

Holy Week 2020 Scripts & Readings

MONDAY: JOHN 15

Jesus is the only speaker:

^{15:1} I am the true vine, and My Father is the keeper of the vineyard. ² My Father examines every branch in Me and cuts away those who do not bear fruit. He leaves those bearing fruit and carefully prunes them so that they will bear more fruit; ³ already you are clean because you have heard My voice. ⁴ Abide in Me, and I will abide in you. A branch cannot bear fruit if it is disconnected from the vine, and neither will you if you are not connected to Me.

⁵ I am the vine, and you are the branches. If you abide in Me and I in you, you will bear great fruit. Without Me, you will accomplish nothing. ⁶ If anyone does not abide in Me, he is like a branch that is tossed out and shrivels up and is later gathered to be tossed into the fire to burn. ⁷ If you abide in Me and My voice abides in you, anything you ask will come to pass for you. ⁸ Your abundant growth and your faithfulness as My followers will bring glory to the Father.

⁹ I have loved you as the Father has loved Me. Abide in My love. ¹⁰ Follow My example in obeying the Father's commandments and receiving His love. If you obey My commandments, you will stay in My love. ¹¹ I want you to know the delight I experience, to find ultimate satisfaction, which is why I am telling you all of this.

¹² My commandment to you is this: love others as I have loved you. ¹³ There is no greater way to love than to give your life for your friends. ¹⁴ You celebrate our friendship if you obey this command. ¹⁵ I don't call you servants any longer; servants don't know what the master is doing, but I have told you everything the Father has said to Me. I call you friends. ¹⁶ You did not choose Me. I chose you, and I orchestrated all of this so that you would be sent out and bear great and perpetual fruit. As you do this, anything you ask the Father in My name will be done. ¹⁷ This is My command to you: love one another.

¹⁸ If you find that the world despises you, remember that before it despised you, it first despised Me. ¹⁹ If you were a product of the world order, then it would love you. But you are not a product of the world because I have taken you out of it, and it despises you for that very reason. ²⁰ Don't forget what I have spoken to you: "a servant is not greater than the master." If I was mistreated, you should expect nothing less. If they accepted what I have spoken, they will also hear you. ²¹ Everything they do to you they will do on My account because they do not know the One who has sent Me. ²² If I had not spoken within their hearing, they would not be guilty of sin; but now they have no excuse for ignoring My voice.

²³ If someone despises Me, he also despises My Father. ²⁴ If I had not demonstrated things for them that have never been done, they would not be guilty of sin. But the reality is they have stared Me in the face, and they have despised Me and the Father nonetheless. ²⁵ Yet their law, which says, "They despised Me without any cause,"^[a] has again been proven true.

²⁶ I will send a great Helper to you from the Father, one known as the Spirit of truth. He comes from the Father and will point to the truth as it concerns Me. ²⁷ But you will also point others to the truth about My identity, because you have journeyed with Me since this all began.

TUESDAY: JOHN 16 SCRIPT

Jesus: ^{16:1}I am telling you all of this so that you may avoid the offenses that are coming. ²The time will come when they will kick you out of the synagogue because some believe God desires them to execute you as an act of faithful service. ³They will do this because they don't know the Father, or else they would know Me. ⁴I'm telling you all this so that when it comes to pass you will remember what you have heard. It was not important for Me to give you this information in the beginning when I was with you. ⁵But now, I am going to the One who has sent Me, and none of you ask Me, "Where are You going?"

⁶I know that hearing news like this is overwhelming and sad. ⁷But the truth is that my departure will be a gift that will serve you well, because if I don't leave, the great Helper will not come to your aid. When I leave, I will send Him to you. ⁸⁻⁹When He arrives, He will uncover the sins of the world, expose unbelief as sin, and allow all to see their sins in the light of righteousness for the first time. ¹⁰This new awareness of righteousness is important because I am going to the Father and will no longer be present with you. ¹¹The Spirit will also carry My judgment because the one who rules in this world has already been defeated.

