Liturgy of the Passion

Year A

Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11 Matthew 26:14-27:66 or Matthew 27:11-54 I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

Isaiah 50:6



Flagellation of Christ

Jusepe de Ribera Girolamini Gallery Naples, Italy My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

Psalm 31:15



Christ on the Mount -- El Greco, National Gallery, London, England

he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death-even death on a cross.

Philippians 2:8



Black Jesus with Crown of Thorns

Roadside Mural Wellington, New Zealand While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body."

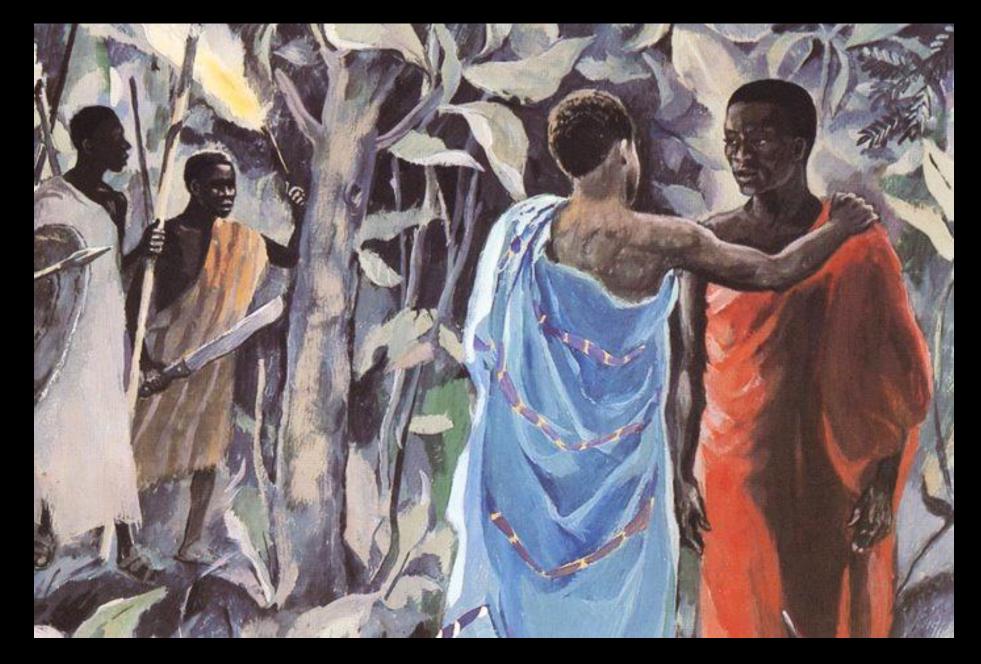
Matthew 26:26



Last Supper -- John August Swanson, serigraph, 2009

"Friend, do what you are here to do." Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him.

Matthew 26:50bc



Kiss of Judas -- JESUS MAFA, Cameroon

Then the high priest said to him, "I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God." Jesus said to him, "You have said so.

Matthew 26:63bc, 64a



The Sanhedrin Examine Jesus -- Sanctuario di Lourdes Nevegal, Nevegal, Italy

Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said, "You also were with Jesus the Galilean." But he denied it before all of them...

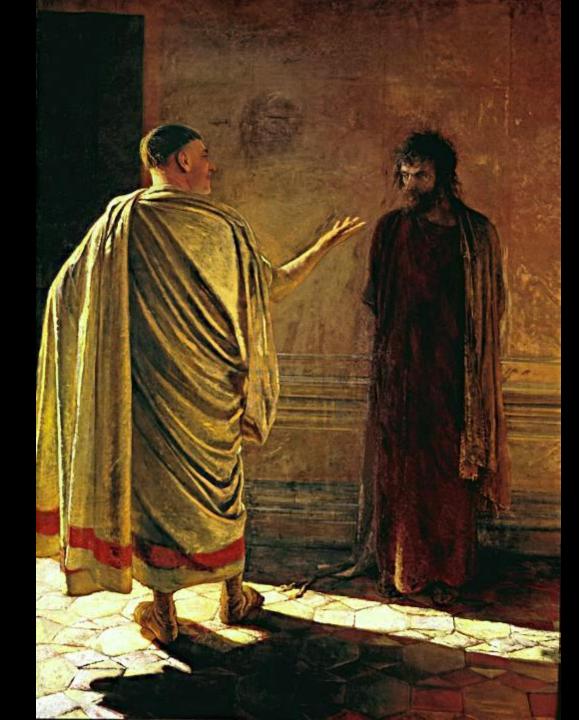
Matthew 26:69, 70a



Peter's Denial -- Adam de Coster, early 17th century

Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?" But he gave him no answer...so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Matthew 27:13-14



What is Truth?

Nicolai Ge Tretyakov State Gallery Moscow, Russia ...twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head...and mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" Then they led him away to crucify him.

Matthew 27:29, 31a



Crown of Thorns -- Easter 2007, West Pier, Brighton, England

Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "…If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross."

