

Good Friday reading.... John 19:16b-37

Narrator- Edward Mortimer

Chief priest- Rob Clark

Pilate- William Wyers

Soldier 1- Sergey Stoyanov

Jesus- Zadok Magani

Other non speaking parts...

Soldier 2 – Georgia Pluke

Criminal on the left- Ben Murton

Criminal on the right- TBC

**Women & Disciples: Tobiel & Hephzibah,
Biteboye & Ayebaibi**

PART 1 (Act out the actions according to the verses)

So the soldiers took charge of Jesus. ¹⁷ Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). ¹⁸ There they crucified him, and with him two others—one on each side and Jesus in the middle./

¹⁹ Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. ²⁰ Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Aramaic, Latin and Greek. ²¹ The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate, **“Do not write ‘The King of the Jews,’ but that this man claimed to be king of the Jews.”**

²² Pilate answered, **“What I have written, I have written.”**

²³ When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom.

²⁴ **“Let’s not tear it,”** they said to one another. **“Let’s decide by lot who will get it.”**

This happened that the scripture might be fulfilled that said,

**“They divided my clothes among them
and cast lots for my garment.”**

So this is what the soldiers did.

²⁵ Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, **"Woman, here is your son,"** ²⁷ and to the disciple, **"Here is your mother."** From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

²⁸ Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, **"I am thirsty."** ²⁹ A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips. ³⁰ When he had received the drink, Jesus said, **"It is finished."** With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

PART 2

³¹ Now it was the day of Preparation, and the next day was to be a special Sabbath. Because the Jewish leaders did not want the bodies left on the crosses during the Sabbath, they asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken down. ³² The soldiers therefore came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other. ³³ But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. ³⁴ Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water. ³⁵ The man who saw it has given testimony, and his testimony is true. He knows that he tells the truth, and he testifies so that you also may believe. ³⁶ These things happened so that the scripture would be fulfilled: "Not one of his bones will be broken," ³⁷ and, as another scripture says, "They will look on the one they have pierced."