

Gospel for Good Friday – John 18:1-19:42

Narrator:	Hear the passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John. Jesus left with his disciples and went across the brook called Kidron. There was a garden in that place, and Jesus and his disciples went in. Judas, the traitor, went to the garden, taking with him a group of Roman soldiers, and some temple guards sent by the chief priests and the Pharisees; they were armed and carried lanterns and torches. Jesus knew everything that was going to happen to him, so he stepped forward and asked them,
(VOICE #1) Jesus:	"Who is it you are looking for?"
Narrator:	They answered,
(VOICE #2) Soldiers:	"Jesus of Nazareth,"
Narrator:	Jesus said,
(#1) Jesus:	"I am he. If, then, you are looking for me, let these others go."
Narrator:	(He said this so that what he had said might come true: "Father, I have not lost even one of those you gave me.") Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it and struck the High Priest's slave, cutting off his right ear. Jesus said to Peter,
(#1) Jesus:	"Put your sword back in its place! Do you think that I will not drink the cup of suffering which my Father has given me?"
Narrator:	Then they arrested Jesus, bound him, and took him first to Annas. He was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was High Priest that year. It was Caiaphas who had advised the Jewish authorities that it was better that one man should die for all the people. Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. That other disciple was well known to the High Priest, spoke to the girl at the gate, and brought Peter inside. The girl at the gate said to Peter,
(#2)a Woman:	"Aren't you also one of the disciples of that man?"
Narrator:	Peter answered,
(#1) Peter:	"No, I am not,"
Narrator:	It was cold, so the servants and guards had built a charcoal fire and were standing round it, warming themselves. So Peter went over and stood with them, warming himself. The High Priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching. Jesus answered,
(#1) Jesus:	"I have always spoken publicly to everyone; all my teaching was done in the synagogues and in the Temple, where all the people come together. I have never said anything in secret. Why, then, do you question me? Question the people who heard me. Ask them what I told them — they know what I said."
Narrator:	When Jesus said this, one of the guards there slapped him and said,
(#2) a Soldier:	"How dare you talk like that to the High Priest!"
Narrator:	Jesus answered him,
(#1) Jesus:	"If I have said anything wrong, tell everyone here what it was. But if I am right in what I have said, why do you hit me?"
Narrator:	Then Annas sent him, still bound, to Caiaphas the High Priest. Peter was still standing there keeping himself warm. So the others said to him,
(#2) Soldiers and Slaves:	"Aren't you also one of the disciples of that man?"
Narrator:	But Peter denied it and said,

(#1) Peter:	"No, I am not,"
Narrator:	One of the High Priest's slaves, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, spoke up.
(#2) a Slave:	"Didn't I see you with him in the garden?"
Narrator:	Again Peter said "No" — and at once a cock crowed. Early in the morning Jesus was taken from Caiaphas' house to the governor's palace. So Pilate went outside to them and asked,
(#1) Pilate:	"What do you accuse this man of?"
Narrator:	Their answer was,
(#2) Chief Priests:	"We would not have brought him to you if he had not committed a crime."
Narrator:	Pilate said to them,
(#1) Pilate:	"Then you yourselves take him and try him according to your own law."
Narrator:	They replied,
(#2) Chief Priests:	"We are not allowed to put anyone to death."
Narrator:	(This happened in order to make the words of Jesus come true, the words he used when he indicated the kind of death he would die.) Pilate went back into the palace and called Jesus and asked him,
(#1) Pilate:	"Are you the King of the Jews?"
Narrator:	Jesus answered,
(#2) Jesus:	"Does this question come from you or have others told you about me?"
Narrator:	Pilate replied,
(#1) Pilate:	"Do you think I am a Jew? It was your own people and the chief priests who handed you over to me. What have you done?"
Narrator:	Jesus said,
(#2) Jesus:	"My kingdom does not belong to this world; if my kingdom belonged to this world, my followers would fight to keep me from being handed over to the Jewish authorities."
Narrator:	Pilate asked him,
(#1) Pilate:	"Are you a king, then?"
Narrator:	Jesus answered,
(#2) Jesus:	"You say that I am a king. I was born and came into the world for this one purpose, to speak about the truth. Whoever belongs to the truth listens to me."
Narrator:	Pilate asked him,
(#1) Pilate:	And what is truth?"
Narrator:	Then Pilate went back outside to the people and said to them,
(#1) Pilate:	"I cannot find any reason to condemn him. But according to the custom you have, I always set free a prisoner for you during the Passover. Do you want me to set free for you the King of the Jews?"
Narrator:	They answered him with a shout,
(#2) Chief Priests:	"No, not him! We want Barabbas!"
Narrator:	(Barabbas was a bandit.) Then Pilate took Jesus and had him whipped. The soldiers made a crown out of thorny branches and put it on his head; then they put a purple robe on him and came to him and said,
(#2) Soldiers:	"Long live the King of the Jews!"
Narrator:	And they went up and slapped him. Pilate went out once more and said to the crowd,

