

THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS THE MESSIAH



THE GOSPEL OF
MARK

Mark 15:21-39

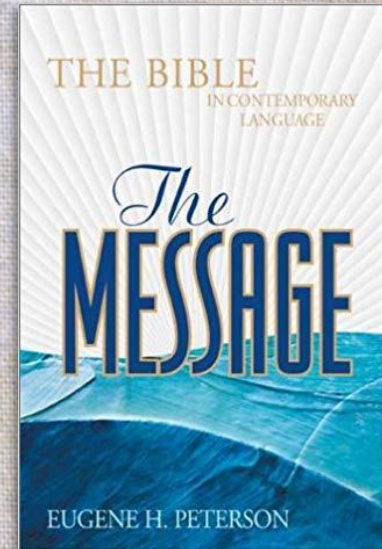
The Curse Displayed and Cured

Hebrews 2

14 ... only by dying could he break the power of the devil, who had the power of death.

Galatians 3

13 Christ redeemed us from that self-defeating, cursed life by absorbing it completely into himself. Do you remember the Scripture that says, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"? That is what happened when Jesus was nailed to the Cross: He became a curse, and at the same time dissolved the curse.



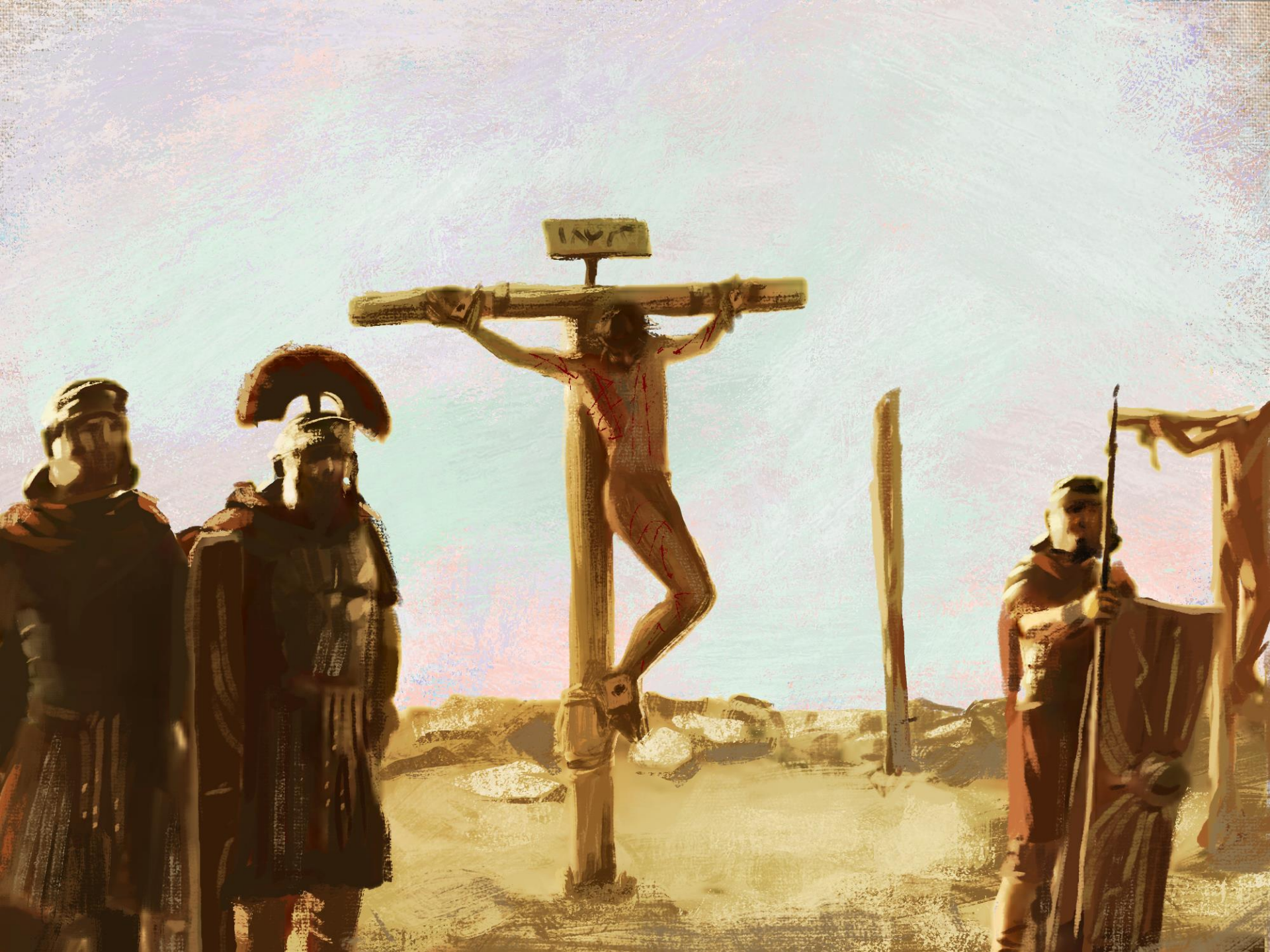
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²¹ A passerby named Simon, who was from Cyrene, was coming in from the countryside just then, and the soldiers forced him to carry Jesus' cross. (Simon was the father of Alexander and Rufus.) ²² And they brought Jesus to a place called Golgotha (which means "Place of the Skull"). ²³ They offered him wine drugged with myrrh, but he refused it. ²⁴ Then the soldiers nailed him to the cross. They divided his clothes and threw dice to decide who would get each piece.