¹²I have so much more to say, but you cannot absorb it right now. ¹³⁻¹⁵The Spirit of truth will come and guide you in all truth. He will not speak His own words to you; He will speak what He hears, revealing to you the things to come and bringing glory to Me. The Spirit has unlimited access to Me, to all that I possess and know, just as everything the Father has is Mine. That is the reason I am confident He will care for My own and reveal the path to you. ¹⁶For a little while you will not see Me; but after that, a time will come when you will see Me again.

Peter & Philip: ¹⁷What does He mean? "I'll be here, and then I won't be here, because I'll be with the Father"?

Rest of Disciples: ¹⁸What is He saying? "A little while"? We don't understand.

Narrator: ¹⁹Jesus knew they had questions to ask of Him, so He approached them.

Jesus: Are you trying to figure out what I mean when I say you will see Me in a little while? ²⁰I tell you the truth, a time is approaching when you will weep and mourn while the world is celebrating. You will grieve, but that grief will give birth to great joy. ²¹⁻²²In the same way that a woman labors in great pain during childbirth only to forget the intensity of the pain when she holds her child, when I return, your labored grief will also change into a joy that cannot be stolen.

²³When all this transpires, you will finally have the answers you have been seeking. I tell you the truth, anything you ask of the Father in My name, He will give to you. ²⁴Until this moment, you have not sought after anything in My name. Ask and you will receive so that you will be filled with joy.

²⁵I have been teaching you all of these truths through stories and metaphors, but the time is coming for Me to speak openly and directly of the Father.

²⁶The day is coming when you will make a request in My name, but I will not represent you before the Father. ²⁷*You will be heard directly by the Father.* The Father loves you because you love Me and know that I come from the Father. ²⁸I came from the Father into the cosmos, but soon I will leave it and return to the Father.

Disciples: ²⁹We hear You speaking clearly and not in metaphors. *How could we misunderstand?* ³⁰We see now that You are aware of everything and You reveal things at the proper time. So we do not need to question You, because we believe You have come from God.

Jesus: ³¹So you believe now? ³²Be aware that a time is coming when you will be scattered *like seeds*. You will return to your own way, and I will be left alone. But I will not be alone, because the Father will be with Me. ³³I have told you these things so that you will be *whole and* at peace. In this world, you will be plagued with times of trouble, but you need not fear; I have triumphed over this corrupt world order.

Jesus is the only speaker:

^{17:1} (*lifting His face to the heavens*) Father, My time has come. Glorify Your Son, and I will bring You great glory ²⁻³ because You have given Me total authority over humanity. *I have come bearing the plentiful gifts of God*; and all who receive Me will experience everlasting life, a new intimate relationship with You (the one True God) and Jesus the Anointed (the One You have sent). ⁴ I have glorified You on earth and fulfilled the mission You set before Me.

⁵ In this moment, Father, fuse Our collective glory and bring Us together as We were before creation existed. ⁶ You have entrusted Me with these men who have come out of this corrupt world order. I have told them about Your nature and declared Your name to them, and they have held on to Your words and understood that these words, ⁷ like everything else You have given Me, come from You. ⁸ It is true that these men You gave Me have received the words that come from You and not only understood them but also believed that You sent Me. ⁹ I am now making an appeal to You on their behalf. This request is not for the entire world; it is for those whom You have given to Me because they are Yours. ¹⁰ Yours and Mine, Mine and Yours, for all that are Mine are Yours. Through them I have been glorified.

¹¹ I will no longer be physically present in this world, but they will remain in this world. As I return to be with You, holy Father, remain with them through Your name, *the name You have given Me*. May they be one even as We are one. ¹² While I was physically present with them, I protected them through Your name. I watched over them closely; and only one was lost, the one the Scriptures said was the son of destruction. ¹³ Now I am returning to You. I am speaking this prayer here in the created cosmos *alongside friends and foes* so that in hearing it they might be consumed with joy. ¹⁴ I have given them Your word; and the world has despised them because they are not products of the world, in the same way that I am not a product of the corrupt world order. ¹⁵ Do not take them out of this world; protect them from the evil one.

