

# MARK 15 vs 22

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Mark was the son of a wealthy family in Jerusalem, he was a cousin of Barnabas, who traveled with Paul. Since earliest times it was understood Peter was the primary source of information for this gospel. With the authority of Peter as its foundation, the writing of Mark, was never questioned to be included as canonical. His writing emphasizes more about what Jesus did then what He said.



**<sup>22</sup> And they brought Him to Golgotha,**

**which is interpreted, The place of a skull. Calvary.**

**<sup>23</sup> And they gave Him wine mixed with myrrh, but He did not received it** / it was very bitter, and He chose to be fully alert during this ordeal.

**<sup>24</sup> And when they crucified Him, and divided up His garments among them, casting lots for them, what each man should take** / every article, every piece of clothing was always... up for grabs! And they were gambling for His clothes!



**<sup>25</sup> And it was the third hour** / 9 o'clock that Good Wednesday morning. And was this the hour Pilate pronounced the death sentence setting in motion the crucifixion of Jesus? Or is it the time they nailed Christ the Messiah to the cross? We do know, it is **the time when the morning sacrifices began at the temple**. The disciples had fled the scene; it is likely Mark ascertained the time from John... or the women who actually went to the cross,

**It was the third hour, and they crucified Him.**

**<sup>26</sup> And the inscription of His accusation was written and placed above His head** / the public notice of His crime added to the scene around the third hour; and the inscription read,

## THE KING OF THE JEWS.

**<sup>27</sup> And with Him, they crucified two thieves; one on His right, the other on His left.**



Now, verse 28 is not in the Sinaiticus; but it is in the latin Vulgate which is much older...so we will include it too...

**<sup>28</sup> And the scripture was fulfilled which said:  
He was numbered with the transgressors** / **Isaiah 53.**

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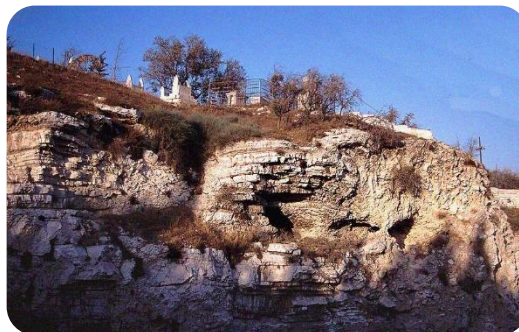
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<sup>29</sup> **And those who passed by railed on Him / the word is: blasphemed; they blasphemed Him;** most likely hurling curses and other invectives at Him,

**wagging their heads, and saying, Huh!**

**You who destroys the temple / hieron**, one of 2 words in the NT translated: temple. It always means: the complex of brick and stone buildings we all associate with the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. In Greek, **hieros** = holy. The word **hierarchy** originally referred to **those employed in sacred duties**. **Hieron** is no longer mentioned in the NT after the book of Acts.



The other word is: **naos**, and should have been translated: **sacred place**. Paul said, **Do you not know that you are the naos of God, and the Spirit of God dwells in you?** – **1 Corinthians 3**; John tells us **hieron** is NOT the word Jesus used when the religious leaders argued with Him, Jesus said, **destroy this naos, and I will raise it in 3 days... but He spoke of the naos of His body** -- **John 2**.

**wagging their heads, and saying, You who destroys the hieron and builds it in three days /** so someone was misquoting Jesus, He said **naos**,

<sup>30</sup> **Save yourself, by coming down from the cross.**

<sup>31</sup> **In the same way, the chief priests mocking; they said among themselves with the scribes, He saved others; He cannot save himself /** lots of insane religious child's play that day; everyone is a comedian; with all those educated-elite; Ho-Ho-Ho; Irving, you are so funny!

Others said...

<sup>32</sup> **Let Christ the Messiah King of Israel descend now from the cross,**

**that we may see and believe.** They were so funny; are you rolling on the floor yet? Who writes their material? And watch the domino effect as it all started with the religious leaders of the people... **what church is this?**

**And those who were crucified with Him, reviled Him /** the criminals began to heap insults on Him.

And it's as if the eternal Father had enough of man's stupidity,

<sup>33</sup> **And when the sixth hour came, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour /** sometime around 12 noon, a time of profound darkness covered Golgotha for about 3 hours; I bet that really shut up the snooty people!

<sup>34</sup> **And at the ninth hour, Jesus cried out with a loud voice** / at 3:00pm... in profound darkness they heard Jesus cry out, it was **the time when the evening sacrifices always began**... even that Good Wednesday that afternoon; Jesus spoke in the ancient Aramaic language of His childhood; evidence suggest the word of the Lord God through the prophets was taught in the home where Jesus grew up; and with a powerful voice, they heard Jesus shout,

**Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?**

which is interpreted,

**My God, my God, why had You forsaken Me?** / Psalm 22.

<sup>35</sup> **And some of them who stood by, when they heard it, said, Pay attention, He calls Elijah** / and were these some of those who had joined Jesus?

