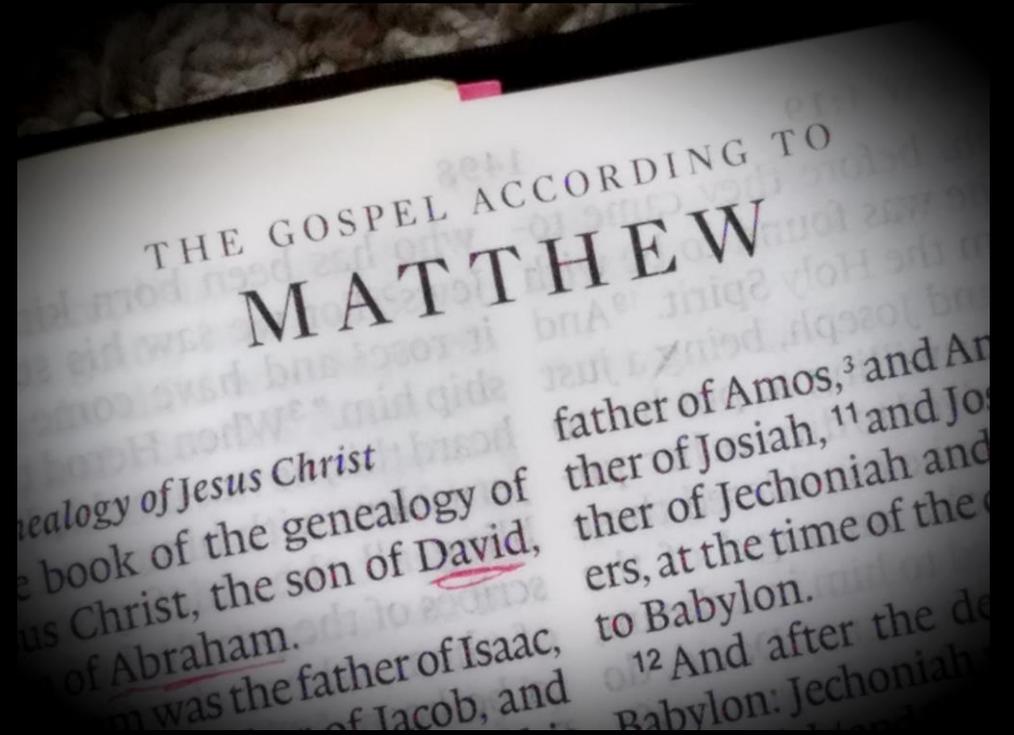


Verse by Verse

Matthew 27



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- Today we will read about the crucifixion.
- This event that looks so tragic is presented in the Bible as the #1 example of love.
- Next week we will look at the resurrection, the event that turns defeat into victory.

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- **John 3:16** (ESV)

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

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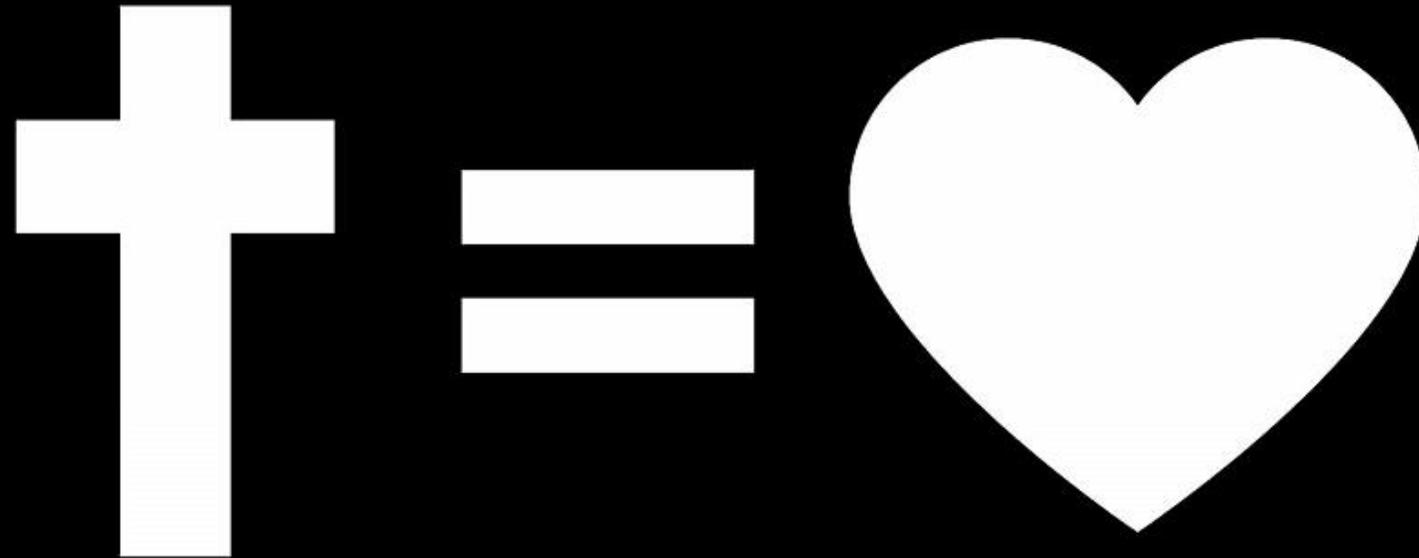
Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

