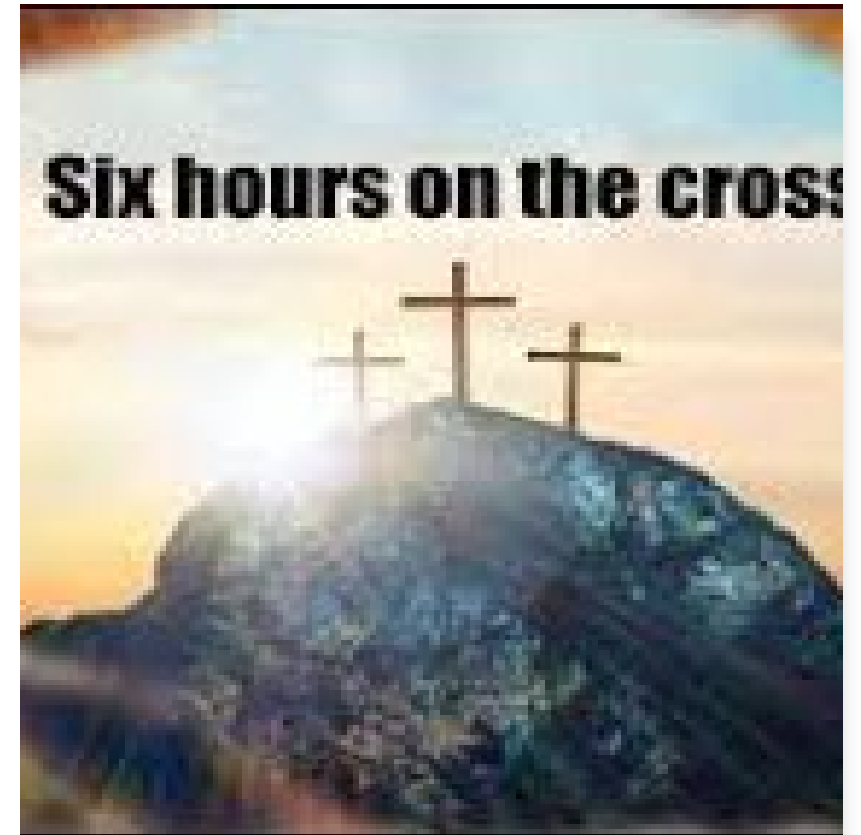


STUDY OF THE AGONY & GLORY OF THE CROSS – PEOPLE AT THE CROSS

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BEFORE THE CRUCIFIXION MATTHEW 27:41-43 (Mark 15:31)

41 Likewise also the chief priests mocking him, with the scribes and elders, said,

42 He saved others; himself he cannot save. If he be the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him.

43 He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God.



A large, rustic wooden cross is the central focus of the image. It is set against a background of a cloudy, greyish-blue sky. The cross is made of thick, weathered wooden beams. The vertical beam is on the right side of the frame, and the horizontal beam is on the left side. The cross is slightly off-center, with the vertical beam extending from the top to the bottom of the frame, and the horizontal beam extending from the left edge towards the center.

BEFORE THE CRUCIFIXION MATTHEW 26:57-61

• *⁵⁷ And they that had laid hold on Jesus led him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled.*

• *⁵⁸ But Peter followed him afar off unto the high priest's palace, and went in, and sat with the servants, to see the end.*

• *⁵⁹ Now the chief priests, and elders, and all the council, sought false witness against Jesus, to put him to death;*

• *⁶⁰ But found none: yea, though many false witnesses came, yet found they none. At the last came two false witnesses,*

• *⁶¹ And said, This fellow said, I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to build it in three days.*

A wooden cross is centered in the background of the image. The cross is made of weathered, light-brown wood. The vertical post is on the right, and the horizontal beam is on the left. The background is a solid, light grey color.

BEFORE THE CRUCIFIXION MATTHEW 26:62-65

• *62 And the high priest arose, and said unto him, Answerest thou nothing? what is it which these witness against thee?*

• *63 But Jesus held his peace, And the high priest answered and said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God.*

• *64 Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.*

• *65 Then the high priest rent his clothes, saying, He hath spoken blasphemy; what further need have we of witnesses? behold, now ye have heard his blasphemy.*

A wooden cross is the central focus of the image, set against a background of a cloudy, overcast sky. The cross is made of rough-hewn, weathered wood. The vertical post is on the right side of the frame, and the horizontal beam is on the left. The text is overlaid on the image in a white, serif font. The background is a soft, greyish-blue with light clouds.

