

Continuation of Bible Reading

So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first man crucified with Jesus, and then the other. When they got to Jesus, they saw that he was already dead, so they didn't break his legs. One of the soldiers stabbed him in the side with his spear. Blood and water gushed out.

³⁵The eyewitness to these things has presented an accurate report. He saw it himself and is telling the truth so that you, also, will believe.

³⁶⁻³⁷These things that happened confirmed the Scripture, "Not a bone in his body was broken," and the other Scripture that reads, "They will stare at the one they pierced."

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³⁸After all this, Joseph of Arimathea (he was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly, because he was intimidated by the Jews) petitioned Pilate to take the body of Jesus. Pilate gave permission. So Joseph came and took the body.

³⁹⁻⁴²Nicodemus, who had first come to Jesus at night, came now in broad daylight carrying a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds. They took Jesus' body and, following the Jewish burial custom, wrapped it in linen with the spices. There was a garden near the place he was crucified, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been placed. So, because it was Sabbath preparation for the Jews and the tomb was convenient, they placed Jesus in it.

Special Senior: Betty Kraai

Please sign the card located on the table in the entryway.

Volunteers

1st Service Coffee Servers: Diane Brantsen

2nd Service Coffee Server: Mark Gaultney

1st Service Nursery: Lorri Anderson

2nd Service Nursery: Melissa Wynsma

Deep Sheet

(a place for your notes)

What did you learn about the trial and crucifixion of Jesus today?

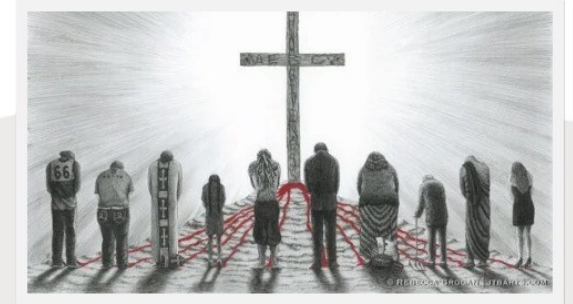
Why do some folks dislike the statement: "Everyone is equal at the foot of the cross?"

Do the actions of Joseph and Nicodemus surprise you?

Notes:

March Weekly Bible Readings

| Date | Day | New Testament | <input type="checkbox"/> | Special Prayer | Old Testament | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| 29 | Su | 1 Timothy 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> | | Jeremiah 28 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 30 | Mo | 2 Timothy 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> | | Jeremiah 29 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 31 | Tu | 2 Timothy 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> | | Jeremiah 30 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1 | We | 2 Timothy 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> | | Jeremiah 31 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 | Th | 2 Timothy 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> | | Jeremiah 32 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 | Fr | Titus 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> | | Jeremiah 33 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 | Sa | Titus 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> | | Jeremiah 34 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 | Su | Titus 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> | | Jeremiah 35 | <input type="checkbox"/> |



At the Foot of the Cross

March 29, 2026

Laketon Bethel's Core Values:

A. ACCEPTANCE:

Everyone, regardless of who they are, what they have done, or what they are doing, will be accepted here. Laketon Bethel will be a safe place to explore your relationship with Jesus.

B. BIBLE:

The teachings of Jesus, contained in the Bible, are the final authority for faith and practice. We will study these teachings with open minds and the best scholarship available.

C. CONNECTION:

We invite people to connect with Jesus and with each other in all that we do.

