Good Friday

Year A

Isaiah 52:13-53:12 • Psalm 22 • Hebrews 10:16-25
or Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9 • John 18:1-19:42
Out of his anguish he shall see light ...

Isaiah 53:11
Christ Crucified

Stained glass window given by the people of Wales
Sixteenth Street Baptist Church
Birmingham, AL
My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Psalm 22:1
Crucifixion

Parish Church
Coatepec, Mexico
For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are...

Hebrews 4:15a
Cristo Negro

Martin Ruiz Anglada
Saragossa, Spain
After Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples ... to a place where there was a garden ...
Garden of Gethsemane

Giovanni di Paolo
Vatican Museum
Vatican City
... Judas brought a detachment of soldiers together with police from the chief priests and the Pharisees, and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons.

John 18:3
Arrest of Christ

Giotto
Scrovegni Chapel
Padua, Italy
Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" They answered, "Jesus of Nazareth."

John 18:4, 5a
Arrest of Christ

Albrecht Altdorfer
St. Florian Monastery,
Austria
Jesus replied, "I am he. ... So if you are looking for me, let these men go." ...the soldiers ... arrested Jesus and bound him.

John 18:5b, 8b, 12a, c
Capture of Christ

Master of the Karlsruhe Passion
Wallraf-Richartz-Museum
Cologne, Germany
Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus … The woman said to Peter, "You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not."

John 18:15a, 17
Denial of Peter -- Adam de Coster, early 17th century
Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him, "You are not also one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not."

John 18:25
Peter’s Denial
Rembrandt
Rijksmuseum
Amsterdam
Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.

John 18:27
The Denial of Peter

Simon Bening
Getty Center, Los Angeles, CA
Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged.... the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe ... coming up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!"

John 19:1a, 2, 3b
Tormenting of Christ

Ethiopian Icon
Brooklyn Museum
New York
Pilate therefore said to him, "Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?"

John 19:10
What is Truth?

Nicolai Ge
Tretyakov State Gallery
Moscow, Russia
He said, "Here is your King!" They cried out "...crucify him!"... Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

John 19:14b, 15b, 16a
Ecce Homo
Hieronymous Bosch
Stadl Museum
Frankfurt, Germany
So they took Jesus; and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha.

John 19:16c, 17
Procesión del Vía Crucis, Las Mesas, Lázaro Cárdenas, Tlaxcala
There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them.

John 19:18
Crucifixion

Sam Joseph Ntiro
Tanzanian, 1923–1993
"They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots."

John 19:24b
Soldiers Casting Lots for Christ's Garments

William Blake
Fitzwilliam Museum
Cambridge, England
...he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

John 19:26b, 27
Christ on the Cross with Mary and John

Rogier van der Weyden
El Escorial, Madrid, Spain
... he said, "I am thirsty." ... they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth.

John 19:28b, 29b
"I Thirst"

Patrick Reyntiens
Ampleforth Abbey
York, England
When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

John 19:30
Crucifixion

Gerardo Dottori
Vatican Museum
Vatican City
Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, ... came and removed his body. Nicodemus ... also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes ...  

John 19:38ac, 39a
The Deposition

Caravaggio

Vatican Museum

Vatican City
And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

John 19:42
Christ Carried Down to the Tomb

Eugene Delacroix
National Museum of Western Art
Tokyo, Japan
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