEM PI-ESMO, NEM PI-AMAHEE
SHA ENEH AMEN, EMMANO-EEL
PENOUTI PEN-OROO

THINE IS THE POWER, THE GLORY,
THE BLESSING, AND THE MAJESTY,
FOREVER AMEN. EMMANUEL OUR
GOD AND KING.

THOK TE TI-GOM, NEM PI-O-OO
NEM PI—ESMO, NEM PI-AMAHEE
SHA ENEH AMEN, PA-SHOIS ESOS
PIEKH-RESTOS

THINE IS THE POWER, THE GLORY,
THE BLESSING, AND THE MAJESTY,
FOREVER AMEN. MY LORD JESUS
CHRIST

STARTING FROM THE 11TH HOUR ON TUESDAY, THIS PART IS ADDED:

PASOTEER EN- AGHATHOS

MY GOOD SAVIOR

STARTING THE EVE OF FRIDAY, THIS PART IS ADDED:

TA-GOM, NEM PA ESMO-PI-
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SOTEREA EF- OWAB

THE LORD IS MY STRENGH, MY
PRAISE, AND HAS BECOME MY
SALVATION.

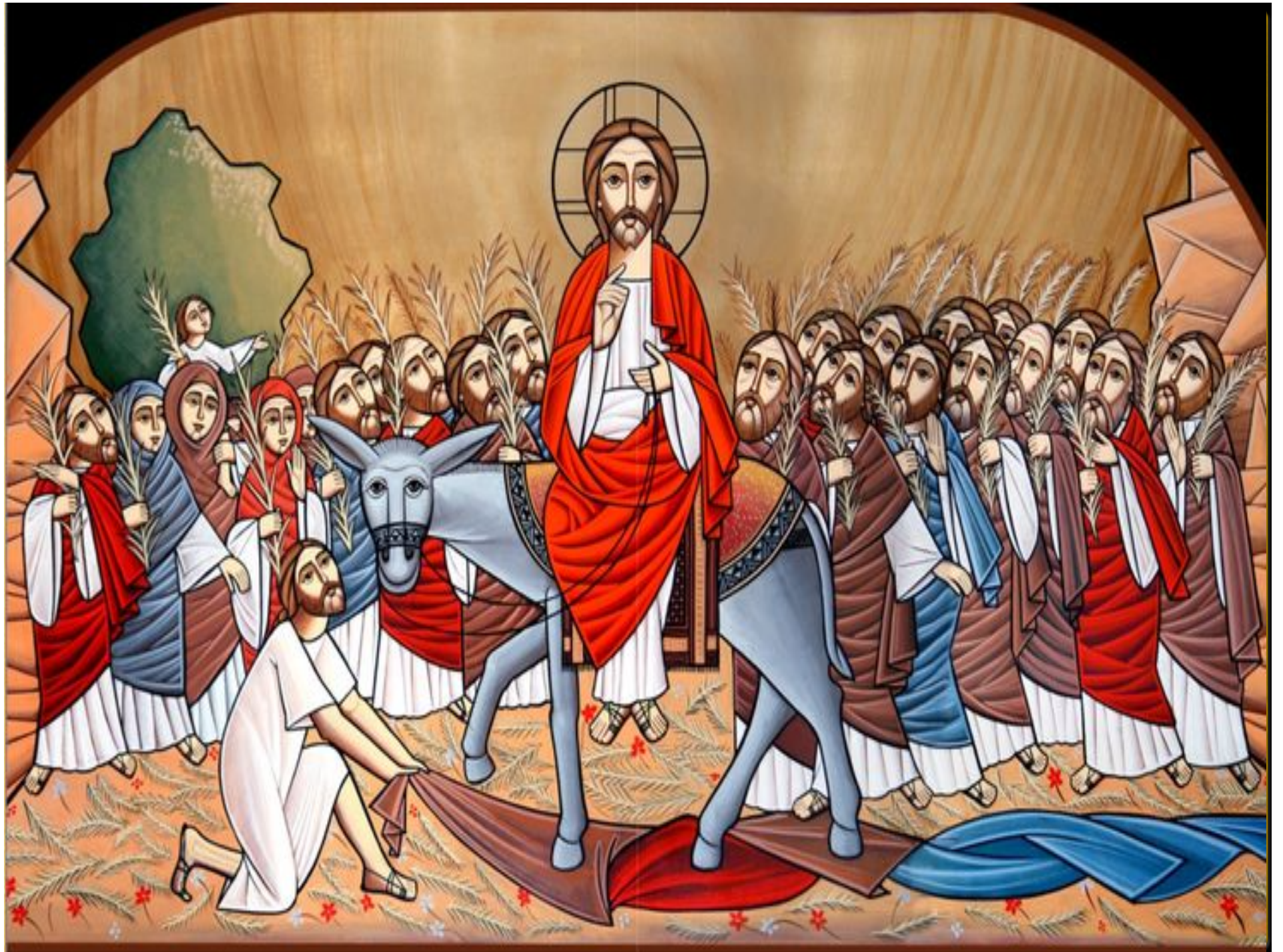
THE HOLY WEEK (PASCHA)