¹⁶ Like Me, they are not products of the corrupt world order. ¹⁷ Immerse them in the truth, the truth Your voice speaks. ¹⁸ In the same way You sent Me into this world, I am sending them. ¹⁹ It is entirely for their benefit that I have set Myself apart so that they may be set apart by truth. ²⁰ I am not asking solely for their benefit; this prayer is also for all the believers who will follow them and hear them speak. ²¹ Father, may they all be one as You are in Me and I am in You; may they be in Us, for by this unity the world will believe that You sent Me.

²² All the glory You have given to Me, I pass on to them. May that glory unify them and make them one as We are one, ²³ I in them and You in Me, that they may be refined so that all will know that You sent Me, and You love them in the same way You love Me.

²⁴ Father, I long for the time when those You have given Me can join Me in My place so they may witness My glory, which comes from You. You have loved Me before the foundations of the cosmos were laid. ²⁵ Father, You are just; though this corrupt world order does not know You, I do. These followers know that You have sent Me. ²⁶ I have told them about Your nature; and I will continue to speak of Your name in order that Your love, which was poured out on Me, will be in them. And I will also be in them.

THURSDAY: JOHN 13 SCRIPT

Narrator: ^{13:1} Before the Passover festival began, Jesus was keenly aware that His hour had come to depart from this world and to return to the Father. From beginning to end, Jesus' days were marked by His love for His people. ² Before Jesus and His disciples gathered for dinner, the adversary filled Judas Iscariot's heart with plans of deceit and betrayal. ³ Jesus, knowing that He had come from God and was going away to God, ⁴ stood up from dinner and removed His outer garments. He then wrapped Himself in a towel, ⁵ poured water in a basin, and began to wash the feet of the disciples, drying them with His towel.

Simon Peter (*as Jesus approaches*): ⁶ Lord, are You going to wash my feet?

Jesus: ⁷ Peter, you don't realize what I am doing, but you will understand later.

Peter: ⁸ You will not wash my feet, now or ever!

Jesus: If I don't wash you, you will have nothing to do with Me.

Peter: ⁹ Then wash me but don't stop with my feet. Cleanse my hands and head as well.

Jesus: ¹⁰ Listen, anyone who has bathed is clean all over except for the feet. But I tell you this, not all of you are clean

Narrator: ¹¹ He knew the one with plans of betraying Him, which is why He said, "not all of you are clean." ¹² After washing their feet and picking up His garments, He reclined at the table again.

Jesus: Do you understand what I have done to you? ¹³ You call Me Teacher and Lord, and truly, that is who I am. ¹⁴ So if your Lord and Teacher washes your feet, then you should wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ I am your example; keep doing what I do. ¹⁶ I tell you the truth: a servant is not greater than the master. Those who are sent are not greater than the one who sends them. ^[a 13:16 Literally, apostle] ¹⁷ If you know these things, and if you put them into practice, you will find happiness. ¹⁸ I am not speaking about all of you. I know whom I have chosen, but let the Hebrew Scripture be fulfilled that says, "The very same man who eats My bread with Me will stab Me in the back." ¹⁹ Assuredly, I tell you these truths before they happen so that when it all transpires, you will believe that I am. ²⁰ I tell you the truth: anyone who accepts the ones I send accepts Me. In turn, the ones who accept Me also accept the One who sent Me

Narrator: ²¹ Jesus was becoming visibly distressed.

Jesus: I tell you the truth: one of you will betray Me

Narrator: ²² The disciples began to stare at one another, wondering who was the unfaithful disciple. ²³ One disciple in particular, who was loved by Jesus, reclined next to Him at the table. ²⁴ Peter motioned to the disciple at Jesus' side.

Peter (*to the beloved disciple*): Find out who the betrayer is.

