

Intro Palm Sunday Apl 5

Entrance with Palms, Jesus **on an ASS** {Matt & Isaiah}

[Mosaics are at the end!]

Remember that Matt always wants to show that XT fulfills the prophets. The crowds saluted him.

Hosanna! **THIS exclamation was used at the Feast of Tabernacle, when Jews celebrated “God is present, traveling With US, in HIS TENT! (His Tabernacle).”** { Recall that in Exodus the Jews had Aaron make a Golden Calf. Moses was angry when he saw it, but—Since Yahweh has no image, and people are weak, Moses built a **TENT for God to Dwell with US on our journey.**}

Why do they then turn on Jesus after Palm Sunday? Did you ever ask yourself that? Ans: He wasn't the Messiah they wanted. They wanted a Messiah who would drive the damn Romans out!

Notice Isaiah and the Psalm both talk of a 'sacrificial lamb'—someone disgraced!

Paul continues by telling the Philippians that he **took the form of a slave, humbled himself**, and so **was exalted**. So that all will confess: **Jesus Christ is Lord**, (Yahweh / יהוה) = יהוה, the never-to-be-spoken “Name of God”.

### GOSPEL MATT 26:14 THROUGH 27:66

The GOSPEL is the complete Passion according to Matthew. As tiring it is for me to stand, I resolve and will myself to do it, telling myself: If Xt could do this for me, I can stand—until I can't.

I will not post here the entire Gospel. I will just highlight certain scenes. Here are Pictures I took of the **Upper Room, Cenacle**. The 'room' is from the 12<sup>th</sup> C Crusades and then Islam, but the floor is ROMAN. And I stood on it. It is the same style floor as the Church of the Crowning of Thorns, which is the **Praetorium**. I will also post some pics of the **Garden of Gethsemane**.

Upper Room of the Last Supper (rebuilt later—12<sup>th</sup> C—but in the same spot, same floor)



our group

the niche in the wall for the Koran shows it was turned into a mosque

The Upper Room floor is ROMAN, from the time of XT Compare it to the Praetorium (later pic)



Judas Iscariot

I have always thought that Judas believed that he could force XT to use His power. XT to be the Messiah Judas expected. He was not evil.

Like many people, he was looking for the “GOD” he wanted, not who WAS here.

Still the contrast between Judas and Peter is important.

Judas No Hope = Despair; Peter Repentance = still Head of the Apostles.

Forgiven!

While they were eating,  
Jesus took bread, said the blessing,  
broke it, and giving it to his disciples  
said, “**Take and eat; this is my body.**”  
Then he took a cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it to them, saying,  
“Drink from it, all of you,  
for **this is my blood of the covenant,**  
which will be shed on behalf of many  
for the forgiveness of sins.

Peter said to him in reply,  
“Though all may have their faith in you shaken,  
mine will never be.”

Jesus said to him,

The disagreement about what these words mean  
is the basic difference between much of Protestantism  
and the Catholic-Orthodox view of the Eucharist.

It is called “The Real Presence”.

Some Episcopalians/ Anglicans and Lutherans do hold  
however.

Presbyterians, Methodists and Baptists (among others)  
regard the Eucharist as a “reminder” of Xt at the Last Supper,  
like a picture of your dead Grandma.

How often have you overestimated  
your strength, only to fall  
due to weakness?

REAL strength is measured  
by getting up, after you trip and fall,  
like Peter will,

“Amen, I say to you,  
this very night before the cock crows,

you will deny me three times.”

Peter said to him,

“Even though I should have to die with you,  
I will not deny you.”

And all the disciples spoke likewise.

Modern Church of All Nations, built 1922-24  
on the door **this inscription**

Jesus came with them to a place called  
Gethsemane.

This is the door to the modern Church; it says in Latin:



When he returned to his disciples  
he found them asleep.

He said to Peter,

“So you could not keep watch  
with me for one hour?

**Watch and pray  
that you may not  
undergo the test.**

**The spirit is willing,  
but the flesh is weak.”**

vigilate = stay awake and keep the night watch/ be vigilant

**[temptation?] Latin:** tentationem

**caro,** flesh, “carnivorous”/ **autem,** however/ **infirma,** weak

From Gethsemane you can see the Wall of Jerusalem. The one Olive Tree, protected by a screen from thoughtless “pilgrims”, is thought to have been there 2,000 years ago, when Xt prayed there. While we were there, some Polish nuns came in. Many signs said SILENCIA but, being women, they couldn’t be silent! Or keep from whispering to each other. {perhaps} *Can’t believe we’re here!* Each pilgrim got an alive branch, from other trees! One of our group is holding it.

The ROCK is surrounded by the railing and the thorns. It was an occasion that I was emotional.