- ◆ DURING THE HOLY WEEK, JESUS CHRIST SUFFERED AND WAS CRUSIFIED.
- ◆ EACH DAY OF THIS WEEK HAS SPECIAL EVENTS.
- ◆ THE HOLY WEEK STARTS FROM “ LAZARUS SATURDAY” AND ENDS ON “BRIGHT SATURDAY”, THEN RESURECTION SUNDAY.
- ◆ **PASCHA**: IS A HEBREW WORD MEANING “**PASSOVER**”.
- ◆ THE JEWISH PASSOVER: CELEBRATES THE SALVATION OF THE HEBREW PEOPLE FROM THE 10TH PLAGUE. (THE BLOOD ON THE DOORS SAVED THEM).
- ◆ CHRISTIANS CELEBRATE THE PASCHA (PASSOVER) BECAUSE WE ARE SAVED BY THE BLOOD OF JESUS THAT WAS SHED ON THE CROSS.
- ◆ EVERYDAY WE HAVE A MORNING AND AN EVENING PASCHA.



LAZARUS SATURDAY

- ♦ JESUS ROSE LAZARUS FROM THE DEAD AFTER HE WAS BURIED FOR 4 DAYS. LAZARUS LIVED A LONG LIFE AFTER HE WAS RAISED FROM THE DEAD AND WAS ONE OF THE 70 APOSTLES.
- ♦ IN THE EVENING, IN PREPERATION OF PALM SUNDAY, THE PEOPLE BRING PALM TREE BRANCHES TO CHURCH AND START WEAVING THEM INTO BEAUTIFUL SHAPES LIKE CROSSES.



PALM SUNDAY

- ◆ ON THIS DAY, JESUS ENTERED **JERUSALEM** ON A DONKEY AND A COLT.
- ◆ THE PEOPLE CELEBRATED HIS ENTRANCE INTO THE CITY BY SPREADING THEIR CLOTHES ON THE ROAD AND CARRYING BRANCHES OF OLIVE TREES AND PALM TREES SAYING “HOUSANA” MEANING “SAVE US”.
- ◆ THE MORNING LITURGY IS FILLED WITH HAPPY HYMNS AND PALM TREE BRANCHES.
- ◆ AFTER THE LITURGY, THE CHURCH CHANGES ITS DRAPES FROM THE NORMAL COLOR TO THE BLACK COLOR AS A SIGN OF MOURNING AS WE MOURN OUR SINS THAT CAUSED JESUS TO SUFFER AND DIE.



