



Liturgy of the Passion

Year A

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalms 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11

Matthew 26:14-27:66 or Matthew 27:11-54

I gave my back to those who struck me
and my cheeks to those who pulled out
the beard; I did not hide my face from
insult and spitting.

Isaiah 50:6

Flagellation of Christ

Jusepe de Ribera
Girolamini Gallery
Naples, Italy



My times are in your hand; deliver
me from the hand of my enemies
and persecutors.

Psalm 31:15



Christ on the Mount -- El Greco, National Gallery, London, England

...he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross.

Philippians 2:8

Black Jesus with Crown of
Thorns

Roadside Mural
Wellington, New Zealand



While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body."

Matthew 26:26



Last Supper -- John August Swanson, serigraph, 2009

"Friend, do what you are here to do."
Then they came and laid hands on
Jesus and arrested him.

Matthew 26:50b



Kiss of Judas -- JESUS MAFA, Cameroon

Then the high priest said to him, "I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God." Jesus said to him, "You have said so."

Matthew 26:63b-64a



The Sanhedrin Examine Jesus -- Santuario di Lourdes Nevegal, Nevegal, Italy

Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A female servant came to him and said, “You also were with Jesus the Galilean.” But he denied it before all of them...

Matthew 26:69-70a



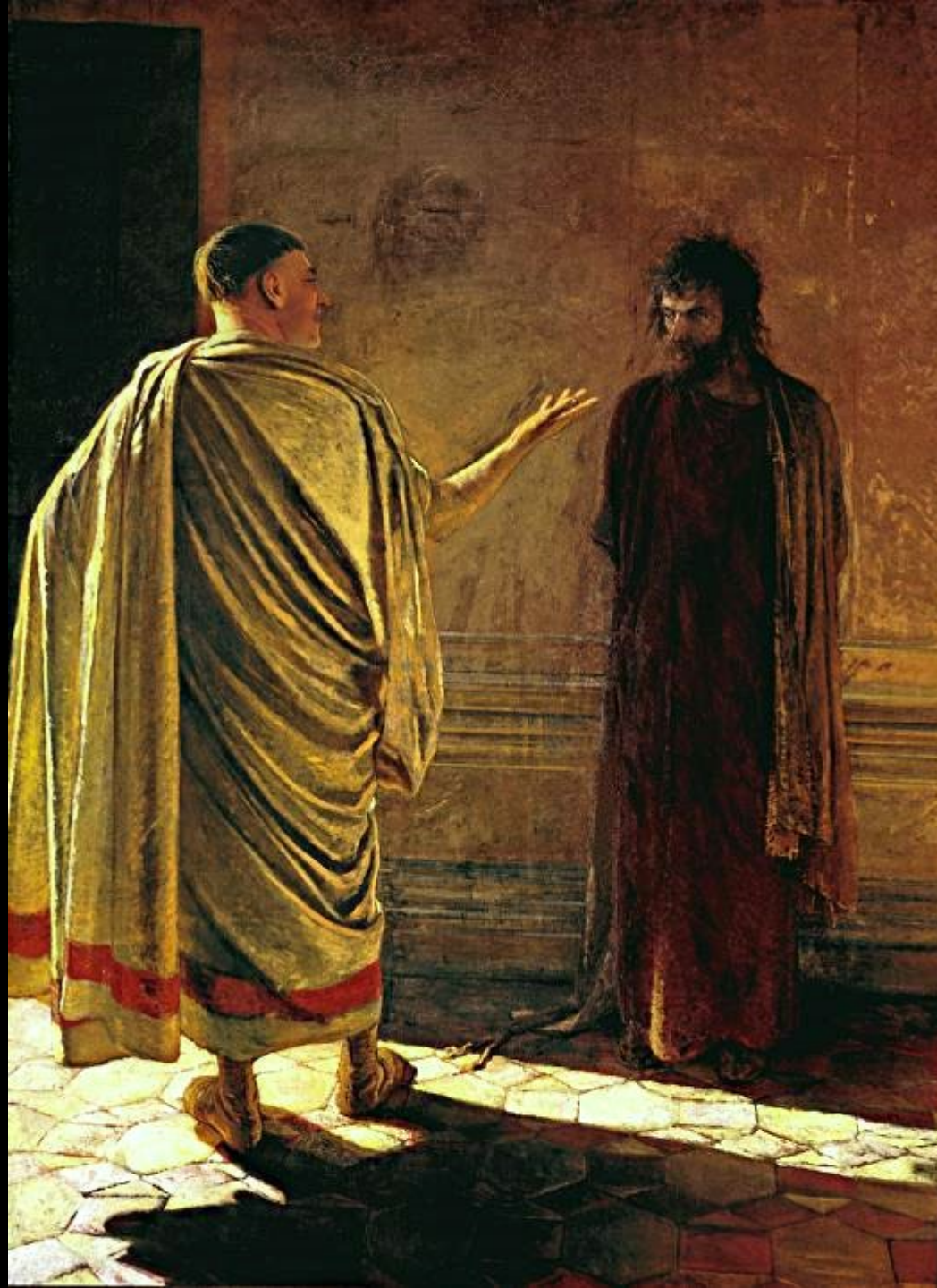
Peter's Denial -- Adam de Coster, early 17th century

Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?" But he gave him no answer...so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Matthew 27:13-14

What is Truth?

