“Do This in Remembrance of Me”

Acts 10:38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

Triumphal Entry – people were spreading their clothes and palm branches on the road before Him as He rode on a donkey’s colt. They worshiped him, called Him Son of David which was one of the names of the Messiah.

Jesus clears the temple grounds of money changers and people selling animals. The Jewish leaders plot to kill Jesus.

Two days before the last supper, a woman anointed Him with very expensive perfume. Jesus said this was to prepare Him for his burial.

At this point Jesus knew that one of the twelve would betray him. He had predicted His death many times.

Matthew 26:26-28 NIV

[26] While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body.”

[27] Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. [28] This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Jesus went to a place called Gethsemane to pray. Disciples are sleeping.

Luke 22:44 And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.

Matthew 26:42 He went away a second time and prayed, “My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done.”

Jesus was betrayed by Judas with a kiss and for money. The mob grabs Him and all His disciples desert Him.

He was taken to Annas and the Caiaphas the high priest. Jesus declares He is the Messiah. At this mockery of a trial, He was spat on and hit with their fists. Peter denies he knows Jesus as the rooster crows.

Jesus is taken before Pilate. Even though Pilate finds no fault in Jesus, the crowd cries “crucify” and asks for Barabbas be released instead of Jesus. He is scourged and a crown of thorns pushed

into His head and a purple robe is set on Him. Again, He is spat on and struck on the head and mocked.

Jesus is battered and bleeding. He is too weak to carry the cross. The soldiers force a man named Simon to carry the cross.

They crucify Him by putting nails through His hands and feet. He is stripped naked. The guards take his clothes and cast lots for his loin cloth. People walking by taunt Him and mock Him.

Darkness comes over the land for three hours. He has to push up on His feet to breathe. He is unrecognizable to his friends.

He says some things while on the cross:

John 19:26-27 When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, "Woman, here is your son," [27] and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

Luke 23:43 [To the thief on the cross] **Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."**

Mark 15:24 … "My God, **my God**, **why have you forsaken me**?"

Luke 23:34 Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." …

John 19:28-29 Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

"It is finished" literally means "debt paid", a legal term.

Even on the cross, in extreme pain, He thinks about His mother and even those who put Him on the cross. The Father even turns His face from Him.

The soldiers were going to break His legs to make Him die faster but He was already dead. One of the soldiers thrusts a speer into his heart. Blood and water flow. This means His heart had burst.

The veil of the temple is torn in two. Joseph and Nicodemus prepare His body for burial and place it in Joseph's tomb.

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1 Co 11:23-29 For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, [24] and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." [25] In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this,
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whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.” [26] For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.[27] So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. [28] Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. [29] For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves.

1 Co 10:16 Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ?

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