**CHAPTER 15**

*The continuation of the history of the passion.*

**1** And straightway in the morning, the chief priests holding a consultation with the ancients and the scribes and the whole council, binding Jesus, led him away, and delivered him to Pilate.

**2** And Pilate asked him: Art thou the king of the Jews? But he answering, saith to him: Thou sayest it.

**3** And the chief priests accused him in many things.

**4** And Pilate again asked him, saying: Answerest thou nothing? behold in how many things they accuse thee.

**5** But Jesus still answered nothing; so that Pilate wondered.

**6** Now on the festival day he was wont to release unto them one of the prisoners, whomsoever they demanded.

**7** And there was one called Barabbas, who was put in prison with some seditious men, who in the sedition had committed murder.

**8** And when the multitude was come up, they began to desire that he would do, as he had ever done unto them.

**9** And Pilate answered them, and said: Will you that I release to you the king of the Jews?

**10** For he knew that the chief priests had delivered him up out of envy.

**11** But the chief priests moved the people, that he should rather release Barabbas to them.

**12** And Pilate again answering, saith to them: What will you then that I do to the king of the Jews?

**13** But they again cried out: Crucify him.

**14** And Pilate saith to them: Why, what evil hath he done? But they cried out the more: Crucify him.

**15** And so Pilate being willing to satisfy the people, released to them Barabbas, and delivered up Jesus, when he had scourged him, to be crucified.

**16** And the soldiers led him away into the court of the palace, and they called together the whole band:

**17** And they clothe him with purple, and platting a crown of thorns, they put it upon him.

**18** And they began to salute him: Hail, king of the Jews.

**19** And they struck his head with a reed: and they did spit on him. And bowing their knees, they adored him.

**20** And after they had mocked him, they took off the purple from him, and put his own garments on him, and they led him out to crucify him.

**21** And they forced one Simon a Cyrenian who passed by, coming out of the country, the father of Alexander and of Rufus, to take up his cross.

**22** And they bring him into the place called Golgotha, which being interpreted is, The place of Calvary.

**23** And they gave him to drink wine mingled with myrrh; but he took it not.

**24** And crucifying him, they divided his garments, casting lots upon them, what every man should take.

**25** And it was the third hour, and they crucified him.

**26** And the inscription of his cause was written over: THE KING OF THE JEWS.

**27** And with him they crucify two thieves; the one on his right hand, and the other on his left.

**28** And the scripture was fulfilled, which saith: And with the wicked he was reputed.

**29** And they that passed by blasphemed him, wagging their heads, and saying: Vah, thou that destroyest the temple of God, and in three days buildest it up again;

**30** Save thyself, coming down from the cross.

**31** In like manner also the chief priests mocking, said with the scribes one to another: He saved others; himself he cannot save.

**32** Let Christ the king of Israel come down now from the cross, that we may see and believe. And they that were crucified with him reviled him.

**33** And when the sixth hour was come, there was darkness over the whole earth until the ninth hour.

**34** And at the ninth hour, Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying: Eloi, Eloi, lamma sabacthani? Which is, being interpreted, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

**35** And some of the standers by hearing, said: Behold he calleth Elias.

**36** And one running and filling a sponge with vinegar, and putting it upon a reed, gave him to drink, saying: Stay, let us see if Elias come to take him down.

**37** And Jesus having cried out with a loud voice, gave up the ghost.

**38** And the veil of the temple was rent in two, from the top to the bottom.

**39** And the centurion who stood over against him, seeing that crying out in this manner he had given up the ghost, said: Indeed this man was the son of God.

**40** And there were also women looking on afar off: among whom was Mary Magdalen, and Mary the mother of James the less and of Joseph, and Salome:

**41** Who also when he was in Galilee followed him, and ministered to him, and many other women that came up with him to Jerusalem.

**42** And when evening was now come, (because it was the Parasceve, that is, the day before the sabbath,)

**43** Joseph of Arimathea, a noble counsellor, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, came and went in boldly to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus.

**44** But Pilate wondered that he should be already dead. And sending for the centurion, he asked him if he were already dead.

**45** And when he had understood it by the centurion, he gave the body to Joseph.

**46** And Joseph buying fine linen, and taking him down, wrapped him up in the fine linen, and laid him in a sepulchre which was hewed out of a rock. And he rolled a stone to the door of the sepulchre.

**47** And Mary Magdalen, and Mary the mother of Joseph, beheld where he was laid.