Wall of Jerusalem seen across the valley





Those who had arrested Jesus led him away to Caiaphas the high

priest,  
 where the scribes and the elders were assembled.  
 Peter was following him at a distance as far as the high priest's courtyard,  
 and **going inside he sat down** with the servants to see the outcome.

Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard.

One of the maids came over to him and said,  
 "You too were with Jesus the Galilean."

But he denied it in front of everyone, saying,  
 "I do not know what you are talking about!"

As he went out to the gate, another girl saw him

and said to those who were there, "This man was with Jesus the Nazorean."

Again he denied it with an oath, "I do not know the man!"

A little later the bystanders came over and said to Peter, "Surely you too are one of them;  
 \*even your speech gives you away."

At that he began **to curse and to swear**, {no little, "I think you may be mistaken."}  
**"I do not know the man."**

And immediately a cock crowed.

Then Peter remembered the word that Jesus had spoken:

"Before the cock crows you will deny me three times."

He went out and began to weep bitterly.

. . . Then Judas, his betrayer, seeing  
 that Jesus had been condemned,  
 deeply regretted what he had done.  
 He returned the thirty pieces of silver. . .  
 he departed and went off and hanged himself.

\*A mix of **courage** and fear.  
 Finally: *your speech gives you away.*

**"You sound like one of those  
 Galilean Hillbillies!"**

*That did it! Peter began **to curse and to swear!***

The contrast between Judas and Peter  
 is important.

No Hope = Despair;

Repentance=Forgiven

Peter is NOT "out" as an Apostle,

NOT "thrown under the bus".

He is still the Head of the Apostles.

A message for US.

Then was fulfilled what had been said through Jeremiah  
 the prophet,

*And they took the thirty pieces of silver,  
 the value of a man with a price on his head,  
 a price set by some of the Israelites,  
 and they paid it out for the potter's field*

*Matthew again shows the  
 Jesus fulfills the Prophets.*

*just as the Lord had commanded me.*

The Church, now, the Courtyard of the House of Caiphas where Peter denied Jesus

⊥  
Courtyard  
of  
Caiphas

Jesus  
and  
I  
walked  
these  
same  
steps



Church of St Peter IN GALLICANTU = Peter In the *Cock-Going-to-Crow*.

Galli, of the rooster, cantu, going to sing

Over Caiphus' House. Only Church with a ROOSTER instead of a Cross.

I took this pic



*Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus inside the Praetorium*

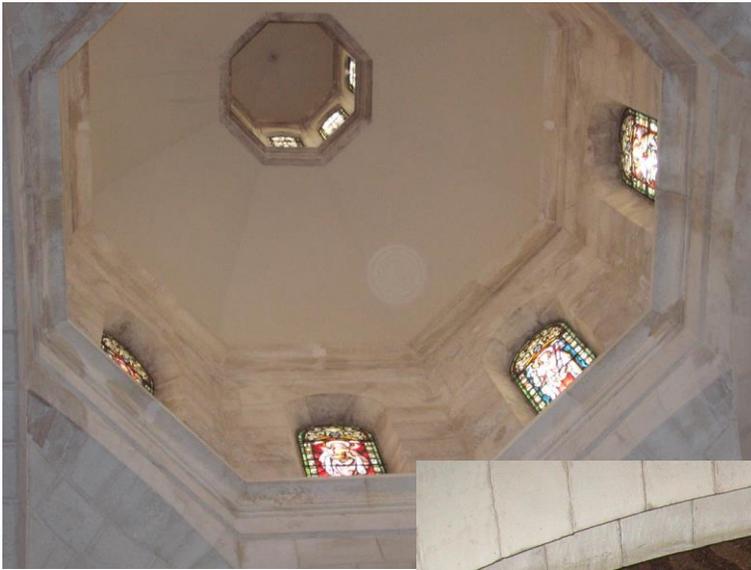
*. . . Weaving a crown out of thorns, they placed it on his head*

*The FIRST STATION is Pilate's Praetorium, [headquarters] now the Church of Crowning With Thorns*



*It was Roman Headquarters so it was not razed in 70 AD after the Romans put down a rebellion. Inside was the soldiers' garrison, the floor shows where they gambled. Here they 'crowned' him.*





*For pitching coins to gamble*

*SEE! The SAME floor pattern as the Room  
of the Last Supper*

*close-up  
of  
ceiling*

**The First Station**  
*Jesus is Crowned with  
Thorns*



*they met a Cyrenian  
named Simon;  
this man they pressed into service  
to carry his cross.*

*Matthew says: In Latin "Ut tolleret crucem ejus" =*

*"So that HE would carry his cross."*

*{Not HELP carry! Did you ever notice that before?}*

*The FIFTH Station*

**Mark's Gospel adds: the *Father of Rufus and Alexander* evidence it's true.**

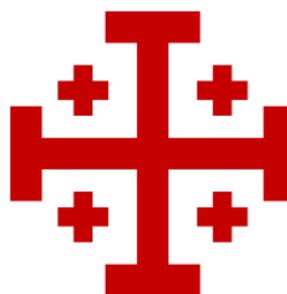
VIA DOLOROSA      in Hebrew  
3 languages      Arabic  
Latin

V is for Fifth Station.



