

II Cor. 3:17 -- "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is..."

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THREE CROSSES

Three crosses on a lonely hill,
A thief on either side,
And, in between, the Son of God
How wide the gulf, how wide!

Yet one thief spanned it with these
words,

"O Lord, remember me!"

The other scoffed and turned aside
To lost eternity.

Forsaken is the hilltop now,
And all the crosses gone,
But in believing hearts of men
The center cross lives on.

And still, as when those sentinels
First met earth's wondering view,
The presence of the Lord divides--
Upon which side are you?



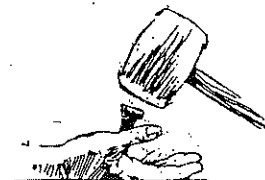
And when they had
platted a crown of
thorns, they put it
upon His head...

Matthew 27:29



And He bearing His
cross went forth in-
a place called the
place of a skull...

John 19:20



And when they were
come to the place,
which is called Cal-
vary, there they
crucified Him...

Luke 23:33

Death Sentence Passed Upon Jesus Christ.

—The following is a copy of the most memorable judicial sentence which has ever been pronounced in the annals of the world—namely, that of death against the Savior, the knowledge of which must be interesting in the highest degree to every Christian.

The sentence is engraved on a plate of brass in the Hebrew language, and on its sides are the following words:—"A similar plate has been sent to each tribe." It was discovered in the year 1280 in the city of Aquill (Aquila.) in the kingdom of Naples, by a search made for the discovery of Roman antiquities, and remained there until it was found by the Commissaries of Art in the French army of Italy.

The sentence is word for word as follows:—

SENTENCE PRONOUNCED BY PONTIUS PILATE, INTENDENT OF THE PROVINCE OF LOWER GALILEE, THAT JESUS OF NAZARETH SHALL SUFFER DEATH BY THE CROSS. IN THE SEVENTEENTH YEAR OF THE REIGN OF THE EMPEROR TIBERIUS AND ON THE 25TH OF THE MONTH OF MARCH, IN THE MOST HOLY CITY OF JERUSALEM, DURING THE PONTIFICATE OF ANNAS AND CAIAPHAS, PONTIUS PILATE, INTENDANT OF THE PROVINCE OF LOWER GALILEE, SITTING IN JUDGMENT IN THE PRESIDENTIAL SEAT OF THE PRÆTORS, SENTENCES JESUS CHRIST OF NAZARETH TO DEATH ON A CROSS BETWEEN TWO ROBBERS, AS THE NUMEROUS AND NOTORIOUS TESTIMONIALS OF THE PEOPLE PROVE:—1. JESUS IS A MISLEADER. 2. HE HAS EXCITED THE PEOPLE TO SEDITION. 3. HE IS AN ENEMY TO THE LAWS. 4. HE CALLS HIMSELF THE SON OF GOD. 5. HE CALLS HIMSELF FALSELY THE KING OF ISRAEL. 6. HE WENT INTO THE TEMPLE FOLLOWED BY A MULTITUDE CARRYING PALMS IN THEIR HANDS. ORDERS:—THE FIRST CENTURION, QUINTUS CORNELIUS, TO BRING HIM TO THE PLACE OF EXECUTION, FORBIDS ALL PERSONS, RICH OR POOR, TO PREVENT THE EXECUTION OF JESUS.

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LAST

WORDS

'Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do...'
(Luke 23:34)

'And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise.'
(Luke 23:43)

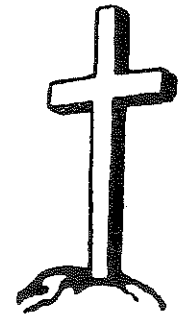
'He saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son! Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother!'
(John 19:26-27)

'...Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?'
(Matthew 27:46)

'After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst.'
(John 19:28)

'When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.'
(John 19:30)

'And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus he gave up the ghost.'
(Luke 23:46)



'Twas I that shed the sacred blood,
I nailed Him to the tree;
I crucified the Christ of God,
I joined the mockery.
Of all that shouting multitude
I feel that I am one;
And in that din of voices rude
I recognize my own.
Around the Cross the throng I see,
Mocking the Saviour's groan;
Yet still my voice it seems to be
As if I mocked alone.

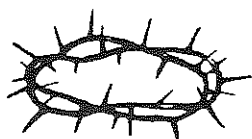
THE CROSS WAS HIS OWN

THEY BORROWED a bed to lay His head
When Christ the Lord came down;
They borrowed the ass in the mountain pass
For Him to ride to town;
But the crown that He wore and the Cross that He bore,
Were His own—
The Cross was His own.

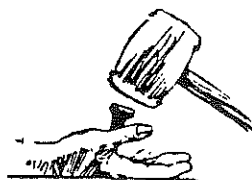


He borrowed the bread when the crowd He fed
On the grassy mountain side,
He borrowed the dish of broken fish
With which He satisfied.
But the crown that He wore and the Cross that He bore
Were His own—
The Cross was His own.

He borrowed the ship in which to sit
To teach the multitude;
He borrowed a nest in which to rest—
He had never a home so rude;
But the crown that He wore and the Cross that He bore
Were His own—
The Cross was His own.



He borrowed a room on His way to the tomb
The Passover Lamb to eat;
They borrowed a cave for Him a grave,
They borrowed a winding sheet.
But the crown that He wore and the Cross that He bore
Were His own—
The Cross was His own.



- During the time of Jesus Christ, 170 million people lived in the world.
- One thousand years later there were 254 million.
- When Columbus sailed the ocean blue in 1492, there were 400 million people.
- In 1800 the count climbed to 813 million.
- In 1950 it had climbed to 2.4 billion.
- Today there are 7 billion men, women and children that need to be reached with the Gospel.