***BEFORE THE
CRUCIFIXION
MATTHEW 26:66-68***

66 What think ye? They answered and said, He is guilty of death.

67 Then did they spit in his face, and buffeted him; and others smote him with the palms of their hands,

68 Saying, Prophecy unto us, thou Christ, Who is he that smote thee?



***AT THE
CRUCIFIXION
LUKE 23:32-34***

³² And there were also two other, malefactors, led with him to be put to death.

*³³ And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and **the malefactors**, one on the right hand, and the other on the left.*

³⁴ Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.



***AT THE
CRUCIFIXION
LUKE 23:39-43***

³⁹ And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us.

⁴⁰ But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation?

⁴¹ And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss.

⁴² And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.

⁴³ And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise.

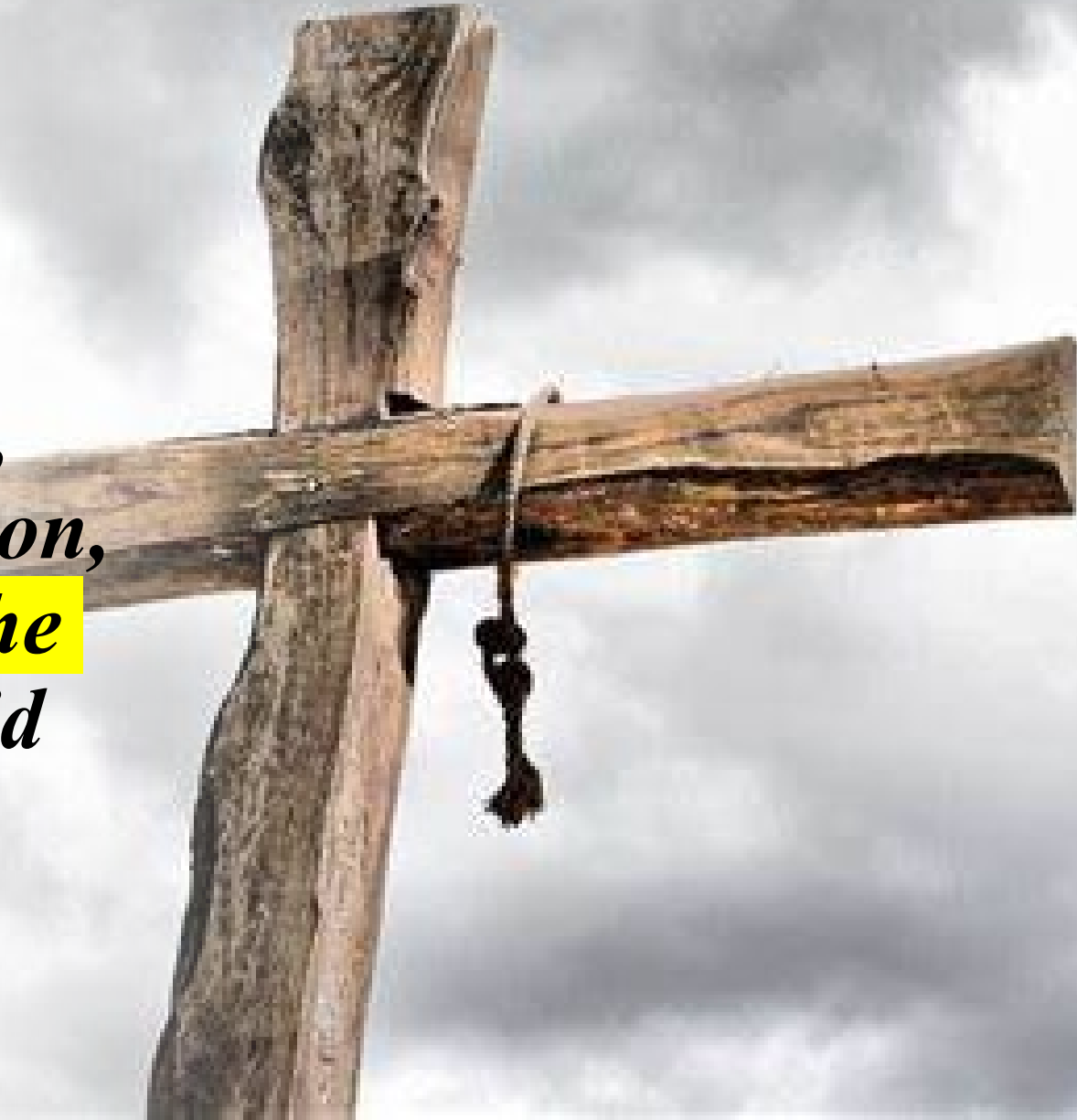
BEFORE THE CRUCIFIXION MATTHEW 27:32

- *“And as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, **Simon by name**: him they compelled to bear his cross.”*