Nicolai Ge
Tretyakov State Gallery
Moscow, Russia



...after twisting some thorns into a crown they put it on his head...and mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" ... Then they led him away to crucify him.

Matthew 27:29, 31b



Crown of Thorns -- Easter 2007, West Pier, Brighton, England

Those who passed by derided him,
shaking their heads and saying, "...If
you are the Son of God, come down
from the cross."

Matthew 27:39, 40c

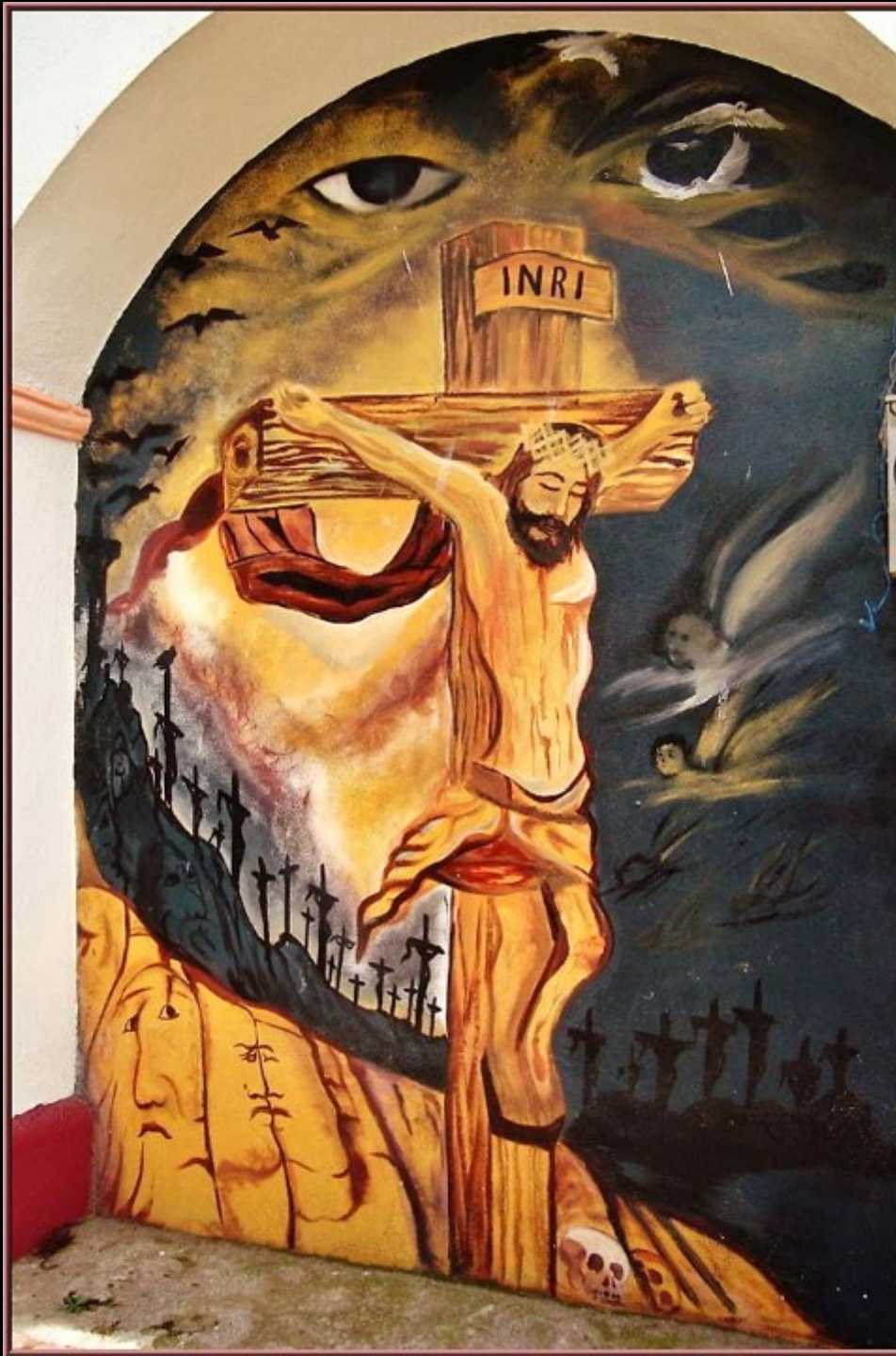


What Christ Saw from the Cross

James Tissot
Brooklyn Museum

And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Matthew 27:46



Crucifixion

Parish Church
Coatepec, Mexico

Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.

Matthew 27:50



Crucifixion, detail -- Cimabue, Church of San Domenico, Arezzo, Italy

Many women were also there,
looking on from a distance; they had
followed Jesus from Galilee,
ministering to him.

Matthew 27:55

Crucifixion, detail

Andrea Mantegna
Basilica of San Zeno
Verona, Italy



...Joseph took the body and
wrapped it in a clean linen cloth
and laid it in his new tomb...

Matthew 27:59-60a

Joseph of Arimathea with the
Body of Christ

Early 13th century
Victoria and Albert Museum
London, England



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