<sup>36</sup> **And one ran and filled a sponge full of vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave Him to drink** / someone was paying attention, it doesn't identify if it was a man or woman... was it John? was it Mary Magdalene? was it the Centurion?

**saying, leave Him alone** / were some in the crowd who had been taunting Jesus... slapped awake?

someone in the crowd had enough sense to shout: **leave Him alone!**

**Let us see if Elijah will come to take Him down.**

<sup>37</sup> **And again Jesus cried out with a loud voice, Tetelesti!** / John in his gospel records that word: it was with a powerful voice, It was His last word, **Finished! Complete! Paid in Full!** And having so powerfully cried out...

**He gave up the spirit.**

<sup>38</sup> **And the veil of the temple was tore in two, from top... to the bottom** / history records that those veils in the temple were a palm thick -- cloth as wide as your hand. It took 300 men to carry each veil, each was 50 feet wide; 60 feet tall; 6-stories tall... and Mark tells us this curtain ripped from top... to the bottom.

History also records two other facts:

1. **The light of the sacred candlestand** in the Temple was extinguished... never to be lit again, no matter how many times they tried.
2. **And one of the massive support beams** - a lintel holding up one of the veils... crashed 6-stories to the ground. Can you imagine the thousands of worshipers joyously celebrating at the Temple... witnessing these startling events?

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<sup>39</sup> **And when the centurion, who stood opposite Him, when he saw that He so cried out... and gave up the spirit** / the roman guard stood strategically watching Him; certainly captivated by Him! the centurion was paying attention; and as he saw the last moments of Jesus alive... and how He died; he was in charge of many crucifixions; he had seen many deaths happen... but none like this,

he said, **Truly this Man was the Son of God.**

<sup>40</sup> **There were also women watching from a distance: among whom was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the less, and of Joseph, and Salome** / the wife of Zebedee;

<sup>41</sup> **who when Jesus was in Galilee, joined Him, and ministered to Him; and many other women also came with Jesus to Jerusalem** / they were at the cross. In other words, there were many strong, emotional, sympathetic, and courageous women... who stood witness to Jesus' death and burial.

<sup>42</sup> **And now when the evening had come** / sometime between 4- and 5 o'clock, **because it was the preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath / the 2<sup>nd</sup> great Day of the Lord** that Moses told us about; **the Feast of Unleavened Bread**, when bread, the staple of all mankind... is wrapped in a napkin and hid out of sight. Paul says, the 7 Days are [shadows of things that would come](#), they only find meaning in something the Messiah does,



Day 2: Unleavened Bread

<sup>43</sup> **Joseph of Arimathea, an honorable counselor** / so where is Arimathea? It could have been anywhere along the Mediterranean and up the Atlantic to modern day England; Jerome, who wrote the Vulgate, calls Joseph: **Nobilis Decurio – nobles of the council.** In Rome, only the aristocracy were members of this administrative senate; they were called: **decurion.**

**Joseph** was the Minister of Roman tin mines which stretched all the way to **the Isles of the West**... into the southwest part of modern England. Early church history says **Joseph** was the uncle of Jesus... who took him as a child in those silent years to those Isles in the West.

**Joseph... an honorable counselor who also waited for the kingdom of God, and this nobleman went in boldly to Pilate** / obviously, Joseph was not a commoner, he had access to the highest level of government;

**and fearlessly asked... for the body of Jesus.**

<sup>44</sup> **And Pilate was surprised that He was already dead, and summoning the centurion to him, he questioned him as to if He was dead.**

<sup>45</sup> **And when he determined it from the centurion, he gave the body to Joseph.**

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**46 And Joseph bought fine linen, and took Him down, and wrapped Him in the linen, and laid Him in a tomb which was cut out of a rock,**

**and rolled a great stone across the door of the tomb** / how long did it take to move the dead body? This Bread of life who had descended from heaven? Who can imagine? It certainly took longer than reading this paragraph.

Mark adds this final comment...

**47 And Mary Magdalene and Mary of Joseph** / the wife of Joseph of Arimathea; because John, the disciple whom Jesus loved... already took his new mother away from the crucifixion.

**Mary Magdalene and Mary of Joseph... beheld where He was laid.**

These courageous women were watching; they paid attention; it's interesting! In their male-dominated world... the women actually: joined Jesus in the way He was going. He had always been going to the cross; it was these women, simply by their presence... who ministered to Him; in His severe trial and to His death for us.

And God our Father is debtor to nobody; no wonder amid the horror, He inspired women... to rise up early on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day -- that Good Saturday night, to first discover... and to **first** declare: the glorious Good News!

I will listen to any woman... who wants to share with me the Good News of Jesus Christ! How about you?

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