BEFORE THE CRUCIFIXION LUKE 23:26

- *“And as they led him away, they laid hold upon one Simon, a Cyrenian, **coming out of the country**, and on him they laid the cross, that he might bear it after Jesus.”*



A photograph of a simple wooden cross made of two weathered logs, set against a cloudy, overcast sky. The cross is the central focus of the image.

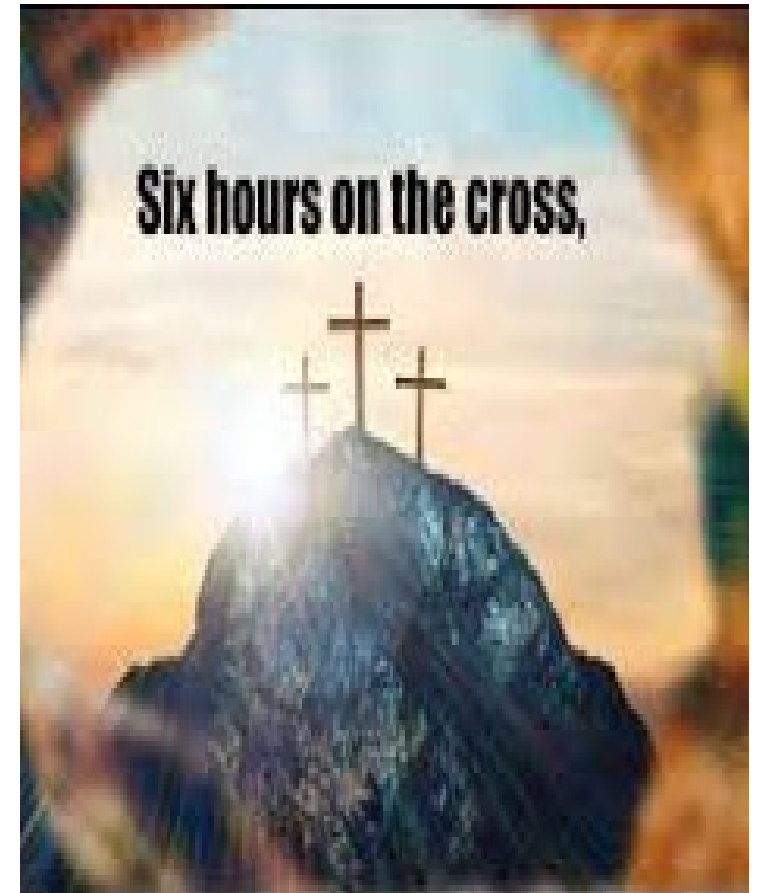
BEFORE THE CRUCIFICTION
MARK 15:21

- *“And they compel one Simon a Cyrenian, **who passed by, coming out of the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus,** to bear his cross.”*