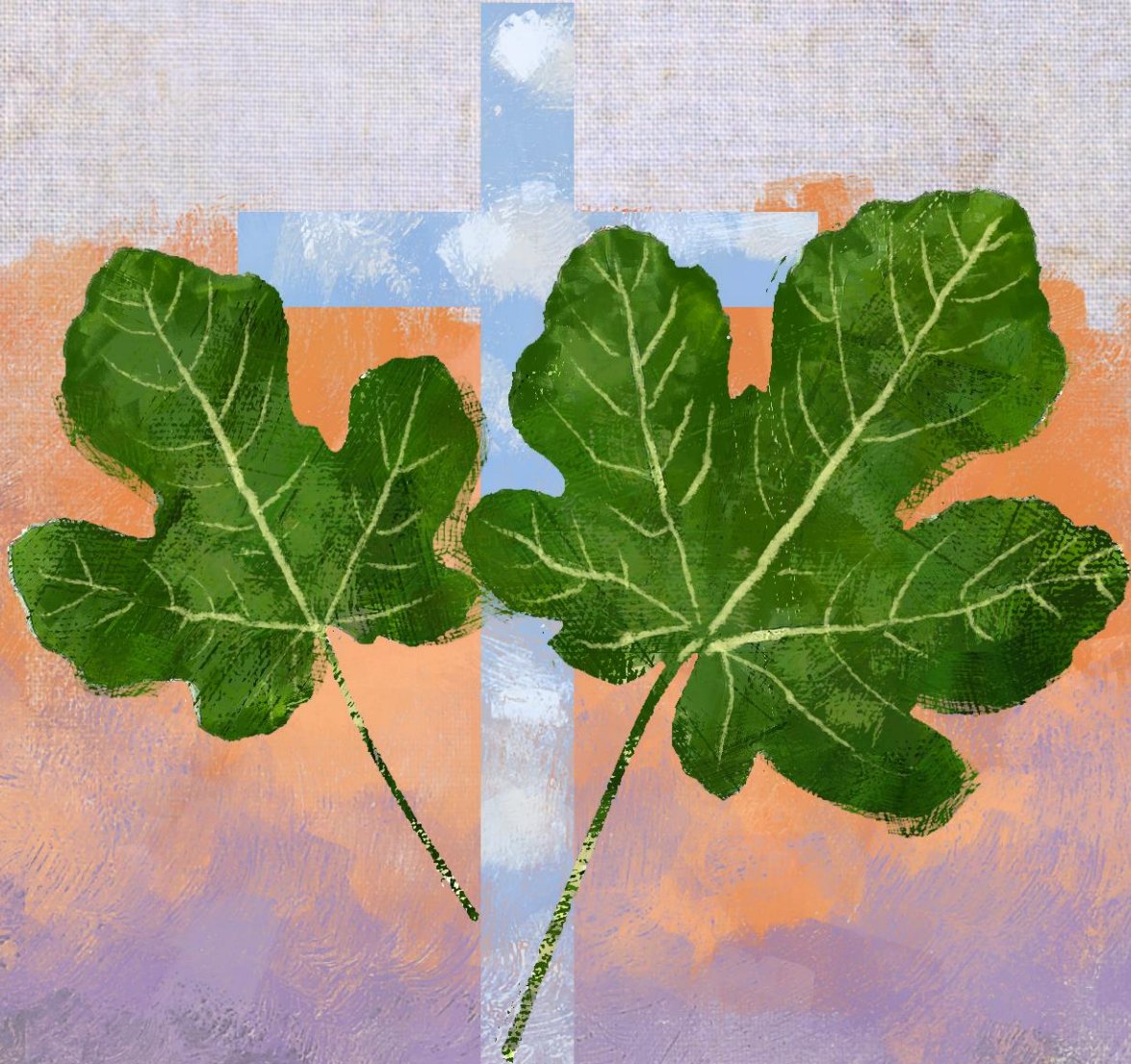
²⁵ It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. ²⁶ A sign announced the charge against him. It read, "The King of the Jews." ²⁷ Two revolutionaries were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. ²⁹ The people passing by shouted abuse, shaking their heads in mockery. "Ha! Look at you now!" they yelled at him. "You said you were going to destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days. ³⁰ Well then, save yourself and come down from the cross!"

³¹ The leading priests and teachers of religious law also mocked Jesus. “He saved others,” they scoffed, “but he can’t save himself! ³² Let this Messiah, this King of Israel, come down from the cross so we can see it and believe him!” Even the men who were crucified with Jesus ridiculed him.





JESUS TOOK OUR SHAME ON THE CROSS



³³ At noon, darkness fell across the whole land until three o'clock. ³⁴ Then at three o'clock Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?", which means "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" ³⁵ Some of the bystanders misunderstood and thought he was calling for the prophet Elijah. ³⁶ One of them ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, holding it up to him on a reed stick so he could drink. "Wait!" he said. "Let's see whether Elijah comes to take him down!"

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¹⁶ My enemies surround me like a pack of dogs; an evil gang closes in on me. They have pierced my hands and feet. ¹⁷ I can count all my bones. My enemies stare at me and gloat. ¹⁸ They divide my garments among themselves and throw dice for my clothing.

JESUS TOOK OUR PLACE OF DESOLATION ON THE CROSS



**³⁷ Then Jesus uttered another loud cry and
breathed his last. ³⁸ And the curtain in the
sanctuary of the Temple was torn in two, from top
to bottom.**

**THROUGH THE CROSS HEAVEN AND
EARTH ARE UNITED AND WE ARE
RECONCILED WITH GOD**



39 When the Roman officer who stood facing him saw how he had died, he exclaimed, “This man truly was the Son of God!”



**THE CROSS IS THE BEGINNING OF
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