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Office Hours Tues. - Fri. 9am - 1pm

Order of Worship - 9:00am

Gathering Song
“Crown Him”
Call to Worship
“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”
Welcome & Announcements
Congregational Prayer
Worship in Song
“O How He Loves You and Me”
“There Is a Redeemer”
Crosstalk - “AT the Foot of the Cross”
Offering
“All Hail King Jesus”
Benediction
“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”



Order of Worship - 11:00am

Gathering Song
“That’s My king”
Palm Sunday Reading
Call to Worship
“Hosanna (Praise is Rising)”
Welcome & Announcements
Congregational Prayer
Worship in Song
“Hosanna”
“King of Kings”
Crosstalk - “At the Foot of the Cross”
Offering
“God Really Loves Us”
Benediction
“God Be With You”

Announcements

Rummage Sale We will be having a Rummage Sale May 1st and 2nd. Drop-off of donations will begin April 19th. We need lots of volunteers, please sign up in the entryway. Bakers - we will be having a Bake Sale during the Rummage Sale and need many baked goods to sell. See Jill Mouw for more information.

Laketon Bethel Kids - Easter Sunday This year, Easter is a Family Worship Service, but Sunday School will still be offered during the worship hour. Children are invited to join us for a Glow-in-the-Dark Easter Egg Hunt!

Laketon Bethel Students Starting in April, Middle and High School students are welcome to join us for games, real-life Bible discussion, and meaningful community. Come as you are. Bring a friend! We will meet the 2nd and 3rd Sundays of the month from 12:30 - 2:30pm in the Youth Center (Old Sanctuary). See Mia Fick for more information.

Service Opportunities

Hand2Hand If you would like to donate, please write Hand2Hand on the envelope or your check, or choose that category from the list on SecureGive if you give online. If you have purchased items to donate, place them in the barrel by the Hand2Hand table in the entryway. We welcome new volunteers! See Maureen Mussman for more information.

Sacred Suds (Helping Every Living Person Survive) Sacred Suds provides support to individuals in need. They offer various crucial services such as laundry facilities, showers, internet access and more. With warmer weather coming soon, T-shirts, short sleeve shirts, light jackets etc. will be appreciated. Towels, toothbrushes and toothpaste, deodorant, soap or body wash are always welcome donations also. We have a special request for size L Men’s disposable incontinence underwear (such as Depends). Thanks so much for the donations that have been coming in!

John 19 from [The Message](#)

They took Jesus away. Carrying his cross, Jesus went out to the place called Skull Hill (the name in Hebrew is *Golgotha*), where they crucified him, and with him two others, one on each side, Jesus in the middle. Pilate wrote a sign and had it placed on the cross. It read:

Jesus the Nazarene
The King of the Jews.

²⁰⁻²¹ Many of the Jews read the sign because the place where Jesus was crucified was right next to the city. It was written in Hebrew, Latin, and Greek. The Jewish high priests objected. “Don’t write,” they said to Pilate, “‘The King of the Jews.’ Make it, ‘This man said, ‘I am the King of the Jews.’”

²² Pilate said, “What I’ve written, I’ve written.”

²³⁻²⁴ When they crucified him, the Roman soldiers took his clothes and divided them up four ways, to each soldier a fourth. But his robe was seamless, a single piece of weaving, so they said to each other, “Let’s not tear it up. Let’s throw dice to see who gets it.” This confirmed the Scripture that said, “They divided up my clothes among them and threw dice for my coat.” (The soldiers validated the Scriptures!)

²⁴⁻²⁷ While the soldiers were looking after themselves, Jesus’ mother, his aunt, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene stood at **the foot of the cross**. Jesus saw his mother and the disciple he loved standing near her. He said to his mother, “Woman, here is your son.” Then to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” From that moment the disciple accepted her as his own mother.

²⁸ Jesus, seeing that everything had been completed so that the Scripture record might also be complete, then said, “I’m thirsty.”

²⁹⁻³⁰ A jug of sour wine was standing by. Someone put a sponge soaked with the wine on a javelin and lifted it to his mouth. After he took the wine, Jesus said, “It’s done . . . complete.” Bowing his head, he offered up his spirit.

³¹⁻³⁴ Then the Jews, since it was the day of Sabbath preparation, and so the bodies wouldn’t stay on the crosses over the Sabbath (it was a high holy day that year), petitioned Pilate that their legs be broken to speed death, and the bodies taken down.

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