After the Crucifixion of Jesus

Luke 23:47 KJV

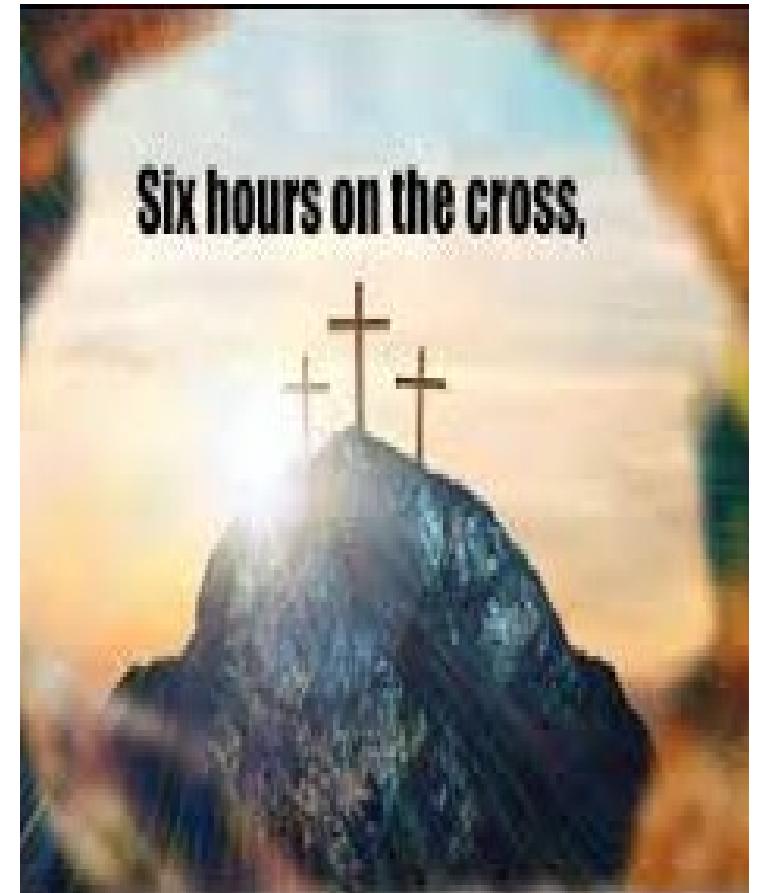
“Now when the centurion saw what was done, he glorified God, saying, Certainly this was a righteous man.”



After the Crucifixion of Jesus

Matthew 27:54 KJV

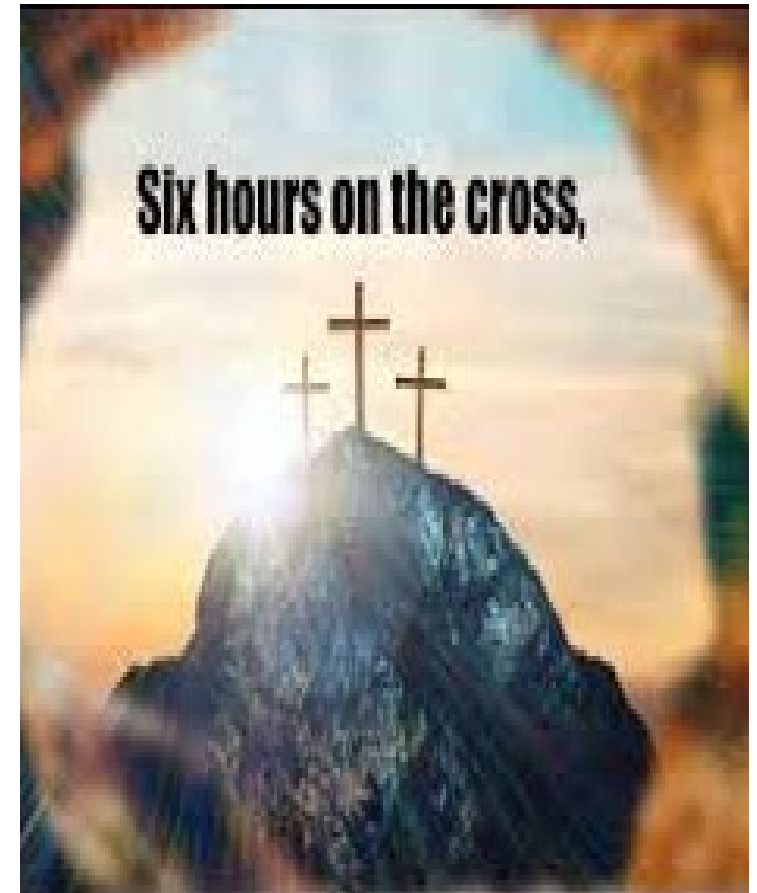
“Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God.”



After the Crucifixion of Jesus

Mark 15:39 KJV

“And when the centurion, which stood over against him, saw that he so cried out, and gave up the ghost, he said, Truly this man was the Son of God.”



