## **An Amalgamation of the Crucifixion Accounts**

Red, Matthew Brown, Mark Blue, Luke Green, Testimony of John Black, "Come Let us Adore Him" (or clarifying word)

And they took Jesus, and led him away. And he carried his cross (And as they led him away, they laid hold upon one Simon, a Cyrenian, coming out of the country, and on him they laid the cross, that he might bear it after Jesus) and was taken to a place called the place of the skull, which had the Hebrew name Golgotha, which is (being interpreted) the place of a burial. And there followed him a great company of people, and of women who also bewailed and lamented him. But Jesus turned unto them and said, Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children; for behold, the days are coming in which they shall say, Blessed are the barren, and the wombs which never bore, and the breasts which never gave suck. Then shall they begin to say to the mountains, Fall on us; and to the hills, Cover us. And if these things are done in the green tree, what shall be done in the dry tree? This he spoke signifying the scattering of Israel and the desolation of the heathen — or in other words, the gentiles.

Here [at Golgotha] the leaders directed his crucifixion, and two others (thieves, malefactors) who had been crucified by the Romans were also there at the same time, one on either side, with Jesus in the middle. [Thus] the scripture was fulfilled which said: And he was numbered with the transgressors.

When Pilate surrendered Jesus to be crucified, he had a plaque prepared in Hebrew, Greek and Latin to be displayed on the cross. The plaque announced: Jesus of Nazareth the king of the Jews. This announcement was read by many of the passing Jews. For the place where Jesus was crucified was beside the city road and many pilgrims were walking by. Then the chief priests of the Jews complained to Pilate, Either take it down or do not write: The King of the Jews. Instead write that he claimed, I am King of the Jews. Pilate answered, That which I have written I have written. Let it alone.

And it was the third hour when they crucified him

And they that passed by reviled him, wagging their heads and saying, You that destroy the temple and build it again in three days, save yourself. If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross. Likewise also the chief priests, mocking with the scribes and elders, said, He saved others, himself he cannot save. If he is the king of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him. He trusted in God, let him deliver him now. If he will save him, let him save him, for he said, I am the Son of God. And soldiers also mocked him, coming to him and offering him vinegar mingled with gall. And when he had tasted the vinegar, he would not drink.

One of the thieves also, who was crucified with him, reviled him in like manner, saying, If you are the Christ, save yourself and us. But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, Do you not fear God, seeing you are in the same condemnation, and we indeed justly, and this man is just and has not sinned? For we receive the due reward of our deeds, but this man has done nothing amiss. And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Truly I say unto you, today shall you be with me in the world of spirits.

Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do — meaning the soldiers who crucified him. Now the guards, when they had crucified Jesus, took his garments and made four parts, to every guard a part; and also his coat. The coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout. They agreed among themselves, Let us not cut it up, but cast lots for it, and someone will take it whole. This fulfilled the prophecy in scripture that foretold, They parted my raiment among them, and for my vesture they did cast lots. This prophecy foretold how the guards would divide his raiment as he was dying.

Now remaining at the cross with Jesus were his mother, and his aunt, and Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary the Elect Lady. When Jesus saw his mother and the beloved disciple standing together, he said to his mother, Woman, behold your son! Then he said to the disciple, Behold your mother! And from that hour that disciple accepted her as part of his own household.

And when the sixth hour came, there was darkness over the whole land, until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour, Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eloi, Eloi, lama sabacthani!? — which is (being interpreted), My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? And some of them who stood by, when they heard him, said, Behold, he calls Elijah. And one ran and filled a sponge full of vinegar and put on a reed and gave him to drink.

Others spoke, saying, Let him alone. Let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.

When Jesus had received the vinegar, he [shouted], My path is completed! Then he bowed his head [and quietly spoke His final words, to His Father], Father, into your hands I commend my spirit. And having said thus, he gave up the ghost.

Now when the centurion, who stood opposite him, saw that he so cried out and gave up the ghost, he feared greatly and glorified God, saying, Truly, this man is the Son of God.

The Jews were concerned about preparations for the Passover, and did not want crucifixions to continue into the Holy Day. Therefore they inquired of Pilate to find if he would object if they had the legs of the crucified broken to quickly bring about their death. Pilate agreed, and the Roman guards broke the legs of the two who were being crucified when Jesus was added. But when they approached Jesus, he was already dead, and therefore there was no need to break his legs. A soldier under Pilate's command used a spear to stab under the fifth rib, and blood and water exited the wound. The beloved disciple who was there saw this and testifies it happened, so you can trust this eyewitness account. The things that happened fulfilled the prophecy that foretold, A bone of him shall not be broken. And again another prophecy said, They shall look on him whom they pierced.

And all the people who came together to that sight, beholding the things which were done, smote their breasts and returned.

And all his acquaintance and the women who followed him from Galilee stood afar off, beholding these things. (Among whom was Mary Magdalene, and Mary, the mother of Jacob the younger and of Joseph and Salome (who also, when he was in Galilee, followed him and ministered unto him), and the mother of Zebedee's children, and many other women who came with him unto Jerusalem ministering unto him for his burial) And behold, the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was rent in two, from the top to the bottom. And the earth did quake, and the rocks rent. And the graves were opened, and the bodies of the saints which slept arose, who were many, and came out of the graves, and after his resurrection went into the holy city and appeared unto many.

After his death, Joseph of Arimathea, a secret follower of Jesus who was afraid of the Jews (a good man and a just one, the same day had not consented to the counsel and deed of them; a man of Arimathea, a city of the Jews, who also himself waited for the kingdom of God.) He asked Pilate if he could take the body of Jesus. Pilate permitted him to take Jesus' body. He went, and Nicodemus (who had also visited Jesus in secret) accompanied him and brought a hundred pounds of myrrh mixed with aloes, used by Jews to cover bodies when buried. They covered the body with the mixture and wrapped it with linen to bury him. Near to the place where crucifixions were done, there was a garden. In that garden was a new sepulcher which was hewed in a stone wherein never man before was laid. They laid the body of Jesus there because it was nearby, and the time for the holy feast was approaching.

And the women also who came with him from Galilee followed after, and beheld the sepulcher and how his body was laid. And they returned and prepared spices and ointments, and rested the Sabbath day according to the commandment.