PASCHAL MONDAY

- ◆ JESUS SPENT THE WHOLE DAY IN JERUSALEM.
- ◆ ON THIS DAY, **JESUS CURSED THE FIG TREE** BECAUSE IT WAS FULL OF BEAUTIFUL LEAVES BUT HAD NO FRUITS (THIS SYMBOLISES THE JEWISH NATION. THEY SEEM TO WORSHIP GOD BUT THEIR HEARTS ARE AWAY FROM HIM AND ARE FRUITLESS).
- ◆ THEN **JESUS WENT TO THE TEMPLE AND KICKED THE MERCHANTS OUT** TELLING THEM “MY HOUSE IS A HOUSE OF PRAYER AND YOU TURNED IT INTO A DEN OF THIEFS.”
- ◆ IN THE EVENING, JESUS WENT TO BETHANY TO REST. (THE CITY WHERE LAZARUS AND HIS FAMILY LIVE).

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PASCHAL TUESDAY

- ◆ JESUS WENT BACK TO JERUSALEM. HIS DISCIPLES SAW THE CURSED FIG TREE COMPLETELY WRINKLED.

- ◆ JESUS TAUGHT MANY PARABLES:
 - ◆ THE PARABLE OF THE WEDDING BANQUET.
 - ◆ THE PARABLE OF THE BAGS OF GOLD.
 - ◆ THE PARABLE OF THE TEN VIRGINS.