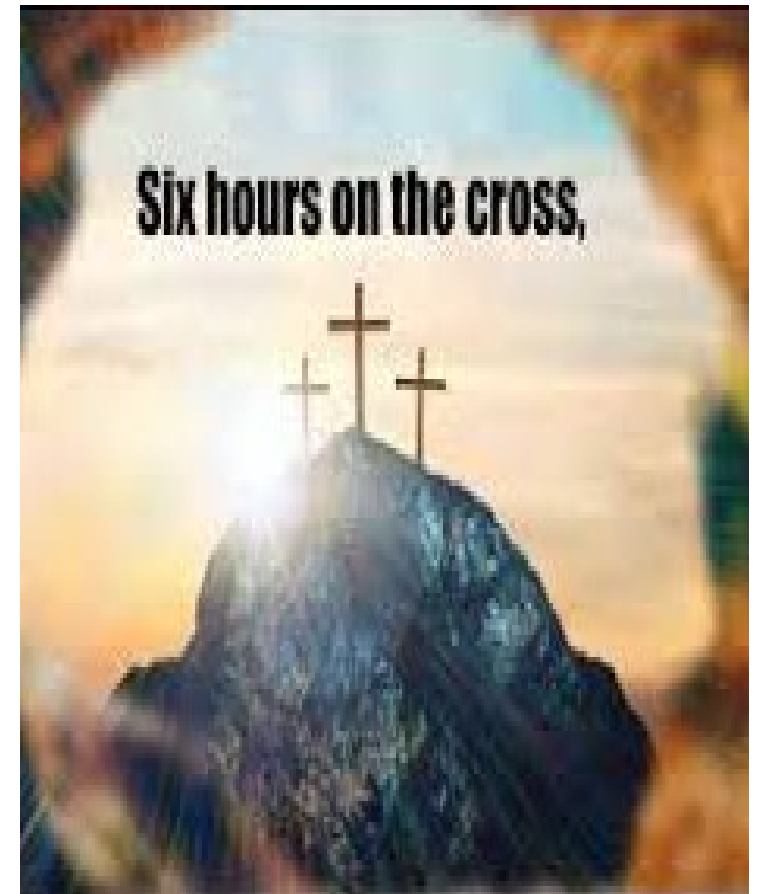


Scripture makes no direct mention of Simon of Cyrene after the Resurrection

Before the Crucifixion of Jesus

Luke 23:27

“And there followed him a great company of people, and of women, which also bewailed and lamented him.”

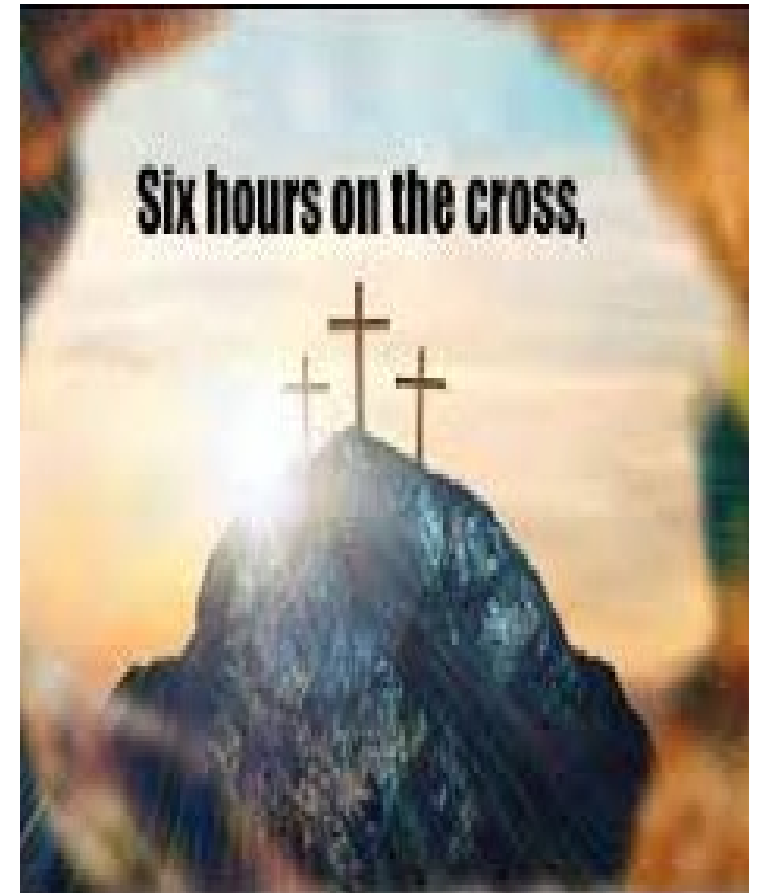


After the Crucifixion of Jesus

Luke 23:48-49

“And all the people that came together to that sight, beholding the things which were done, smote their breasts, and returned.”