(#1) Pilate:	"Look, I will bring him out here to you to let you see that I cannot find any reason to condemn him."
Narrator:	So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them,
(#1) Pilate:	"Look! Here is the man!"
Narrator:	When the chief priests and the temple guards saw him, they shouted,
(#2) Chief Priests and Soldiers:	"Crucify him! Crucify him!"
Narrator:	Pilate said to them,
(#1) Pilate:	"You take him, then, and crucify him. I find no reason to condemn him."
Narrator:	The crowd answered back,
(#2) Chief Priests:	"We have a law that says he ought to die, because he claimed to be the Son of God."
Narrator:	When Pilate heard this, he was even more afraid. He went back into the palace and asked Jesus,
(#1) Pilate:	"Where do you come from?"
Narrator:	But Jesus did not answer. Pilate said to him,
(#1) Pilate:	"You will not speak to me? Remember, I have the authority to set you free and also to have you crucified."
Narrator:	Jesus answered,
(#2) Jesus:	"You have authority over me only because it was given to you by God. So the man who handed me over to you is guilty of a worse sin."
Narrator:	When Pilate heard this, he tried to find a way to set Jesus free. But the crowd shouted back,
(#2) Chief Priests:	"If you set him free, that means that you are not the Emperor's friend! Anyone who claims to be a king is a rebel against the Emperor!"
Narrator:	When Pilate heard these words, he took Jesus outside and sat down on the judge's seat in the place called "The Stone Pavement". (In Hebrew the name is "Gabbatha".) It was then almost noon of the day before the Passover. Pilate said to the people,
(#1) Pilate:	"Here is your king!"
Narrator:	They shouted back,
(#2) Chief Priests:	"Kill him! Kill him! Crucify him!"
Narrator:	Pilate asked them,
(#1) Pilate:	"Do you want me to crucify your king?"
Narrator:	The chief priests answered,
(#2) Chief Priests:	"The only king we have is the Emperor!"
Narrator:	Then Pilate handed Jesus over to them to be crucified. So they took charge of Jesus. He went out, carrying his cross, and came to "The Place of the Skull", as it is called. (In Hebrew it is called "Golgotha".)
	(ALL STAND)
Narrator:	There they crucified him; and they also crucified two other men, one on each side, with Jesus between them. Pilate wrote a notice and had it put on the cross. "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews", is what he wrote. The chief priests said to Pilate,
(#2) Chief Priests:	"Do not write 'The King of the Jews', but rather, 'This man said, I am the King of the Jews.' "
Narrator:	Pilate answered,
(#1) Pilate:	"What I have written stays written."
Narrator:	After the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them. They also took the robe, which was made of one piece of woven cloth without any seams in it. The soldiers said to one

	another,
(#2) Soldiers:	"Let's not tear it; let's throw dice to see who will get it."
Narrator:	<p>This happened in order to make the scripture come true: "They divided my clothes among themselves and gambled for my robe."</p> <p>Standing close to Jesus' cross were his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. Jesus saw his mother and the disciple he loved standing there; so he said to his mother,</p>
(#1) Jesus:	"He is your son."
Narrator:	Then he said to the disciple,
(#1) Jesus:	"She is your mother."
Narrator:	<p>From that time the disciple took her to live in his home.</p> <p>Jesus knew that by now everything had been completed; and in order to make the scripture come true, he said,</p>
(#1) Jesus:	"I am thirsty."
Narrator:	A bowl was there, full of cheap wine; so a sponge was soaked in the wine, put on a stalk of hyssop, and lifted up to his lips. Jesus drank the wine and said,
(#1) Jesus:	"It is finished."
Narrator:	Then he bowed his head and died.
	(ALL KEEP A BRIEF SILENCE)
Narrator:	<p>Then the Jewish authorities asked Pilate to allow them to break the legs of the men who had been crucified, and to take the bodies down from the crosses. They requested this because it was Friday, and they did not want the bodies to stay on the crosses on the Sabbath. So the soldiers went and broke the legs of the first man and then of the other man who had been crucified with Jesus. But when they came to Jesus, they saw that he was already dead, so they did not break his legs. One of the soldiers, however, plunged his spear into Jesus' side, and at once blood and water poured out. This was done to make the scripture come true: "Not one of his bones will be broken." And there is another scripture that says, "People will look at him whom they pierced."</p> <p>After this, Joseph, who was from the town of Arimathea, asked Pilate if he could take Jesus' body. (Joseph was a follower of Jesus, but in secret, because he was afraid of the Jewish authorities.) Nicodemus, who at first had gone to see Jesus at night, went with Joseph, taking with him a mixture of myrrh and aloes. The two men took Jesus' body and wrapped it in linen with the spices according to the Jewish custom of preparing a body for burial. There was a garden in the place where Jesus had been put to death, and in it there was a new tomb where no one had ever been buried. Since it was the day before the Sabbath and because the tomb was close by, they placed Jesus' body there.</p>