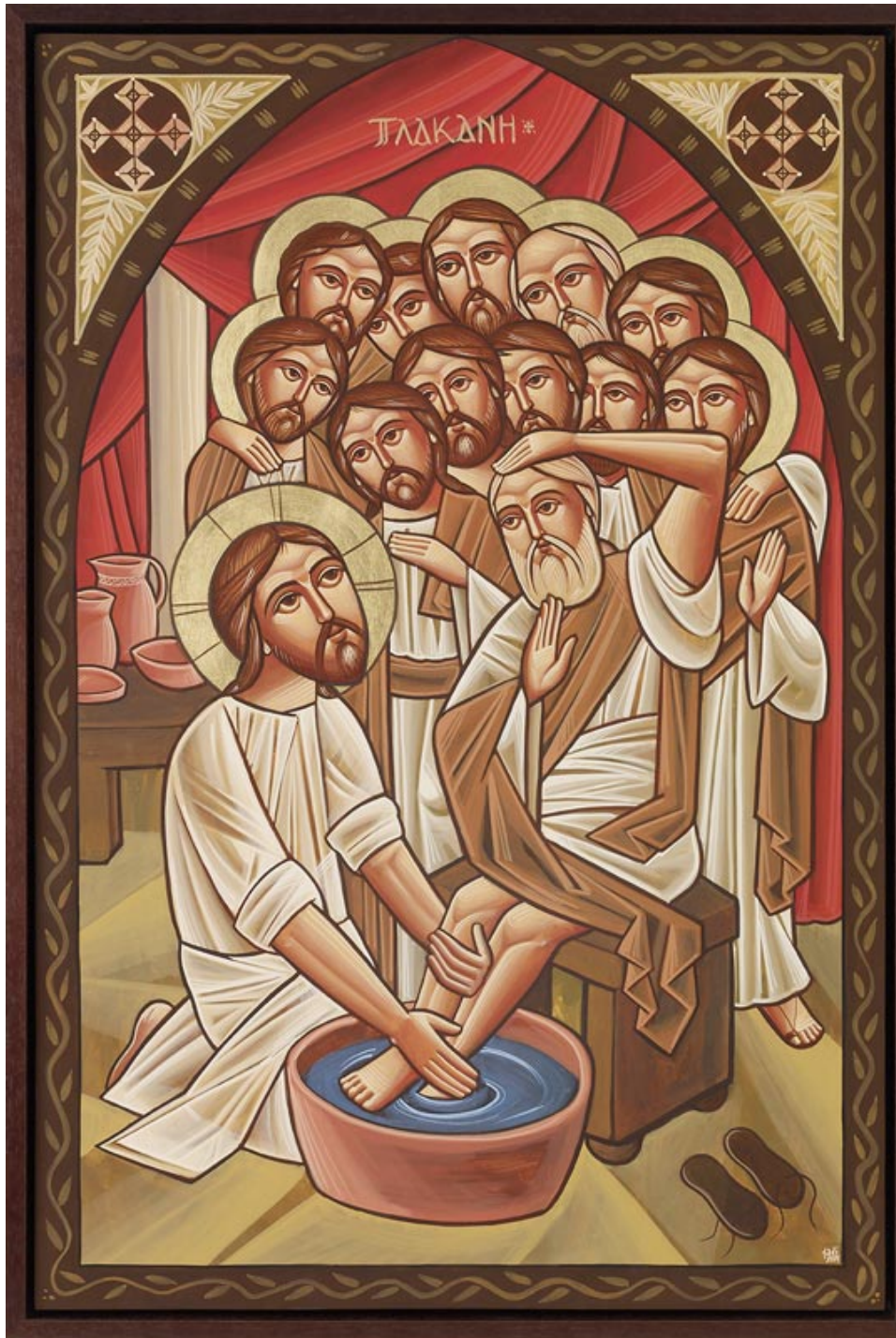
PASCHAL WEDNESDAY

- ◆ JESUS SPENT THE WHOLE DAY IN BETHANY AND DID NOT GO BACK TO JERUSALEM.
- ◆ THE CHIEF PRIESTS, THE HIGH PRIEST (CAIAPHAS) AND THE PHARISEES DECIDED TO KILL JESUS.
- ◆ JUDAS ISCARIOT (ONE OF THE 12 DISCIPLES) MADE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CHIEF PRIESTS TO HELP THEM CAPTURE JESUS. IN RETURN, THEY WILL GIVE HIM 30 PIECES OF SILVER. (HE LOVED MONEY MORE THAN JESUS)
- ◆ ON THE OTHER HAND, MARIAM (LAZARUS'S SISTER) POURED A FLASK OF VERY EXPENSIVE FRAGRANT OIL ON JESUS ' HEAD (SHE LOVED JESUS MORE THAN MONEY).



HOLY THURSDAY (1)

- ◆ **THIS DAY WAS THE PASSEOVER.** JESUS AND HIS DISCIPLES CELEBRATED PASSEOVER IN THE UPPER ROOM OF ST. MARK'S HOUSE. (THE VERY FIRST CHURCH).
- ◆ THIS WAS THE LAST TIME JESUS DINED WITH HIS DISCIPLES, HENCE THE NAME **"THE LAST SUPPER."**
- ◆ AFTER THE LAST SUPPER, JESUS INTRODUCED HIS DISCIPLES TO 2 SACRAMENTS: **COMMUNION AND PRIESTHOOD.**
- ◆ JESUS TAUGHT HIS DISCIPLES HOW TO BE MODEST AND SERVE OTHERS **BY WASHING HIS DISCIPLES' FEET.**
- ◆ NOWADAYS, ON THURSDAY, WE PRAY THE LITURGY OF **"THE BLESSING OF THE WATER (THE LAKA'AN)** WHERE THE PRIEST WASHES THE CONGREGATION'S FEET LIKE JESUS DID WITH HIS DISCIPLES.



HOLY THURSDAY (2)