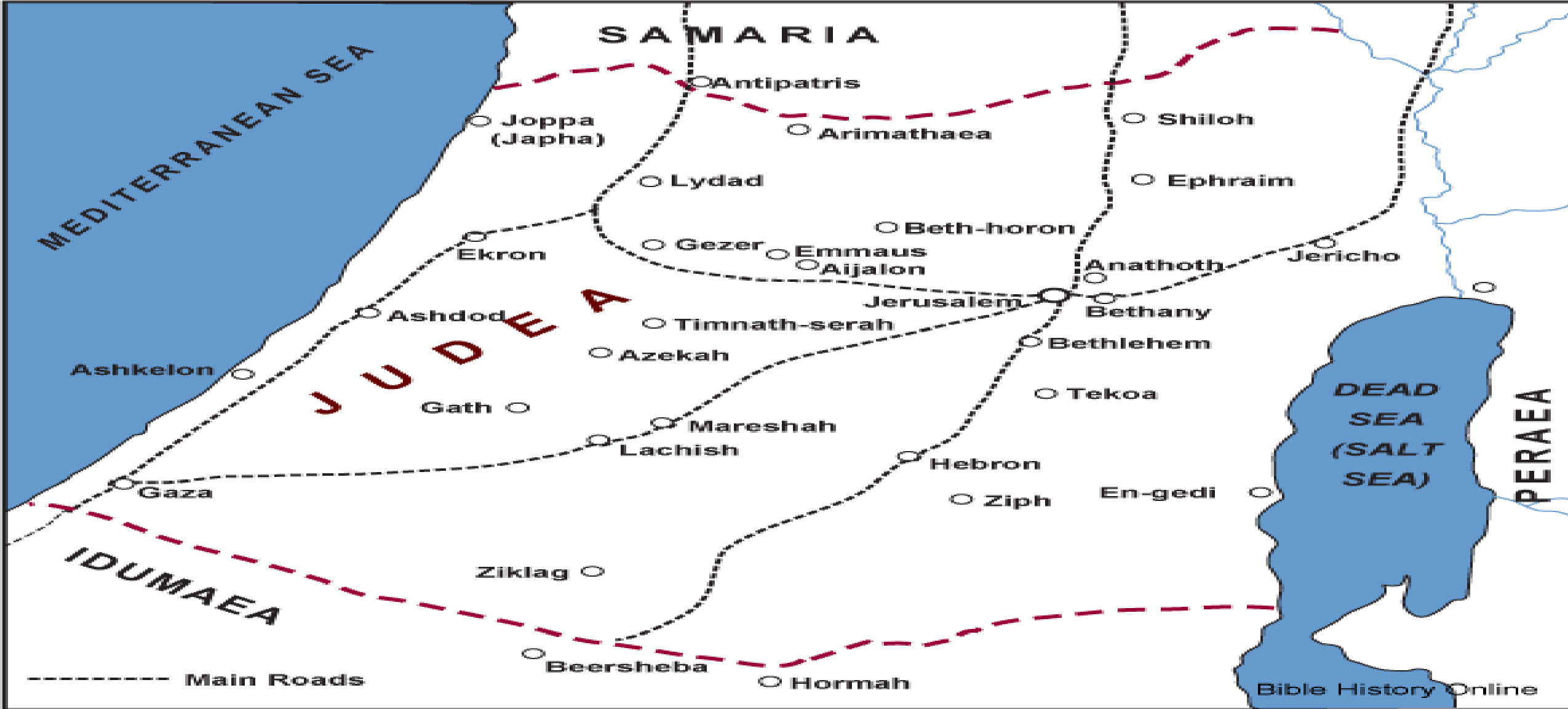
“And all his acquaintance, and the women that followed him from Galilee, stood afar off, beholding these things.”





Matthew 27:57–60; Mark 15:42–46; Luke 23:50–53; and John 19:38–42.

- **MATTHEW 27:57-60**
- *57When the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathaea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple:*
- *58He went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered.*
- *59And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth,*
- *60And laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed.*



LUKE 23:51 – JOSEPH WAS FROM THE CITY OF ARIMATHAEA

Scripture that mention Joseph of Arimathaea

Joseph of Arimathea is mentioned in all four gospels:

•Matthew 27:57-60 - Describes Joseph as a rich man and disciple of Jesus.