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- **1 John 3:16** (ESV)

By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.

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1. Jesus Sent to Pilate 27:1-2

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- The Jews were ruled by the Romans at this point in their history and technically could not put anyone to death.
- The Romans had to do it.

2. Judas Hangs Himself 27:3-10

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- It is hard to know what Judas was thinking when he betrayed Jesus to the religious leaders.
- Some say he was upset that Jesus refused to lead a rebellion.
- Some say Judas was trying to force Jesus to act – to fight.
- What we do know is that Judas now considered the situation hopeless and took his own life.

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- 27:6-7 It is odd that they were so picky about the money when there was much that was abnormal about Christ's trial.
- 27:9-10 Matthew only says this is from **Jeremiah**.
- It seems to be a combination of either **Jeremiah 19** or **32** along with **Zechariah 11**.
- In those days there were no chapters, verses, concordances or search engines. Quotations were often loose.

3. Jesus Before Pilate 27:11-14

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- This is consistent with the prophecy of **Isaiah 53:7**.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he opened not his mouth;

like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he opened not his mouth.

4. Barabbas 27:15-23

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- Everything we know about Pilate from other sources tells us that he was a cruel and uncaring man.
- He was only going to fight so hard to see justice done.

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- He offers them Jesus or a genuine criminal, whose name ironically sounds as if it would translate “Son of the Father.”
- There is even manuscript evidence that says his first name was Jesus – making his full name Jesus Son of the Father.
- Christ died in his place, likely on the cross intended for him.

5. Jesus to Be Crucified 27:24-26

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- 27:24 Pilate declares himself innocent, but he isn't really.
- He had the legal right to stop the proceedings against Christ.
- He just didn't care enough to make sure justice was done.

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- 27:25 In the history of the church this verse has been used to show that the Jews deserve all the trouble they get.
- The Jews are no more guilty than anyone else for the death of Christ.
- Jesus died for the sins of the world, but here these Jews, unlike Pilate, are at least taking responsibility.

6. Jesus Is Mocked 27:27-31

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- 27:27 The whole battalion would indicate as many as 600 Roman soldiers were present for this.
- The King of kings passively allows the soldiers to belittle him with sarcastic praise.

7. The Crucifixion 27:32-44

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- 27:32 In Mark 15:21, we learn that this Simon was “the father of Alexander and Rufus.”
- We do not know who they were, but they were probably Christians who were known in the early church. (Rome?)
- In Romans 16:13, Paul says, “Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord; also his mother, who has been a mother to me as well.”
- At this point in his ministry Paul had never been to Rome, so he must know Rufus and his mother from the East.

7. The Crucifixion 27:32-44

- 27:35 Compare this verse with
- Psalm 22:17-18 (ESV)

¹⁷ I can count all my bones—
they stare and gloat over me;

¹⁸ they divide my garments among them,
and for my clothing they cast lots.

8. The Death of Jesus 27:45-56

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- **27:46** In this cry, Jesus is pointing all who would hear to the text of **Psalm 22:1**.
- At this moment, it might look as if Satan, sin and death win.
- The great truth is that because of his death, we live.
- Jesus wins by dying and paying the price for our sins.

8. The Death of Jesus 27:45-56

- Isaiah 59:1-12 (ESV)

¹ Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save,
or his ear dull, that it cannot hear;

² but your iniquities have made a separation
between you and your God,
and your sins have hidden his face from you
so that he does not hear.

