**CHAPTER 23**

*The continuation of the history of the passion.*

**1** And the whole multitude of them rising up, led him to Pilate.

**2** And they began to accuse him, saying: We have found this man perverting our nation, and forbidding to give tribute to Cæsar, and saying that he is Christ the king.

**3** And Pilate asked him, saying: Art thou the king of the Jews? But he answering, said: Thou sayest it.

**4** And Pilate said to the chief priests and to the multitudes: I find no cause in this man.

**5** But they were more earnest, saying: He stirreth up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee to this place.

**6** But Pilate hearing Galilee, asked if the man were of Galilee?

**7** And when he understood that he was of Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent him away to Herod, who was also himself at Jerusalem, in those days.

**8** And Herod seeing Jesus, was very glad; for he was desirous of a long time to see him, because he had heard many things of him; and he hoped to see some sign wrought by him.

**9** And he questioned him in many words. But he answered him nothing.

**10** And the chief priests and the scribes stood by, earnestly accusing him.

**11** And Herod with his army set him at nought, and mocked him, putting on him a white garment, and sent him back to Pilate.

**12** And Herod and Pilate were made friends, that same day; for before they were enemies one to another.

**13** And Pilate, calling together the chief priests, and the magistrates, and the people,

**14** Said to them: You have presented unto me this man, as one that perverteth the people; and behold I, having examined him before you, find no cause in this man, in those things wherein you accuse him.

**15** No, nor Herod neither. For I sent you to him, and behold, nothing worthy of death is done to him.

**16** I will chastise him therefore, and release him.

**17** Now of necessity he was to release unto them one upon the feast day.

**18** But the whole multitude together cried out, saying: Away with this man, and release unto us Barabbas:

**19** Who, for a certain sedition made in the city, and for a murder, was cast into prison.

**20** And Pilate again spoke to them, desiring to release Jesus.

**21** But they cried again, saying: Crucify him, crucify him.

**22** And he said to them the third time: Why, what evil hath this man done? I find no cause of death in him. I will chastise him therefore, and let him go.

**23** But they were instant with loud voices, requiring that he might be crucified; and their voices prevailed.

**24** And Pilate gave sentence that it should be as they required.

**25** And he released unto them him who for murder and sedition, had been cast into prison, whom they had desired; but Jesus he delivered up to their will.

**26** And as they led him away, they laid hold of one Simon of Cyrene, coming from the country; and they laid the cross on him to carry after Jesus.

**27** And there followed him a great multitude of people, and of women, who bewailed and lamented him.

**28** But Jesus turning to them, said: Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not over me; but weep for yourselves, and for your children.

**29** For behold, the days shall come, wherein they will say: Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that have not borne, and the paps that have not given suck.

**30** Then shall they begin to say to the mountains: Fall upon us; and to the hills: Cover us.

**31** For if in the green wood they do these things, what shall be done in the dry?

**32** And there were also two other malefactors led with him to be put to death.

**33** And when they were come to the place which is called Calvary, they crucified him there; and the robbers, one on the right hand, and the other on the left.

**34** And Jesus said: Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do. But they, dividing his garments, cast lots.

**35** And the people stood beholding, and the rulers with them derided him, saying: He saved others; let him save himself, if he be Christ, the elect of God.

**36** And the soldiers also mocked him, coming to him, and offering him vinegar,

**37** And saying: If thou be the king of the Jews, save thyself.

**38** And there was also a superscription written over him in letters of Greek, and Latin, and Hebrew: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

**39** And one of those robbers who were hanged blasphemed him, saying: If thou be Christ, save thyself and us.

**40** But the other answering, rebuked him, saying: Neither dost thou fear God, seeing thou art under the same condemnation?

**41** And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this man hath done no evil.

**42** And he said to Jesus: Lord, remember me when thou shalt come into thy kingdom.

**43** And Jesus said to him: Amen I say to thee, this day thou shalt be with me in paradise.

**44** And it was almost the sixth hour; and there was darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour.

**45** And the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was rent in the midst.

**46** And Jesus crying with a loud voice, said: Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit. And saying this, he gave up the ghost.

**47** Now the centurion, seeing what was done, glorified God, saying: Indeed this was a just man.

**48** And all the multitude of them that were come together to that sight, and saw the things that were done, returned striking their breasts.

**49** And all his acquaintance, and the women that had followed him from Galilee, stood afar off, beholding these things.

**50** And behold there was a man named Joseph, who was a counsellor, a good and a just man,

**51** (The same had not consented to their counsel and doings;) of Arimathea, a city of Judea; who also himself looked for the kingdom of God.

**52** This man went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus.

**53** And taking him down, he wrapped him in fine linen, and laid him in a sepulchre that was hewed in stone, wherein never yet any man had been laid.

**54** And it was the day of the Parasceve, and the sabbath drew on.

**55** And the women that were come with him from Galilee, following after, saw the sepulchre, and how his body was laid.

**56** And returning, they prepared spices and ointments; and on the sabbath day they rested, according to the commandment.