

Matthew 26:47-27:26

26:47 While He was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, suddenly arrived. A large mob with swords and clubs was with him from the chief priests and elders of the people. 48 His betrayer had given them a sign: "The one I kiss, He's the One; arrest Him." 49 So immediately he went up to Jesus and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed Him. 50 "Friend," Jesus asked him, "why have you come?" Then they came up, took hold of Jesus, and arrested Him. 51 At that moment one of those with Jesus reached out his hand and drew his sword. He struck the high priest's servant and cut off his ear. 52 Then Jesus told him, "Put your sword back in its place because all who take up the sword will perish by the sword. 53 Or do you think that I cannot call on My Father, and He will provide Me here and now with more than twelve legions of angels? 54 How, then, would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen this way?" 55 At that time Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you come out with swords and clubs, as if I were a criminal, to capture Me? Every day I used to sit, teaching in the temple, and you didn't arrest Me. 56 But all this has happened so that the writings of the prophets would be fulfilled." Then all the disciples deserted Him and ran away.

57 Those who had arrested Jesus led Him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had convened. 58 Peter was following Him at a distance right to the high priest's courtyard. He went in and was sitting with the servants to see the outcome. 59 The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they could put Him to death, 60 but they could not find any, even though many false witnesses came forward. Finally, two who came forward 61 stated, "This man said, 'I can destroy the temple of God and rebuild it in three days.' " 62 The high priest stood up and said to Him, "Don't You have an answer to what these men are testifying against You?" 63 But Jesus kept silent. The high priest said to Him, "I charge you under oath by the living God: Tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God." 64 "You have said it," Jesus told him. "But I tell you, in the future you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.", 65 Then the high priest tore his robes and said, "He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? See, now you've heard the blasphemy. 66 What is your decision?" They answered, "He deserves death!" 67 Then they spat in His face and beat Him; others slapped Him 68 and said, "Prophecy to us, Messiah! Who was it that hit You?"

69 Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant girl approached him and said, "You were with Jesus the Galilean too." 70 But he denied it in front of everyone: "I don't know what you're talking about." 71 When he had gone out to the gateway, another woman saw him and told those who were there, "This man was with Jesus the Nazarene!" 72 And again he denied it with an oath: "I don't know the Man!" 73 After a little while those standing there approached and said to Peter, "You really are one of them, since even your accent gives you away." 74 Then he started to curse and to swear with an oath, "I don't know the Man!" Immediately a rooster crowed, 75 and Peter remembered the words Jesus had spoken, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times." And he went outside and wept bitterly.

27:1 When daybreak came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people plotted against Jesus to put Him to death. 2 After tying Him up, they led Him away and handed Him over to Pilate, the governor. 3 Then Judas, His betrayer, seeing that Jesus had been condemned, was full of remorse and returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders. 4 "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood," he said. "What's that to us?" they said. "See to it yourself!" 5 So he threw the silver into the temple and

departed. Then he went and hanged himself. 6 The chief priests took the silver and said, "It's not permitted to put it into the temple treasury, since it is blood money." 7 They conferred together and bought the potter's field with it as a burial place for foreigners. 8 Therefore that field has been called "Field of Blood" to this day. 9 Then what was spoken through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

They took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of Him whose price was set by the Israelites, 10 and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord directed me.,

11 Now Jesus stood before the governor. "Are you the king of the Jews?" the governor asked Him. Jesus answered, "**You say so.**" 12 While He was being accused by the chief priests and elders, He didn't answer. 13 Then Pilate said to Him, "Don't You hear how much they are testifying against You?" 14 But He didn't answer him on even one charge, so that the governor was quite amazed. 15 At the festival the governor's custom was to release to the crowd a prisoner they wanted. 16 At that time they had a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. 17 So when they had gathered together, Pilate said to them, "Who is it you want me to release for you—Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" 18 For he knew it was because of envy that they had handed Him over. 19 While he was sitting on the judge's bench, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that righteous Man, for today I've suffered terribly in a dream because of Him." 20 The chief priests and the elders, however, persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to execute Jesus. 21 The governor asked them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" "Barabbas!" they answered. 22 Pilate asked them, "What should I do then with Jesus, who is called Christ?" They all answered, "Crucify Him!" 23 Then he said, "Why? What has He done wrong?" But they kept shouting all the more, "Crucify Him!"

24 When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that a riot was starting instead, he took some water, washed his hands in front of the crowd, and said, "I am innocent of this Man's blood. See to it yourselves!" 25 All the people answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" 26 Then he released Barabbas to them and, after having Jesus flogged, handed Him over to be crucified.