- ♦ DURING THE LAST SUPPER, JESUS ANNOUNCED TO HIS DISCIPLES THAT **ONE OF THEM WILL BETRAY HIM. IT WAS JUDAS.**
- ♦ JESUS ALSO FORTOLD PETER THAT HE WILL **DENY HIM 3 TIMES.**
- ♦ THEN JESUS WENT TO THE **GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE** WHERE HE PRAYED SO HARD TO GOD TO STRENGTHEN HIM TO FACE THE SUFFERINGS TO COME.
- ♦ AN ANGEL APPEARED TO COMFORT HIM SAYING: **YOURS IS THE POWER, THE GLORY, THE BLESSING, AND THE MAJESTY O EMMANUAL, OUR GOD AND KING.** THIS IS THE ONLY PSALM THE CHURCH KEEPS REPEATING THE WHOLE HOLY WEEK.
- ♦ JESUS KEPT ASKING HIS DISCIPLES TO STAY UP AND PRAY AS WELL, BUT THEY WERE TOO TIRED AND SLEPT.
- ♦ JUDAS ARRIVED AT THE GARDEN WITH AN ARMED CROWD. AS PLANNED, **ONCE JUDAS KISSED JESUS, THEY ARRESTED HIM.** PETER CUT OFF ONE OF THE SOLDIERS' EAR (MALCHUS), BUT JESUS HEALED HIM. THEN ALL THE DISCIPLES LEFT JESUS AND ESCAPED.



GOOD FRIDAY (1)

- ◆ THIS IS THE DAY OF PAIN AND SORROW.
- ◆ JESUS BEGAN TO BE JUDGED. THE TRIALS WERE UNFAIR BECAUSE THE CHIEF PRIESTS GOT FALSE WITNESSES.
- ◆ WHEN JUDAS REALISED THAT JESUS WILL BE CONDEMNED TO DEATH, HE RETURNED THE MONEY TO THE CHIEF PRIESTS AND ASKED THEM TO RELEASE JESUS. WHEN THEY REFUSED, HE KILLED HIMSELF.
- ◆ JESUS STOOD IN FRONT OF PONTUIS PILATE (THE GOVERNOR) WITH A SET OF CHARGES. BUT PILATE DID NOT FIND HIM GUILTY SO HE SENT HIM TO HEROD (THE ROMAN EMPEROR).
- ◆ HEROD ALSO DIDN'T FIND HIM GUILTY, SO HE SENT HIM BACK TO PILATE.



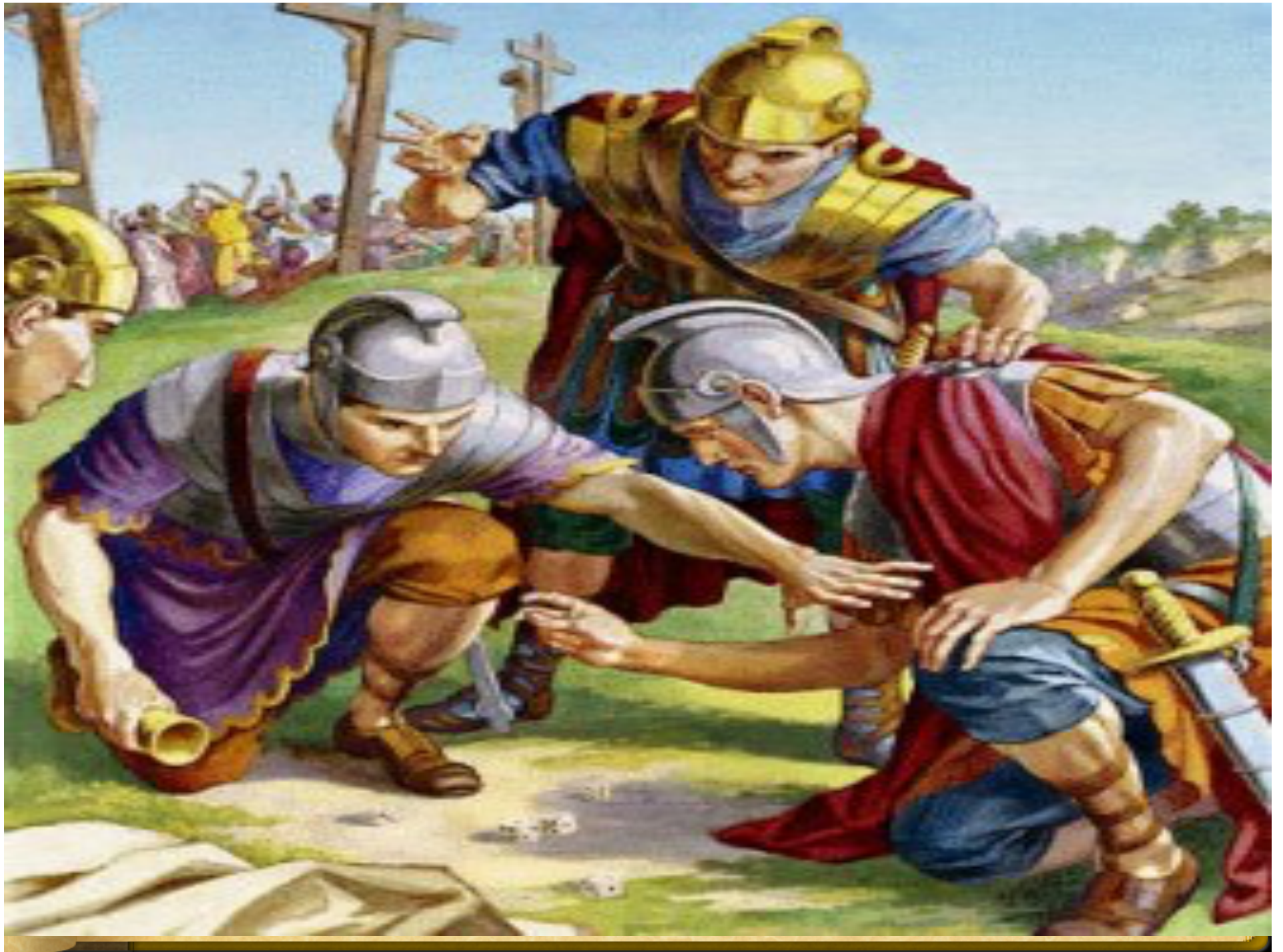
GOOD FRIDAY (2)