Beloved Disciple (*leaning in to Jesus*): ²⁵ Lord, who is it?

Jesus: ²⁶ I will dip a piece of bread in My cup and give it to the one who will betray Me.

Narrator: He dipped one piece in the cup and gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. ²⁷ After this occurred, Satan entered into Judas.

Jesus (*to Judas*): Make haste, and do what you are going to do.

Narrator: ²⁸ No one understood Jesus' instructions to Judas. ²⁹ Because Judas carried the money, some thought he was being instructed to buy the necessary items for the feast or give some money to the poor. ³⁰ So Judas took his piece of bread and departed into the night.

Narrator 2: ³¹ Upon Judas's departure, Jesus spoke:

Jesus: Now the Son of Man will be glorified as God is glorified in Him. ³² If God's glory is in Him, His glory is also in God. The moment of this astounding glory is imminent. ³³ My children, My time here is brief. You will be searching for Me; and as I told the Jews, "You cannot go where I am going." ³⁴ So I give you a new command: Love each other *deeply and fully*. Remember the ways that I have loved you, and demonstrate your love for others in those same ways. ³⁵ Everyone will know you as My followers if you demonstrate your love to others.

Simon Peter: ³⁶ Lord, where are You going?

Jesus: Peter, you cannot come with Me now, but later you will join Me.

Peter: ³⁷ Why can't I go now? I'll give my life for You!

Jesus: ³⁸ Will you really give your life for Me? I tell you the truth: you will deny Me three times before the rooster crows.

^{14:1} Don't get lost in despair; believe in God, and keep on believing in Me. ² My Father's home is designed to accommodate all of you. If there were not room for everyone, I would have told you that. I am going to make arrangements for your arrival. ³ I will be there to greet you personally and welcome you home, where we will be together. ⁴ You know where I am going and how to get there.

Thomas: ⁵ Lord, we don't know where You are going, so how can we know the path? **Jesus:** ⁶ I am the path, the truth, and the *energy of life*. No one comes to the Father except through Me. ⁷ If you know Me, you know the Father. Rest assured now; you know Him and have seen Him.

Philip: ⁸ Lord, all I am asking is that You show us the Father.

Jesus (to Philip): ⁹ I have lived with you all this time, and you still don't know who I am? If you have seen Me, you have seen the Father. How can you keep asking to see the Father? ¹⁰ Don't you believe Me when I say I abide in the Father and the Father dwells in Me? I'm not making this up as I go along. The Father has given Me these truths that I have been speaking to you, and He empowers all My actions. ¹¹ Accept these truths: I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me. If you have trouble believing based on My words, believe because of the things I have done. ¹² I tell you the truth: whoever believes in Me will be able to do what I have done, but they will do even greater things, because I will return to be with the Father. ¹³ Whatever you ask for in My name, I will do it so that the Father will get glory from the Son. ¹⁴ *Let Me say it again:* if you ask for anything in My name, I will do it. ¹⁵ If you love Me, obey the commandments I have given you. ¹⁶ I will ask the Father to send you another Helper, *the Spirit of truth*, who will remain constantly with you. ¹⁷ The world does not recognize the Spirit of truth, because it does not know the Spirit and is unable to receive Him. But you do know the Spirit because He lives with you, and He will dwell in you. ¹⁸ I will never abandon you like orphans; I will return to be with you. ¹⁹ In a little while, the world will not see Me; but I will not vanish completely from your sight. Because I live, you will also live. ²⁰ At that time, you will know that I am in the Father, you are in Me, and I am in you. ²¹ The one who loves Me will do the things I have commanded. My Father loves everyone who loves Me; and I will love you and reveal My heart, will, and nature to you.

The Other Judas: ²² Lord, why will You reveal Yourself to us, but not to the world?

Jesus: ²³ Anyone who loves Me will listen to My voice and obey. The Father will love him, and We will draw close to him and make a dwelling place within him. ²⁴ The one who does not love Me ignores My message, which is not from Me, but from the Father who sent Me.

