**CHAPTER 27**

*The continuation of the history of the passion of Christ. His death and burial.*

**1** And when morning was come, all the chief priests and ancients of the people took counsel against Jesus, that they might put him to death.

**2** And they brought him bound, and delivered him to Pontius Pilate the governor.

**3** Then Judas, who betrayed him, seeing that he was condemned, repenting himself, brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and ancients,

**4** Saying: I have sinned in betraying innocent blood. But they said: What is that to us? look thou to it.

**5** And casting down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed: and went and hanged himself with an halter.

**6** But the chief priests having taken the pieces of silver, said: It is not lawful to put them into the corbona, because it is the price of blood.

**7** And after they had consulted together, they bought with them the potter’s field, to be a burying place for strangers.

**8** For this cause that field was called Haceldama, that is, The field of blood, even to this day.

**9** Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremias the prophet, saying: And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him that was prized, whom they prized of the children of Israel.

**10** And they gave them unto the potter’s field, as the Lord appointed to me.

**11** And Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, saying: Art thou the king of the Jews? Jesus saith to him: Thou sayest it.

**12** And when he was accused by the chief priests and ancients, he answered nothing.

**13** Then Pilate saith to him: Dost not thou hear how great testimonies they allege against thee?

**14** And he answered him to never a word; so that the governor wondered exceedingly.

**15** Now upon the solemn day the governor was accustomed to release to the people one prisoner, whom they would.

**16** And he had then a notorious prisoner, that was called Barabbas.

**17** They therefore being gathered together, Pilate said: Whom will you that I release to you, Barabbas, or Jesus that is called Christ?

**18** For he knew that for envy they had delivered him.

**19** And as he was sitting in the place of judgment, his wife sent to him, saying: Have thou nothing to do with that just man; for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him.

**20** But the chief priests and ancients persuaded the people, that they should ask Barabbas, and make Jesus away.

**21** And the governor answering, said to them: Whether will you of the two to be released unto you? But they said, Barabbas.

**22** Pilate saith to them: What shall I do then with Jesus that is called Christ? They say all: Let him be crucified.

**23** The governor said to them: Why, what evil hath he done? But they cried out the more, saying: Let him be crucified.

**24** And Pilate seeing that he prevailed nothing, but that rather a tumult was made; taking water washed his hands before the people, saying: I am innocent of the blood of this just man; look you to it.

**25** And the whole people answering, said: His blood be upon us and upon our children.

**26** Then he released to them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him unto them to be crucified.

**27** Then the soldiers of the governor taking Jesus into the hall, gathered together unto him the whole band;

**28** And stripping him, they put a scarlet cloak about him.

**29** And platting a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand. And bowing the knee before him, they mocked him, saying: Hail, King of the Jews.

**30** And spitting upon him, they took the reed, and struck his head.

**31** And after they had mocked him, they took off the cloak from him, and put on him his own garments, and led him away to crucify him.

**32** And going out, they found a man of Cyrene, named Simon: him they forced to take up his cross.

**33** And they came to the place that is called Golgotha, which is the place of Calvary.

**34** And they gave him wine to drink mingled with gall. And when he had tasted, he would not drink.

**35** And after they had crucified him, they divided his garments, casting lots; that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: They divided my garments among them; and upon my vesture they cast lots.

**36** And they sat and watched him.

**37** And they put over his head his cause written: THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

**38** Then were crucified with him two thieves: one on the right hand, and one on the left.

**39** And they that passed by, blasphemed him, wagging their heads,

**40** And saying: Vah, thou that destroyest the temple of God, and in three days dost rebuild it: save thy own self: if thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross.

**41** In like manner also the chief priests, with the scribes and ancients, mocking, said:

**42** He saved others; himself he cannot save. If he be the king of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him.

**43** He trusted in God; let him now deliver him if he will have him; for he said: I am the Son of God.

**44** And the selfsame thing the thieves also, that were crucified with him, reproached him with.

**45** Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over the whole earth, until the ninth hour.

**46** And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying: Eli, Eli, lamma sabacthani? that is, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

**47** And some that stood there and heard, said: This man calleth Elias.

**48** And immediately one of them running took a sponge, and filled it with vinegar; and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink.

**49** And the others said: Let be, let us see whether Elias will come to deliver him.

**50** And Jesus again crying with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost.

**51** And behold the veil of the temple was rent in two from the top even to the bottom, and the earth quaked, and the rocks were rent.

**52** And the graves were opened: and many bodies of the saints that had slept arose,

**53** And coming out of the tombs after his resurrection, came into the holy city, and appeared to many.

**54** Now the centurion and they that were with him watching Jesus, having seen the earthquake, and the things that were done, were sore afraid, saying: Indeed this was the Son of God.

**55** And there were there many women afar off, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering unto him:

**56** Among whom was Mary Magdalen, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

**57** And when it was evening, there came a certain rich man of Arimathea, named Joseph, who also himself was a disciple of Jesus.

**58** He went to Pilate, and asked the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded that the body should be delivered.

**59** And Joseph taking the body, wrapped it up in a clean linen cloth.

**60** And laid it in his own new monument, which he had hewed out in a rock. And he rolled a great stone to the door of the monument, and went his way.

**61** And there was there Mary Magdalen, and the other Mary sitting over against the sepulchre.

**62** And the next day, which followed the day of preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees came together to Pilate,

**63** Saying: Sir, we have remembered, that that seducer said, while he was yet alive: After three days I will rise again.

**64** Command therefore the sepulchre to be guarded until the third day: lest perhaps his disciples come and steal him away, and say to the people: He is risen from the dead; and the last error shall be worse than the first.

**65** Pilate saith to them: You have a guard; go, guard it as you know.

**66** And they departing, made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, and setting guards.