1耶稣说了这话，就同门徒出去，过了汲沦溪。在那里有一个园子，祂和门徒进去了。2卖耶稣的犹大也知道那地方，因为耶稣和门徒屡次上那里去聚集。3犹大领了一队兵，和祭司长并法利赛人的差役，拿着灯笼、火把、兵器，就来到园里。4耶稣知道将要临到自己的一切事，就出来对他们说：「你们找谁？」5他们回答说：「找拿撒勒人耶稣。」耶稣说：「我就是！」卖祂的犹大也同他们站在那里。6耶稣一说「我就是」，他们就退后倒在地上。7祂又问他们说：「你们找谁？」他们说：「找拿撒勒人耶稣。」8耶稣说：「我已经告诉你们，我就是。你们若找我，就让这些人去吧。」9这要应验耶稣从前的话，说：「祢所赐给我的人，我没有失落一个。」10西门·彼得带着一把刀，就拔出来，将大祭司的仆人砍了一刀，削掉他的右耳；那仆人名叫马勒古。11耶稣就对彼得说：「收刀入鞘吧，我父所给我的那杯，我岂可不喝呢？」12那队兵和千夫长，并犹太人的差役就拿住耶稣，把祂捆绑了，13先带到亚那面前，因为亚那是本年作大祭司该亚法的岳父。14这该亚法就是从前向犹太人发议论说「一个人替百姓死是有益的」那位。15西门彼得跟着耶稣，还有一个门徒跟着。那门徒是大祭司所认识的，他就同耶稣进了大祭司的院子。16彼得却站在门外。大祭司所认识的那个门徒出来，和看门的使女说了一声，就领彼得进去。17那看门的使女对彼得说：「你不也是这人的门徒吗？」他说：「我不是。」18仆人和差役因为天冷，就生了炭火，站在那里烤火；彼得也同他们站着烤火。19大祭司就以耶稣的门徒和祂的教训盘问祂。20耶稣回答说：「我从来是明明地对世人说话。我常在会堂和殿里，就是犹太人聚集的地方教训人；我在暗地里并没有说什么。21你为什么问我呢？可以问那听见的人，我对他们说什么；我所说的，他们都知道。」22耶稣说了这话，旁边站着的一个差役用手掌打祂，说：「祢这样回答大祭司吗？」23耶稣说：「我若说的不是，你可以指证那不是；我若说的是，你为什么打我呢？」24亚那就把耶稣解到大祭司该亚法那里，仍是捆着解去的。25西门彼得正站着烤火，有人对他说：「你不也是祂的门徒吗？」彼得不承认，说：「我不是。」26有大祭司的一个仆人，是彼得削掉耳朵那人的亲属，说：「我不是看见你同祂在园子里吗？」27彼得又不承认。立时鸡就叫了。28众人将耶稣从该亚法那里往衙门内解去，那时天还早。他们自己却不进衙门，恐怕染了污秽，不能吃逾越节的筵席。29彼拉多就出来，到他们那里，说：「你们告这人是为什么事呢？」30他们回答说：「这人若不是作恶的，我们就不把祂交给你。」31彼拉多说：「你们自己带祂去，按着你们的律法审问他吧。」犹太人说：「我们没有杀人的权柄。」32这要应验耶稣所说自己将要怎样死的话了。33彼拉多又进了衙门，叫耶稣来，对祂说：「祢是犹太人的王吗？」34耶稣回答说：「这话是你自己说的，还是别人论我对你说的呢？」35彼拉多说：「我岂是犹太人呢？祢本国的人和祭司长把祢交给我。祢做了什么事呢？」36耶稣回答说：「我的国不属这世界；我的国若属这世界，我的臣仆必要争战，使我不至于被交给犹太人。只是我的国不属这世界。」37彼拉多就对祂说：「这样，祢是王吗？」耶稣回答说：「你说我是王。我为此而生，也为此来到世间，特为给真理作见证。凡属真理的人就听我的话。」38彼拉多说：「真理是什么呢？」说了这话，又出来到犹太人那里，对他们说：「我查不出祂有什么罪来。39但你们有个规矩，在逾越节要我给你们释放一个人，你们要我给你们释放犹太人的王吗？」40他们又喊着说：「不要这人，要巴拉巴！」这巴拉巴是个强盗。