²⁵ I have spoken these words while I am here with you. ²⁶ The Father is sending a great Helper, the Holy Spirit, in My name to teach you everything and to remind you of all I have said to you. ²⁷ My peace is the legacy I leave to you. I don't give gifts like those of this world. Do not let your heart be troubled or fearful. ²⁸ You were listening when I said, "I will go away, but I will also return to be with you." If you love Me, celebrate the fact that I am going to be with the Father because He is far greater than I am. ²⁹ I have told you all these things in advance so that your faith will grow as these things come to pass. ³⁰ I am almost finished speaking to you. The one who rules the world is stepping forward, and he has no part in Me; ³¹ but to demonstrate to the cosmos My love for the Father, I will do just as He commands. Stand up. It is time for us to leave this place.

FRIDAY: JOHN 18-19 SCRIPT

Narrator: ^{18:1} When Jesus finished praying, He began a brief journey with His disciples to the other side of the Kidron Valley, a deep ravine that floods in the winter rains, then farther on to a garden where He gathered His disciples.

Narrator: ²⁻³ Judas Iscariot (who had already set his betrayal in motion and knew that Jesus often met with the disciples in this olive grove) entered the garden with an entourage of Roman soldiers and officials sent by the chief priests and Pharisees. They brandished their weapons under the light of torches and lamps. ⁴ Jesus stepped forward. It was clear He was not surprised because He knew all things.

Jesus: Whom are you looking for?

Judas's Entourage: ⁵ Jesus the Nazarene.

Jesus: I AM.

Narrator: Judas, the betrayer, stood with the military force. ⁶ As Jesus spoke "I AM," the forces fell back on the ground. ⁷

The arrest

Narrator: Jesus asked them a second time:

Jesus: Whom are you searching for?

Judas's Entourage: Jesus the Nazarene.

Jesus: ⁸ I have already said that I AM the One. If you are looking for Me, then let these men go free.

Narrator: ⁹ This happened to fulfill the promise He made that none of those entrusted to Him will be lost. ^[a 18:9]

^{John 6:39]} ¹⁰ Suddenly Peter lunged toward Malchus, one of the high priest's servants; and with his sword, Peter severed the man's right ear.

Jesus (to Peter): ¹¹ Put down your sword, and return it to the sheath. Am I to turn away from the cup the Father has given Me to drink?

Narrator: ¹² So the Roman commander, soldiers, and Jewish officials arrested Jesus, cuffed His hands and feet, ¹³ and brought Him to Annas (the father-in-law of Caiaphas the high priest). ¹⁴ You may remember that Caiaphas counseled the Jews that one should die for all people.

The denial

Narrator: ¹⁵⁻¹⁶ Simon Peter and another disciple followed behind Jesus. When they arrived, Peter waited in the doorway while the other disciple was granted access because of his relationship with the high priest. That disciple spoke to the woman at the door, and Peter was allowed inside.

Servant Girl (to Peter): ¹⁷ You are one of this man's disciples, aren't you?

Peter: I am not.

Narrator: ¹⁸ All the servants and officers gathered around a charcoal fire to keep warm. It was a cold day, and Peter made his way into the circle to warm himself.

Annas (to Jesus): ¹⁹ Who are Your disciples, and what do You teach?

Jesus: ²⁰ I have spoken in public where the world can hear, always teaching in the synagogue and in the temple where the Jewish people gather. I have never spoken in secret. ²¹ So why would you need to interrogate Me? Many have heard Me teach. Why don't you question them? They know what I have taught.

Narrator: ²² While Jesus offered His response, an officer standing nearby struck Jesus with his hand.

Officer: Is that how You speak to the high priest?

Jesus: ²³ If I have spoken incorrectly, why don't you point out the untruths that I speak? Why do you hit Me if what I have said is correct?

