

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to the Holy Evangelist, St. Luke

Luke 23

Based on Luther's Gospel Tone

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8 Then the whole assem - bly rose and led Him off to Pi - late. And they began to accuse Him, say - ing,

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5 "We have found this man subverting our nation. He opposes payment of taxes to Cae - sar

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8 and claims to be Christ, a king." So Pilate asked Je - sus, "Are You the king of the Jews?"

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10 Je - sus re - plied, "Yes, it is as you say." Then Pilate announced to the chief priest and the crowd,

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14 "I find no basis for a charge against this man." But they in - sis ted, "He stirs up the people all over Judea by His teach-ing.

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17 He started in Gal - ilee and has come all the way here." On hear - ing this,

Pilate asked if the man was a Gali - le - an. When he learned that Jesus was under Herod's juris - dic - tion,

22 he sent Him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was great - ly

26 pleased, because for a long time he had been waiting to see __ Him. From what he had heard a - bout Him,

28 he hoped to see Him perform some mir - a - cle. He plied Him with many ques - tions, but Jesus gave him no an - swer.

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The chief priests and the teachers of the law were stand - ing there, vehemently ac - cus - ing Him.

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Then Herod and his soldiers ridiculed and mocked Him. Dressing Him in an ele - gant robe,

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they sent Him back to Pi - late. That day, Herod and Pilate be - came friends— before this they had been en - e - mies.

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Pi - late called together the chief priests, the rulers and the peo - ple, and said to them,

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“You brought me this man as one who was inciting the people to re - bel - lion. I have examined Him in your pres - ence

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and have found no basis for your charges a - gainst Him. Neither has Her - od, for he sent Him back to us;

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as you can see, He has done nothing to de - serve death. Therefore, I will pun - ish Him and then re - lease Him.”

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With one voice they cried out, “Away with this man! Release Ba - ra - bus to us!”

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Wanting to release Je - sus, Pilate appealed to them a - gain. But they kept shout - ing, “Cruci - fy Him!”

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Cruci - fy Him!” For the third time he spoke to them, “Why? What crime has this man com - mit - ted?

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I found in Him no guilt de - serving death. Therefore I will have Him punished and then re - lease Him.”

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But with loud shouts they insistently demanded that He be cru - ci - fied. So Pilate decided to grant their de - mand.

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He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, the one they asked for,

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and surrendered Jesus to their will. As they led Him a-way, they seized Simon from Cy-rene,

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who was on his way in from the count-ry, and put the cross on him and made him carry it behind Je-sus.

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A large number of people fol-lowed Him, including women who mourned and wailed for Him.

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Je-sus turned and said to them, "Daughters of Jeru-sa-lem, do not weep for Me;

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weep for yourselves and for your chil-dren. For the time will come when you will say, 'Blessèd are the bar-ren wo-men,

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the wombs that nev-er bare and the beasts that nev-er nursed!' Then they will say to the mountains, 'Fall on us!'

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and to the hills, 'Cov-er us!' For if men do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

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Two other men, both crim-i-nals were also led out with Him to be exe cut-ed. When they came to the place called The Skull,

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there they cruci-fied Him, along with the crim-i-nals—one on His right, the other on His left.

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Christus

Je-sus said, "Father, for-give them, for they know not what they do." They divided up His clothes by cast-ing lots.

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The people stood watch-ing, and the rulers even sneered at Him. They said, "He saved oth-ers;

101 **Evangelist**

let Him save Himself if He is the Christ of God, the Chosen One." The soldiers also came up and mocked Him.

103 **Vox**

They offered Him wine vinegar and said, "If You are the king of the Jews, save Yourself."

105 **Evangelist**

There was a written notice above Him, which read, THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

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One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at Him. "Aren't You the Christ? Save Yourself and us!"

110 **Evangelist** **Vox**

But the other criminal rebuked him, saying, "Don't you fear God, since you are under the same sentence?"

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We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong."

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Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." Jesus answered him,

119 **Christus** **Evangelist**

"I tell you the truth, today you will be with Me in Paradise." It was now about the sixth hour,

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and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, for the sun stopped shining.

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And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Jesus called out with a loud voice,

125 **Christus** **Evangelist**

"Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit." When He had said this, He breathed His last.

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The centurian, seeing what had hap pened, praised God and said, "Surely this was a righ - teous man."

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When all the people who had gathered to witness this sight saw what took place;

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they beat their breasts and went a - way. But all those who knew Him,

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including the women who had followed Him from Gal - i - lee, stood at a dis - tance, watch - ing all these things.

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Now there was a man named Jo - seph, a member of the Coun - cil, a good and up - right man,

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who had not consented to their decision and ac - tion. He came from the Judean town of Arima - the - a

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and he was waiting for the king - dom of God. Going to Pi - late, he asked for Jesus' bod - y.

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Then he took it down, wrapped it in lin - en cloth, and placed it in a tomb cut in the rock,

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one in which no one had yet been laid. It was Prepara - tion Day, and the Sabbath was about to be - gin.

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The women who had come with Jesus from Galilee followed Jo - seph and saw the tomb

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and how the body was laid in it. Then they went home and prepared spices and per - fumes.

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But they rested on the Sab - bath in obedience to the com - mand - ment.