1当下彼拉多将耶稣鞭打了。2兵丁用荆棘编做冠冕戴在祂头上，给祂穿上紫袍，3又挨近祂，说：「恭喜，犹太人的王啊！」他们就用手掌打祂。4彼拉多又出来对众人说：「我带祂出来见你们，叫你们知道我查不出祂有什么罪来。」5耶稣出来，戴着荆棘冠冕，穿着紫袍。彼拉多对他们说：「你们看

这个人！」6祭司和差役看见祂，就喊着说：「钉祂十字架！钉祂十字架！」彼拉多说：「你们自己把祂钉十字架吧！我查不出祂有什么罪来。」7犹太人回答说：「我们有律法，按那律法，祂是该死的，因祂以自己为上帝的儿子。」8彼拉多听见这话，越发害怕，9又进衙门，对耶稣说：「祢是哪来的？」耶稣却不回答。10彼拉多说：「祢不对我说话吗？祢岂不知我有权柄释放祢，也有权柄把祢钉十字架吗？」11耶稣回答说：「若不是从上头赐给你的，你就毫无权柄办我。所以，把我交给你的那人罪更重了。」12从此，彼拉多想要释放耶稣，无奈犹太人喊着说：「你若释放这个人，就不是凯撒的忠臣。凡以自己为王的，就是背叛凯撒了。」13彼拉多听见这话，就带耶稣出来，到了一个地方，名叫「铺华石处」，希伯来话叫厄巴大，就在那里坐堂。14那日是预备逾越节的日子，约有午正。彼拉多对犹太人说：「看哪，这是你们的王！」15他们喊着说：「除掉祂！除掉祂！钉祂在十字架上！」彼拉多说：「我可以把你们的王钉十字架吗？」祭司长回答说：「除了凯撒，我们没有王。」16于是彼拉多将耶稣交给他们去钉十字架。17他们就把耶稣带了去。耶稣背着自己的十字架出来，到了一个地方，名叫「髑髅地」，希伯来话叫各各他。18他们就在那里钉祂在十字架上，还有两个人和祂一同钉着，一边一个，耶稣在中间。19彼拉多又用牌子写了一个名号，安在十字架上，写的是：「犹太人的王，拿撒勒人耶稣。」20有许多犹太人念这名号；因为耶稣被钉十字架的地方与城相近，并且是用希伯来、罗马、希腊三样文字写的。21犹太人的祭司长就对彼拉多说：「不要写『犹太人的王』，要写『祂自己说：我是犹太人的王』。」22彼拉多说：「我所写的，我已经写上了。」23兵丁既然将耶稣钉在十字架上，就拿祂的衣服分为四分，每兵一分；又拿祂的里衣，这件里衣原来没有缝儿，是上下一片织成的。24他们就彼此说：「我们不要撕开，只要拈阄，看谁得着。」这要应验经上的话说：他们分了我的外衣，为我的里衣拈阄。兵丁果然做了这事。25站在耶稣十字架旁边的，有祂母亲与祂母亲的姊妹，并革罗罢的妻子马利亚，和抹大拉的马利亚。26耶稣见母亲和祂所爱的那门徒站在旁边，就对祂母亲说：「母亲，看，你的儿子！」27又对那门徒说：「看，你的母亲！」从此，那门徒就接她到自己家里去了。28这事以后，耶稣知道各样的事已经成了，为要使经上的话应验，就说：「我渴了。」29有一个器皿盛满了醋，放在那里；他们就拿海绵蘸满了醋，绑在牛膝草上，送到祂口。30耶稣尝了那醋，就说：「成了！」便低下头，将灵魂交付上帝了。31犹太人因这日是预备日，又因那安息日是个大日，就求彼拉多叫人打断他们的腿，把他们拿去，免得尸首当安息日留在十字架上。32于是兵丁来，把头一个人的腿，并与耶稣同钉第二个人的腿，都打断了。33只是来到耶稣那里，见祂已经死了，就不打断祂的腿。34惟有一个兵拿枪扎祂的肋旁，随即有血和水流出来。35看见这事的那人就作见证—祂的见证也是真的，并且祂知道自己所说的是真的一叫你们也可以信。36这些事成了，为要应验经上的话说：「祂的骨头一根也不可折断。」37经上又有一句说：「祂们要仰望自己所扎的人。」38这些事以后，有亚利马太人约瑟，是耶稣的门徒，只因怕犹太人，就暗暗地作门徒。他来求彼拉多，要把耶稣的身体领去。彼拉多允准，他就把耶稣的身体领去了。39又有尼哥德慕，就是先前夜里去见耶稣的，带着没药和沉香约有一百斤前来。40他们就照犹太人殡葬的规矩，把耶稣的身体用细麻布加上香料裹好了。41在耶稣钉十字架的地方有一个园子，园子里有一座新坟墓，是从没有葬过人的。42只因是犹太人的预备日，又因那坟墓近，他们就把耶稣安放在那里。