Narrator: ²⁴ Annas sent Jesus to Caiaphas bound as a prisoner. ²⁵ As this was happening, Peter was still warming himself by the fire.

Servants and Officers: You, too, are one of His disciples, aren't you?

Peter: No, I am not.

Narrator: ²⁶ One of the high priest's servants who was related to *Malchus*—the person Peter *attacked and* cut

off his ear—*recognized Peter*.

High Priest's Servant: Didn't I see you in the garden with Him?

Narrator 2: ²⁷ Peter denied it again, and instantly a rooster crowed.

The trial

Narrator: ²⁸ Before the sun had risen, Jesus was taken from Caiaphas to the governor's palace. The Jewish leaders would not enter the palace because their presence in a Roman office would defile them and cause them to miss the Passover feast. Pilate, the governor, met them outside.

Pilate: ²⁹ What charges do you bring against this man?

Priests and Officials: ³⁰ If He weren't a lawbreaker, we wouldn't have brought Him to you.

Pilate: ³¹ Then judge Him yourselves, by your own law.

Judeans: Our authority does not allow us to give Him the death penalty. **Narrator:** ³² All these things were a fulfillment of the words Jesus had spoken indicating the way that He would die. ³³ So Pilate reentered the governor's palace and called for Jesus to follow him.

Pilate: Are You the King of the Jews?

Jesus: ³⁴ Are you asking Me because you believe this is true, or have others said this about Me?

Pilate: ³⁵ I'm not a Jew, am I? Your people, including the chief priests, have arrested You and placed You in my custody. What have You done?

Jesus: ³⁶ My kingdom is not recognized in this world. If this were My kingdom, My servants would be fighting for My freedom. But My kingdom is not in this physical realm.

Pilate: ³⁷ So You are a king?

Jesus: You say that I am king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the cosmos: to demonstrate the power of truth. Everyone who seeks truth hears My voice.

Pilate (to Jesus): ³⁸ What is truth?

Pilate left Jesus to go and speak to the Jewish people.

Pilate (to the Jews): I have not found any cause for charges to be brought against this man. ³⁹ Your custom is that I should release a prisoner to you each year in honor of the Passover celebration; shall I release the King of the Jews to you?

Judeans: ⁴⁰ No, not this man! Give us Barabbas!

Narrator: You should know that Barabbas was a terrorist. ^{19:1} Pilate took Jesus and had Him flogged. ² The soldiers twisted thorny branches together as a crown and placed it onto His brow and wrapped Him in a purple cloth. ³ They drew near to Him, shouting:

Soldiers (striking at Jesus): Bow down, everyone! This is the King of the Jews!

Pilate (going out to the crowd): ⁴ Listen, I stand in front of you with this man to make myself clear: I find this man innocent of any crimes.

Narrator: ⁵ Then Jesus was paraded out before the people, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe.

Pilate: Here is the man!

Chief Priests and Officers (shouting): ⁶ Crucify, crucify!

Pilate: You take Him and crucify Him; I have declared Him not guilty of any punishable crime!

Judeans: ⁷ Our law says that He should die because He claims to be the Son of God.

Narrator: ⁸ Pilate was terrified to hear the Jews making their claims for His execution; ⁹ so he retired to his court, the Praetorium.

Pilate (to Jesus): Where are You from?

Narrator: Jesus did not speak.

Pilate: ¹⁰ How can You ignore me? Are You not aware that I have the authority either to free You or to crucify You?

Jesus: ¹¹ Any authority you have over Me comes from above, not from your political position. Because of this, the one who handed Me to you is guilty of the greater sin.

Narrator: ¹² Pilate listened to Jesus' words. Taking them to heart, he attempted to release Jesus; but the Jews

opposed him, shouting:

Judeans: If you release this man, you have betrayed Caesar. Anyone who claims to be a king threatens Caesar's throne.

Narrator: ¹³ After Pilate heard these accusations, he sent Jesus out and took his seat in the place where he rendered judgment. This place was called the Pavement, or Gabbatha in Hebrew. ¹⁴ All this occurred at the sixth hour on the day everyone prepares for the Passover.