8. The Death of Jesus 27:45-56

- Sin separates us from God. As he was taking our sin upon himself, Jesus was separated from his Father.
- Have you ever felt betrayed or abandoned by those you love and who you thought should have loved you in return?
- Know that Jesus experienced those things too.

8. The Death of Jesus 27:45-56

- **27:51** This curtain marked off the Holy of Holies which represented the very presence of God.
- No one was ever allowed behind it except the high priest, and only once a year on the Day of Atonement.
- As Jesus was experiencing separation from his Father, the separation between his Father and us was being removed.

8. The Death of Jesus 27:45-56

- 27:52-53 Only Matthew records this and this is all the information that we get.
- If we read it carefully we'll notice the words “after his resurrection” meaning it did not happen here in the story.

9. The Burial of Jesus 27:57-61

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- 26:64 We learn from Mark and Luke that Joseph was a member of the council.
- We learn from John that up to this point he was a secret disciple of Jesus.
- John also tells us he was joined by Nicodemus, the same man who came to Jesus by night in John 3.

10. The Roman Guard 27:62-66

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- 27:63 The chief priests and Pharisees seem to remember Jesus saying this better than his own disciples.
- 27:65-66 The guard of Roman soldiers would have meant at least four, so that they could take turns watching.
- Be sure to come back next week. It's not over yet!

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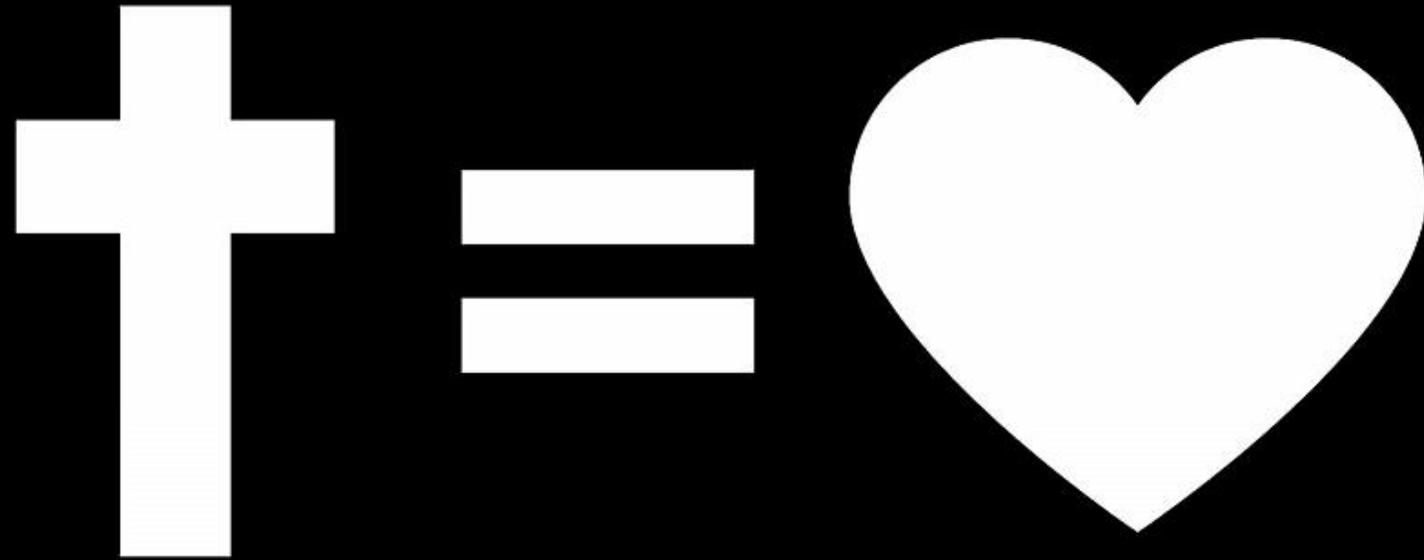
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- Heavenly Father,
- Thank you that out of love for us you sent your Son, who willingly died in our place. Thank you for allowing him to take the punishment that our sin deserved.
- We thank you for having him endure the false accusations from his enemies, the abandonment of his friends and the pain and suffering that were naturally a part of the cross.

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- We also thank you for placing upon Jesus the unendurable grief caused by our sin. The guilt and the shame built up over the history of the human race was placed on his shoulders.
- This tragic death is not a defeat, but the most wonderful victory ever won. And he did it because he loved us.
- Thank you in Christ's name,
- Amen.

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