

Crimes and Justice

Expanding Your Greek Vocabulary

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The Crime

- ὁ ληστής, "thief, bandit, robber"
 - Masculine 1st declension
- κλέπτω, "I steal"
 - 1st Aor. ἐκλεψα (πτ + σ = ψ)
 - ὁ κλεπτής, "thief"
- ἁμαρτάνω, "I make a mistake, I sin"
 - Fut. ἡμαρτησω, 2nd Aor. ἡμαρτον (ἁμαρτ(α)-)
 - ὁ ἁμαρτωλός, "sinner"
 - ἡ ἁμαρτία, "mistake, sin"
- τὰ ἐμοῦ/σου/αὐτοῦ, "my (your, his, her) property"



The Law

- ὁ νόμος, "law"
- ἡ ἐντολή, "command, commandment"
- ἡ διαθήκη, "will, testament"
- δεί, "it is necessary, one must"
 - δέω, "I bind, tie, compel"
- τηρέω, "I keep, hold; I observe (a law)"
- μετανοέω, "I change my mind; I change my behaviour; I repent"



Justice

- δίκαιος, -η, -ον, "just, righteous"
 - ἡ δικαιοσύνη, "justice, righteousness"
 - δικαιόω, "I declare (someone to be) just, righteous"
 - το δικαίωμα, "just verdict, just punishment, just requirement"
 - 3rd declension (πνευμα-type)
 - ἀδικέω, "I do wrong, harm, injure; I treat unjustly, act unfairly"



Administering the Law

- κρίνω, "I judge"
 - ὁ κρίτης, "judge, magistrate"
 - Masculine 1st declension
 - ἡ κρίσις, "judgement, verdict, punishment"
 - 3rd declension (πολις-type)
- παραγγέλλω, "I command, order; I encourage; I summon"
- ἀπολύω, "I release, let go, acquit"
- ἐλεέω, "I show mercy, am merciful"



Hearing Testimony

- πειράζω, "I test, try, examine"
- φανερόω, "I reveal, expose, show"
- μαρτυρέω, "I give witness, give testimony; I testify"
 - ὁ/ἡ μάρτυς, "witness"
 - 3rd declension (real stem μαρτυρ-; acc. sing. μαρτυν)
 - ἡ μαρτυρία, "testimony"
- πλανάω, "I deceive, lead astray"
- βλασφημέω, "I slander; I blaspheme"
- ἀρνέομαι, "I deny; I refuse"



The Punishment

- ὁ δεσμός, "bond, chain, strap, any fastener"
 - οἱ δεσμοί can be a metonymy for "imprisonment"
- φυλάσσω, "I watch, guard"
 - Double σ combinations
 - Future, φυλαξω
 - 1st aorist, ἐφυλαξα
 - 1st aorist passive, ἐφυλαχθην
 - ἡ φυλακή, "watch, guard; prison"
- σταυρόω, "I crucify"
 - ὁ σταυρός, "cross, pole, stake"