- ♦ IT WAS A TRADITION TO RELEASE A PRISONER AT THE TIME OF THE FEAST. PILATE GAVE THE JEWS THE CHOICE BETWEEN JESUS OR A MURDERER CALLED BARABBAS. THE JEWS PICKED BARABBAS
- ♦ PILATE OFFERED AGAIN TO RELEASE JESUS, BUT THE JEWS REFUSED AND KEPT SHOUTING “CRUSIFY HIM, CRUSIFY HIM!” SO PILATE GAVE UP TO THE JEWS.
- ♦ THEN PILATE WASHED HIS HANDS IN FRONT OF THEM DENYING ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS INNOCENT MAN.
- ♦ THE SOLDIERS STRIPPED JESUS OFF HIS CLOTHES THEN DRESSED HIM IN A SCARLET ROBE, PUT A CROWN OF THORN ON HIS HEAD, AND BEGAN MOCKING HIM AND SALUTING HIM SAYING: HAIL, KING OF THE JEWS. JESUS WAS WHIPPED 39 TIMES!!



GOOD FRIDAY (3)

- ♦ JESUS WAS TAKEN TO A PLACE CALLED **GOLGOTHA** (MEANING THE SKULL) **TO BE CRUCIFIED.**
- ♦ JESUS HELD HIS CROSS MOST OF THE ROAD TO THE GOLGOTHA, THEN THE SOLDIERS CHOSE A MAN CALLED **SIMON** TO HELP HIM CARRY IT.
- ♦ JESUS WAS NAILED ON THE CROSS AND HIS ACCUSATION WAS WRITEN ABOVE HIS HEAD: **“THIS IS JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS.”**
- ♦ 2 ROBBERS WERE CRUCIFIED WITH HIM, ONE ON THE LEFT AND ONE ON THE RIGHT.
- ♦ THE ROBBERS, THE PRIESTS AND THE JEWS WERE MOCKING JESUS, ASKING HIM TO SAVE HIMSELF AND TO GET DOWN FROM THE CROSS.