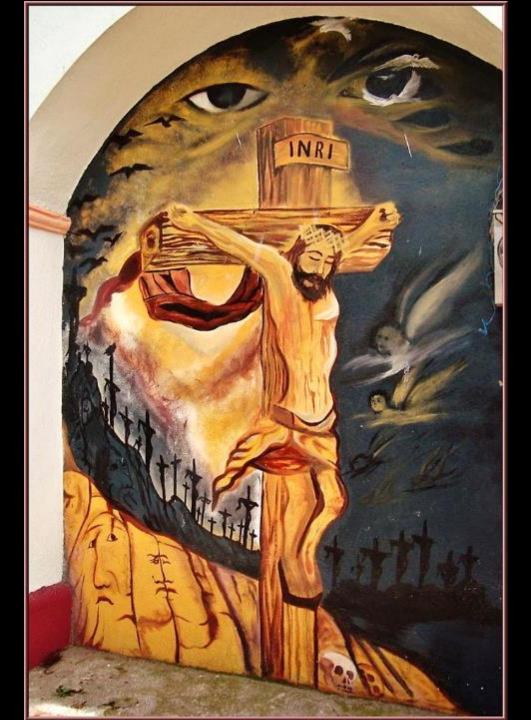
Matthew 27:39, 40ac



What Christ Saw from the Cross

James Tissot Brooklyn Museum And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

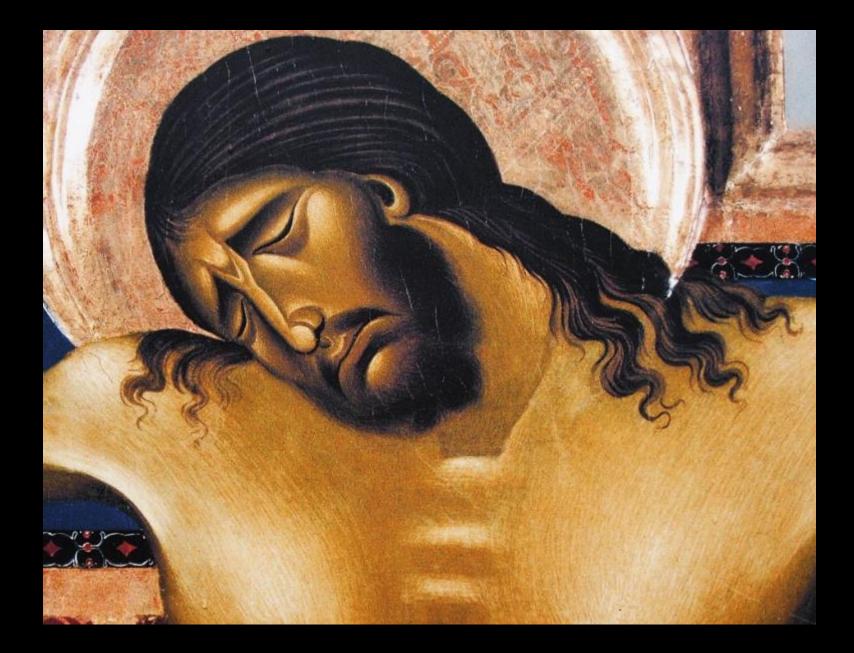
Matthew 27:46



Crucifixion

Parish Church Coatepec, Mexico Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.

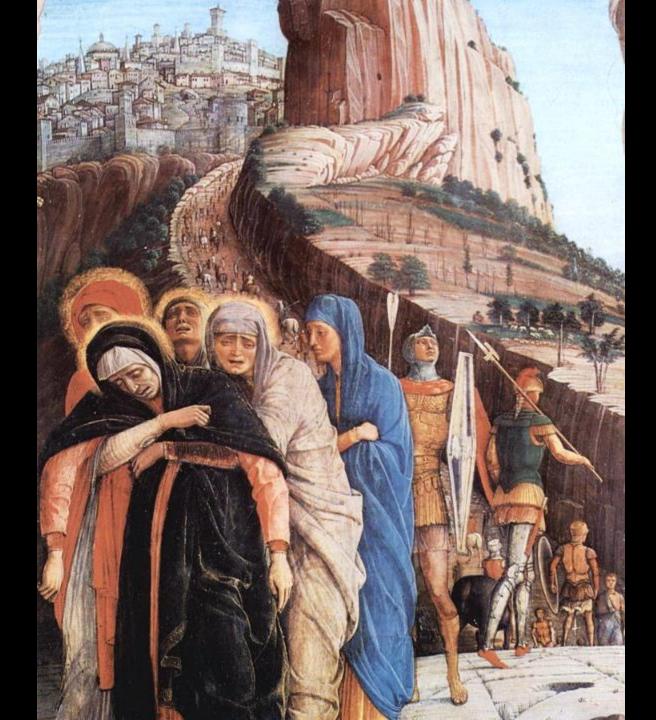
Matthew 27:50



Crucifixion, detail -- Cimabue, Church of San Domenico, Arezzo, Italy

Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him.

Matthew 27:55



Crucifixion, detail

Andrea Mantegna Basilica of San Zeno Verona, Italy Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb...

Matthew 27:59-60a

Joseph of Arimathea with the Body of Christ

Early 13th century Victoria and Albert Museum London, England



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