•Mark 15: Describes Joseph as a respected member of the council who was looking for the kingdom of God.

*Luke 23:50-51 - ⁵⁰ And, behold, there was a man named Joseph, a counsellor; and he was a good man, and a just:
⁵¹ (The same had not consented to the counsel and deed of them;) he was of Arimathaea, a city of the Jews:
who also himself waited for the kingdom of God.*

•John 19:38 “And after this Joseph of Arimathaea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, besought Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus: and Pilate gave him leave. He came therefore, and took the body of Jesus.”

PEOPLE AT THE CROSS

- *John 19:25-27 KJV (Matthew 27:55-56 & Mark 15:40-41)*
- *25. "Now there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene."*
- *26. "When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son!"*
- *27. "Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home."*

Six hours on the cross,



PEOPLE AT THE CROSS

• *John 21:20-24 KJV - JOHN*

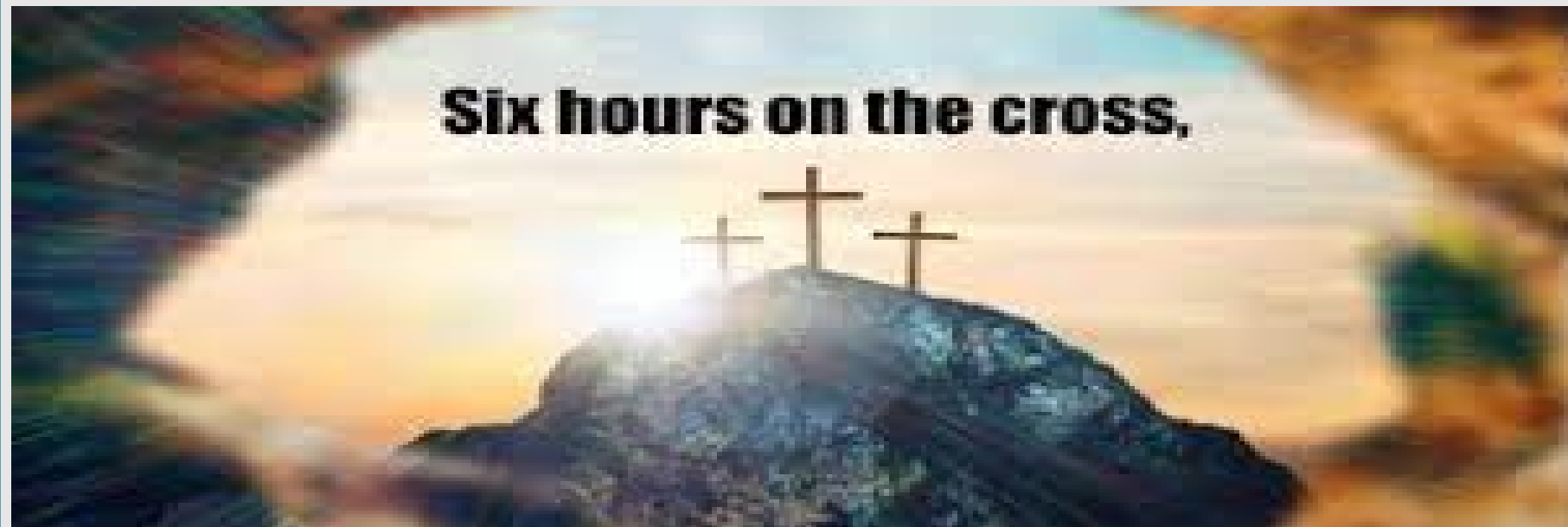
20 Then Peter, turning about, seeth the disciple whom Jesus loved following; which also leaned on his breast at supper, and said, Lord, which is he that betrayeth thee?

21 Peter seeing him saith to Jesus, Lord, and what shall this man do?

22 Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? follow thou me.

23 Then went this saying abroad among the brethren, that that disciple should not die: yet Jesus said not unto him, He shall not die; but, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee?

24 This is the disciple which testifieth of these things, and wrote these things: and we know that his testimony is true.



After the Crucifixion of Jesus

John 19:34

*“But one of the soldiers with a spear
pierced his side, and forthwith came
there out blood and water.”*