On Simon      a Cyrenean (today's Libya)      the CROSS      is put [like "imposed"]  
Simoni      Cyrenaeo      crux      imponitur

The cross between the hands is the Jerusalem Cross



VIA DOLOROSA as it is today.

As I was walking it,  
even with crutches  
I kept thinking to myself  
“How would you  
like to carry a cross  
up these steps?”



*VIA DOLOROSA  
another section*



*This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.*

The crime was posted in 3 languages  
Hebrew, Greek, and Latin

You see this; Also in the videos I posted

I = Iesus (I and J are the same letter); N = Nazarenis; R = REX, king; I = Iudaeorum of the Jews  
*INRI*

*You saw a few weeks ago in Groom TX  
the Via Dolorosa displayed.*

*This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.  
Two revolutionaries were crucified with him,  
one on his right and the other on his left.*

*You wondered why ELIJAH?*

*Some of the bystanders who heard it said,  
“This one is calling for Elijah.”*

*And behold, the veil of the sanctuary  
was torn in two from top to bottom.  
The earth quaked, rocks were split,  
tombs were opened.*

*When it was evening,  
there came a rich man from Arimathea named Joseph,  
who was himself a disciple of Jesus.  
He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus;  
then Pilate ordered it to be handed over.*

*Taking the body, Joseph wrapped it in clean linen  
and laid it in his new tomb that he had hewn in the rock.  
Then he rolled a huge stone across the entrance to the **\*\*tomb**  
and departed.*

*But Mary Magdalene and the other Mary  
**remained sitting there**, facing the tomb.*

**This minor detail** is one of the best proofs for the veracity of SS. There is no real reason for including it.

*The centurion and the men with him who were keeping watch over Jesus  
feared greatly when they saw the earthquake  
and all that was happening, and they said,  
“Truly, this was the Son of God!”*

Tradition gives the Centurion the name Longinus.  
His statue is one of the 4 main statues in St. Peters.  
But his name is NOT in SS.

*Pharisees said: Give orders, then, that the grave be secured until the third day,  
lest his disciples come and steal him and say to the people, ‘He has been raised from the  
dead.’ This last imposture would be worse than the first.”*

*Pilate said to them, “The guard is yours; go, secure it as best you can.”*

*So they went and secured the tomb by fixing a seal to the stone and setting the guard.*

These mosaics from Bethlehem—just now being restored—picture the Palm Sunday Entrance.

A close-up

Note the Palms scattered on the road.

[workers restoring]

LUKE adds a conversation to the 2 thieves.

He was writing for a lot of Pagans  
who had a lot of sin in their lives.

The Message: It’s never too late!

1<sup>st</sup> Elijah was at the Transfiguration.

2<sup>nd</sup> Everyone expected that Elijah the Prophet  
would precede the Messiah.

The VEIL of the Temple protected the people from ‘seeing’

Yahweh who was present—**face to face**.

This may have only been a minor, but frequent earthquake.

Matt gives it a symbolic meaning: VEIL no longer needed!

WE now can all gaze on the “Presence of Yahweh”  
in CHRIST CRUCIFIED.

How can that be? He is on a cross?

He has come in HUMAN form! Truly Another HUMAN.

The ESSENCE of GOD is LOVE! That’s the answer.

This shouldn’t surprise you.

The Ancients knew

NEVER disrespect the dead!

Do NOT offend and ANGER the GODS!

See a confused look on Peter's face? No disciple understood what XT was going to do! But they followed him anyway—BEFORE they really understood. Just like WE do.



Boy throwing a cloak. Palms. All the excitement captured. HOSANNA! To the King of Israel!

## LONGINUS

His name comes from the Apocryphal "Gospel of Nicodemus" {not inspired; an attempt to fill in details}

in St. Peter's  
by  
Bernini

about  
13 feet  
tall

**Matthew**  
says nothing  
about  
the heart  
being pierced.

That is on Good Friday  
in **John's** Gospel,  
who was **THERE**  
as an eyewitness.



When I was in Greece I bought  
a small wooden crucifix like this.

On the left is the **LANCE** to open the side  
On the right is the **wine-soak sponge on reed**  
[Matt today mentions **the wine.**]

three horizontals

1 for the Head

1 for the ARMS

1 representing the foot rest.

NO, it does NOT mean the thief on the left of XT  
went to hell!

Often it is NOT slanted.

Within the HILL of Golgotha, Calvaria  
which mean *Skull*  
LOOK! a skull.

On Good Friday John's Gospel mentions  
**BOTH Lance & Sponge**  
These minor discrepancies make it all more reliable.