

# St Matthew's Passion

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Be-hold then! One of His dis-ci-ples which were there with  
 Je-sus, drawing his sword forth, he struck the high priest's servent, and smote off his  
 ear. Then said Je-sus to him: In that same hour Je-sus said to the  
 people: And then all the di-ci-ples forsook Him, and fled.

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And they that had so laid hold on Je-sus led Him a-way un-to the  
 high priest, Ca-i-phas; and with him were the scribes and the el-ders as-  
 sem-bled all to-ge-ther. Pe-ter al-so fol-lowed af-ter Him a -  
 far off, un-to the court of the high priest's pa-lace; and went there-in, and  
 sat with the guards and ser-vents, that he might see how all would be  
 end-ed. Then did the priests con-spire with the el-ders, and  
 all of the coun-cil how that they might false wit-ness bring on Je-sus, that  
 He might be put to death. But found they none.

Yea, though many a false and ly-ing wit-ness came, they could find them  
 none. At last two there came who falsely witnessed, in this wise: The  
 high priest then did arise and say to Him: Yet was Jesus still silent.

And then the high priest gave Him an an-swer thus, and said:  
 Je-sus saith to him: There up-on the high priest  
 tore his robes a-sun-der, and said: They answered to him and said:

Then mocked they at Him, and they spat on Him, and struck Him with their  
 fists. Others among them smote and slapped Him in His face. and shouted:

Pe-ter sat out-side in the pal-ace court; and a dam-sel came un-to  
 him and said: But Pe-ter de-nied it be-fore them all, and  
 said: And a-gain at the pal-ace door-way he was seen by an-oth-er

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8 maid, who said to them that stood there with him: He de-

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8 nied it a second time; and swore an oath: And in a lit-tle while came

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8 oth-ers who had been stand-ing be-side him, and said to Pe-ter:

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8 But still did he de-ny with cursing and with swearing: Im-

4 mediate crew the cock. Then Pe-ter brought to mind the words of Jesus, which

7 said unto him: Ere yet the cock crow - eth, wilt thou have thrice denied Me. And

10 he went out, and we - - - pt bit - ter-ly.