

**Zechariah 9:9–12**

**9** Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!  
 Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!  
 behold, your king is coming to you;  
 righteous and having salvation is he,  
 humble and mounted on a donkey,  
 on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

**10** I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim  
 and the war horse from Jerusalem;  
 and the battle bow shall be cut off,  
 and he shall speak peace to the nations;  
 his rule shall be from sea to sea,  
 and from the River to the ends of the earth.

**11** As for you also,  
 because of the blood of my covenant with you,  
 I will set your prisoners free  
 from the waterless pit.

**12** Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;  
 today I declare that I will restore to you double.

**Psalm 118:19–29**

**19** Open to me the gates of | righteousness,\*  
 that I may enter through them  
 and give thanks | to the Lord.

**20** This is the gate | of the Lord;\*  
 the righteous shall enter | through it.

**21** I thank you that you have | answered me\*  
 and have become my sal- | vation.

**22** The stone that the builders re- | jected\*  
 has become the | cornerstone.

**23** This is the Lord's | doing;\*  
 it is marvelous | in our eyes.

**24** This is the day that the | Lord has made;\*  
 let us rejoice and be | glad in it.

**25** Save us, we pray, | O Lord!\*  
 O Lord, we pray, give | us success!

**26** Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the Lord!\*  
 We bless you from the house | of the Lord.

**27** The Lord is God,  
 and he has made his light to shine up- | on us.\*  
 Bind the festal sacrifice with cords,  
 up to the horns of the | altar!

**28** You are my God, and I will give | thanks to you;\*  
 you are my God; I will ex- | tol you.

**29** Oh give thanks to the Lord, for | he is good;\*  
 for his steadfast love endures for- | ever!

**Philippians 2:5–11**

**5** Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours  
 in Christ Jesus, **6** who, though he was in the form of God,  
 did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,  
**7** but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant,  
 being born in the likeness of men. **8** And being found in  
 human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient  
 to the point of death, even death on a cross. **9** Therefore  
 God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the  
 name that is above every name, **10** so that at the name of  
 Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and  
 under the earth, **11** and every tongue confess that Jesus  
 Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## Mark 15:1–47

<sup>1</sup>And as soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole Council. And they bound Jesus and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate. <sup>2</sup>And Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" And he answered him, "You have said so." <sup>3</sup>And the chief priests accused him of many things. <sup>4</sup>And Pilate again asked him, "Have you no answer to make? See how many charges they bring against you." <sup>5</sup>But Jesus made no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed.

<sup>6</sup>Now at the feast he used to release for them one prisoner for whom they asked. <sup>7</sup>And among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in the insurrection, there was a man called Barabbas. <sup>8</sup>And the crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do as he usually did for them. <sup>9</sup>And he answered them, saying, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" <sup>10</sup>For he perceived that it was out of envy that the chief priests had delivered him up. <sup>11</sup>But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release for them Barabbas instead. <sup>12</sup>And Pilate again said to them, "Then what shall I do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" <sup>13</sup>And they cried out again, "Crucify him." <sup>14</sup>And Pilate said to them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him." <sup>15</sup>So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

<sup>16</sup>And the soldiers led him away inside the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters), and they called together the whole battalion. <sup>17</sup>And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on him. <sup>18</sup>And they began to salute him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" <sup>19</sup>And they were striking his head with a reed and spitting on him and kneeling down in homage to him. <sup>20</sup>And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. And they led him out to crucify him.

<sup>21</sup>And they compelled a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross. <sup>22</sup>And they brought him to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull). <sup>23</sup>And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. <sup>24</sup>And they crucified him and divided his garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take. <sup>25</sup>And it was the third hour when they crucified him. <sup>26</sup>And the inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." <sup>27</sup>And with him they crucified two robbers, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>29</sup>And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, <sup>30</sup>save yourself, and come down from the cross!"

<sup>31</sup>So also the chief priests with the scribes mocked him to one another, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. <sup>32</sup>Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also reviled him.

<sup>33</sup>And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. <sup>34</sup>And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" <sup>35</sup>And some of the bystanders hearing it said, "Behold, he is calling Elijah." <sup>36</sup>And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." <sup>37</sup>And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last. <sup>38</sup>And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. <sup>39</sup>And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!"

<sup>40</sup>There were also women looking on from a distance, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. <sup>41</sup>When he was in Galilee, they followed him and ministered to him, and there were also many other women who came up with him to Jerusalem.

<sup>42</sup>And when evening had come, since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath, <sup>43</sup>Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the Council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. <sup>44</sup>Pilate was surprised to hear that he should have already died. And summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. <sup>45</sup>And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the corpse to Joseph. <sup>46</sup>And Joseph bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud and laid him in a tomb that had been cut out of the rock. And he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. <sup>47</sup>Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where he was laid.