Pilate (to the Jews): Look, here is your King!

Jews: ¹⁵ Put Him away; crucify Him!

Pilate: You want me to crucify your King?

Chief Priests: We have no king but Caesar!

Narrator: ¹⁶ Pilate handed Him over to his soldiers, knowing that He would be crucified.

The execution

Narrator: ¹⁷ They sent Jesus out carrying His own instrument of execution, the cross, to a hill known as the Place of the Skull, or Golgotha in Hebrew. ¹⁸ In that place, they crucified Him along with two others. One was on His right and the other on His left.

Narrator: ¹⁹ Pilate ordered that a plaque be placed above Jesus' head. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." ²⁰ Because the site was near an urban region, it was written in three languages (Greek, Latin, and Hebrew) so that all could understand.

Chief Priests (to Pilate): ²¹ Don't write, "The King of the Jews." Write, "He said, 'I am King of the Jews!'"

Pilate: ²² I have written what I have written.

Narrator: ²³ As Jesus was being crucified, the soldiers tore His outer garments into four pieces, one for each of them. They wanted to do the same with His tunic, but it was seamless—one piece of fabric woven from the top down. ²⁴ So they said,

Soldier (to other soldiers): Don't tear it. Let's cast lots, and the winner will take the whole thing.

Narrator: This happened in keeping with the Hebrew Scriptures, which said, "They divided My outer garments and cast lots for My clothes."^[a] These soldiers did exactly what was foretold in the Hebrew Scriptures.

The giving of Son to mother

Narrator: ²⁵ Jesus' mother was standing next to His cross along with her sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ Jesus looked to see His mother and the disciple He loved standing nearby.

Jesus (to Mary, His mother): Dear woman, this is your son (*motioning to the beloved disciple*)! ²⁷ (to John, His disciple) This is now your mother.

Narrator: From that moment, the disciple treated her like his own mother and welcomed her into his house. ²⁸ Jesus knew now that His work had been accomplished, and the Hebrew Scriptures were being fulfilled.

The death

Jesus: I am thirsty.

Narrator: ²⁹ A jar of sour wine had been left there, so they took a hyssop branch with a sponge soaked in the vinegar and put it to His mouth. ³⁰ When Jesus drank, He spoke:

Jesus: It is finished!

Narrator: In that moment, His head fell; and He gave up the spirit.

The burial

Narrator: ³¹ The Jews asked Pilate to have their legs broken so the bodies would not remain on the crosses on the Sabbath. It was the day of preparation for the Passover, and that year the Passover fell on the Sabbath. ³² The soldiers came and broke the legs of both the men crucified next to Jesus. ³³ When they came up to Jesus' cross, they could see that He was dead; so they did not break His legs. ³⁴ Instead, one soldier took his spear

and pierced His abdomen, which brought a gush of blood and water. ³⁵This testimony is true. In fact, it is an eyewitness account; and he has reported what he saw so that you also may believe. ³⁶It happened this way to fulfill the Hebrew Scriptures that “not one of His bones shall be broken”;^[b] ³⁷ and the Hebrew Scriptures also say, “They will look upon Him whom they pierced.”^[c] ³⁸ After all this, Joseph of Arimathea, a disciple who kept his faith a secret for fear of the Jewish officials, made a request to Pilate for the body of Jesus. Pilate granted his request, and Joseph retrieved the body. ³⁹ Nicodemus, who first came to Jesus under the cloak of darkness, brought over 100 pounds of myrrh and ointments for His burial. ⁴⁰ Together, they took Jesus’ body and wrapped Him in linens soaked in essential oils and spices, according to Jewish burial customs. ⁴¹ Near the place He was crucified, there was a garden with a newly prepared tomb. ⁴² Because it was the day of preparation, they arranged to lay Jesus in this tomb so they could rest on the Sabbath.