GOOD FRIDAY (4)

- ◆ NATURE WAS SO SAD. AT NOON, THERE WAS DARKNESS OVER THE WHOLE LAND TILL 3PM.
- ◆ WHEN THE ROBBER ON THE RIGHT SAW THE DARKNESS AND HOW FORGIVING JESUS WAS, HE BELIEVED IN HIM AND ASKED HIM TO REMEMBER HIM WHEN HE GOES TO HIS KINGDOM IN HEAVEN.
- ◆ THE SOLDIERS TOOK JESUS' GARMENT AND DIVIDED IT INTO 4 PARTS AMONG THEM THEN THEY CAST LOTS ON HIS TUNIC.
- ◆ JESUS' MOTHER, MARY MAGDALENE, AND OTHER WOMEN WERE STANDING BY THE CROSS. JOHN (ONE OF THE DISCIPLES) WAS ALSO THERE.

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GOOD FRIDAY (5)

♦ JESUS SAID 7 LAST WORDS ON THE CROSS:

1. FATHER, FORGIVE THEM, FOR THEY DO NOT KNOW WHAT THEY DO.
2. TRULY, I SAY TO YOU, TODAY YOU WILL BE WITH ME IN PARADISE.
3. JESUS SAID TO HIS MOTHER “WOMAN, THIS IS YOUR SON”. THEN HE SAID TO THE DISCIPLE (JOHN) “THIS IS YOUR MOTHER”.
4. MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?
5. I THIRST.
6. IT IS FINISHED.
7. FATHER, INTO YOUR HANDS I COMMEND MY SPIRIT.



GOOD FRIDAY (6)

A SOLDIER PIERCED JESUS' SIDE WITH A SPEAR, AND IMMEDIATELY BLOOD AND WATER CAME OUT OF HIS SIDE. HE THEN BELIEVED THAT JESUS IS THE TRUE GOD.

- ◆ AFTER JESUS' DEATH, THE TEMPLE WAS TORN INTO 2 FROM TOP TO BOTTOM, THE ROCKS WERE SPLIT AND THE EARTH QUAKED.



GOOD FRIDAY (7)

- ♦ ON THE EVENING OF THIS DAY, A RICH MAN NAMED **JOSEPH** TOOK PERMISSION FROM PILATE TO TAKE JESUS BODY TO BURY HIM. HE HAD A NEW TOMB IN A GARDEN, AND PLACED A HUGE STONE TO CLOSE THE TOMB.
- ♦ ANOTHER GOOD MAN NAMED **NICODEMUS** ALSO HELPED JOSEPH TO BURY JESUS. HE BROUGHT A MIXTURE OF MYRRH, ALOES AND SPICES AND NEW LINEN TO BURY JESUS.
- ♦ THE WOMEN FOLLOWED THEM TO THE TOMB, THEN THEY RETURNED TO THEIR HOMES TO PREPARE SPICES AND FRAGRANT OILS TO COME BACK ON SUNDAY.
- ♦ NOWADAYS, WHEN WE CELEBRATE THE DEATH OF JESUS, WE BURY A PICTURE OF JESUS IN FLOWERS AND FRAGRANT OIL AND LEAVE IT ON THE ALTER UNTIL RESURECTION SUNDAY.

BRIGHT SATURDAY

- ◆ SATURDAY EVENING, THE CONGREGATION GATHERS IN CHURCH TO PRAY THE HOLY LITURGY AND CELEBRATES JESUS' RESURRECTION FROM THE DEAD.
- ◆ THE CHURCH PRAY VERY JOYFUL HYMNS AND WHITE DRAPES TAKE PLACE INSTEAD OF THE BLACK ONES.
- ◆ IT'S THE HAPPIEST AND MOST BLESSED DAY OF THE WHOLE YEAR.

RESURECTION SUNDAY

EKHRESTOS ANESTI

ALISOS ANESTI

JESUS IS RISEN

TRULY HE IS RISEN.



HE IS RISEN

“WHY DO YOU SEEK THE LIVING AMONG THE DEAD?”

