

Palm Sunday – 3/28/2021

Narrator: Michelle

Jesus: Pastor

Anonymous: Ruth Ann

High priest/Pilate: Clyde

Disciples/People/Soldiers/Chief priests/Bystanders (All)

Narrator

^{15:1}As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate.
²Pilate asked him,

Pilate

“Are you the King of the Jews?”

Jesus

“You say so.”

Narrator

³Then the chief priests accused him of many things. ⁴Pilate asked him again,

Pilate

“Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.”

Narrator

⁵But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

⁶Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. ⁷Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. ⁸So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. ⁹Then he answered them,

Pilate

“Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?”

Narrator

¹⁰For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. ¹¹But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. ¹²Pilate spoke to them again,

Pilate

“Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?”

Narrator

¹³They shouted back,

(All)

“Crucify him!”

Narrator

¹⁴Pilate asked them,

Pilate

“Why, what evil has he done?”

Narrator

But they shouted all the more,

(All)

(Louder) **“CRUCIFY HIM!”**

Narrator

¹⁵So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

¹⁶Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor’s headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. ¹⁷And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and

after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. ¹⁸And they began saluting him,

(All)

“Hail, King of the Jews!”

Narrator

¹⁹They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. ²⁰After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

²¹They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. ²²Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). ²³And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. ²⁴And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

²⁵It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. ²⁶The inscription of the charge against him read, “The King of the Jews.” ²⁷And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. ²⁹Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

(All)

“Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, ³⁰save yourself, and come down from the cross!”

Narrator

³¹In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying,

(All)

“He saved others; he cannot save himself. ³²Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.”

Narrator

Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

³³When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ³⁴At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice,

Jesus

"Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?"

Narrator

which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ³⁵When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

(All)

"Listen, he is calling for Elijah."

Narrator

³⁶And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying,

Anonymous

"Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down."

Narrator

³⁷Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. ³⁸And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. ³⁹Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"