

Peter's oath: "I don't know the man!"
remembers Jesus' prediction, goes and weeps bitterly

Jesus Brought before Pilate (27:1-2)
early morning decision of Sanhedrin
turned over to Pilate, the Roman governor

Judas' Remorse and Suicide (27:3-10)
Judas' reaction: what had he expected?
"I have sinned in betraying innocent blood!"
No sympathy from leaders, goes and hangs self
Their disposal of returned blood money
The fulfillment: Zech 11:12-13; Jer 32:6-9?

Jesus Questioned by Pilate (27:11-14)
Pilate: "Are you king of the Jews?"
Jesus' answer same as in 26:25, 64; yes, with some ambiguity
Pilate's reaction: takes no action such as expected if Jesus
were claiming competition to Caesar
astonished at Jesus' silence before accusers

Jesus Sentenced to Die (27:15-26)
Pilate's attempt to get crowd on Jesus' side
Jews leaders betrayed Jesus for envy
He heard warning from own wife
But crowd has been sold on Barabbas
The trial scene:
Pilate washes hands
Crowd: his blood be on us and our children!

Soldiers Take Jesus (27:27-31)
several hundred men at governor's HQ
molestation with brutality
Jesus led off to be crucified

Jesus Crucified (27:32-44)
Simplifies cross
crucified at "skull place" (skull-shaped hill?)
were drink drugged wine
gambling for clothes; best text of Matt doesn't mention Ps
22:1 prediction
the Jews: "king of the Jews"
the soldiers: Matt does not narrate their repentance
not many passers-by, even leaders (the last temptation?)

Jesus Dies (27:45-56)
dies from noon to 3 PM
Jesus shout and Ps 22:1
misheard as cry to Elijah
Jesus gives up his spirit
the curtain ripped