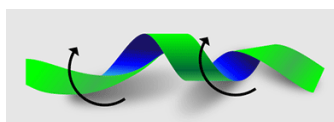


**Matthew 27:11-31**

v11 – governor	(noun)	a person in charge of the political rule of an area
v11 – Jews	(proper noun)	people from the nation of Israel
v12 – accused	(verb)	have others claim that you did something wrong
v12 – chief priests	(noun)	the high-ranking priests, who were also part of the Sanhedrin (the Jewish ruling council)
v12 – elders	(noun)	community leaders and judges, who were also part of the Sanhedrin (the Jewish ruling council)
v13 – Pilate	(proper noun)	the governor of Judea
v13 – testimony	(noun)	a formal statement by someone about an event that they witnessed
v14 – charge	(noun)	a formal accusation of wrongdoing
v14 – amazement	(noun)	the feeling you have when something surprises you very much
v15 – custom	(noun)	a pattern of behaviour that is usual in a particular situation
v15 – crowd	(noun)	a large group of people
v16 – notorious	(adjective)	well-known for something bad
v18 – envy	(noun)	jealousy
v19 – innocent	(adjective)	not guilty; did not commit the crime they are accused of
v20 – persuaded	(verb)	convinced; caused someone to do something by giving them good reasons for doing it
v20 – executed	(verb)	killed as the punishment for a crime
v22 – crucify	(verb)	kill someone by nailing them to a wooden cross. Crucifixion (n) was the most cruel way to execute a criminal in the Roman Empire.
v24 – uproar	(noun)	a loud, noisy and sometimes violent disturbance
v26 – flogged	(verb)	hit hard and repeatedly with a stick or whip as a punishment
v27 – Praetorium	(proper noun)	the headquarters of the Roman official; in this context, Pilate’s residence
v27 – company	(noun)	a group of soldiers
v28 – stripped	(verb)	took someone’s clothes off
v28 – scarlet	(colour)	bright red
v29 – twisted	(verb)	turn something into a spiral shape



v29 – crown	(noun)	a headdress worn by a ruler to symbolise their rule
v29 – thorns	(noun)	sharp points on some tree branches



v29 – staff	(noun)	a long, strong stick or pole
v29 – knelt	(verb)	bent down so the knees are touching the ground
v29 – mocked	(verb)	made fun of someone
v29 – Hail	(greeting)	an old fashioned greeting, usually used for someone you think is important and admirable
v30 – spit	(verb)	force an amount of saliva out of your mouth to show hatred toward someone

**Matthew 27:11-31 (New International Reader's Version)**

<sup>11</sup> Jesus was standing in front of the governor. The governor asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?"

"Yes. You have said so," Jesus replied.

<sup>12</sup> But when the chief priests and the elders brought charges against him, he did not answer. <sup>13</sup> Then Pilate asked him, "Don't you hear the charges they are bringing against you?" <sup>14</sup> But Jesus made no reply, not even to a single charge. The governor was really amazed.

<sup>15</sup> It was the governor's practice at the Passover Feast to let one prisoner go free. The people could choose the one they wanted. <sup>16</sup> At that time they had a well-known prisoner named Jesus Barabbas. <sup>17</sup> So when the crowd gathered, Pilate asked them, "Which one do you want me to set free? Jesus Barabbas? Or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" <sup>18</sup> Pilate knew that the leaders wanted to get their own way. He knew this was why they had handed Jesus over to him.

<sup>19</sup> While Pilate was sitting on the judge's seat, his wife sent him a message. It said, "Don't have anything to do with that man. He is not guilty. I have suffered a great deal in a dream today because of him."

<sup>20</sup> But the chief priests and the elders talked the crowd into asking for Barabbas and having Jesus put to death.

<sup>21</sup> "Which of the two do you want me to set free?" asked the governor.

"Barabbas," they answered.

<sup>22</sup> "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" Pilate asked.

They all answered, "Crucify him!"

<sup>23</sup> "Why? What wrong has he done?" asked Pilate.

But they shouted even louder, "Crucify him!"

<sup>24</sup> Pilate saw that he wasn't getting anywhere. Instead, the crowd was starting to get angry. So he took water and washed his hands in front of them. "I am not guilty of this man's death," he said. "You are accountable for that!"


<sup>25</sup> All the people answered, "Put the blame for his death on us and our children!"

<sup>26</sup> Pilate let Barabbas go free. But he had Jesus whipped. Then he handed him over to be nailed to a cross.

<sup>27</sup> The governor's soldiers took Jesus into the palace, which was called the Praetorium. All the rest of the soldiers gathered around him. <sup>28</sup> They took off his clothes and put a purple robe on him. <sup>29</sup> Then they twisted thorns together to make a crown. They placed it on his head. They put a stick in his right hand. Then they fell on their knees in front of him and made fun of him. "We honor you, king of the Jews!" they said. <sup>30</sup> They spit on him. They hit him on the head with the stick again and again. <sup>31</sup> After they had made fun of him, they took off the robe. They put his own clothes back on him. Then they led him away to nail him to a cross.

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