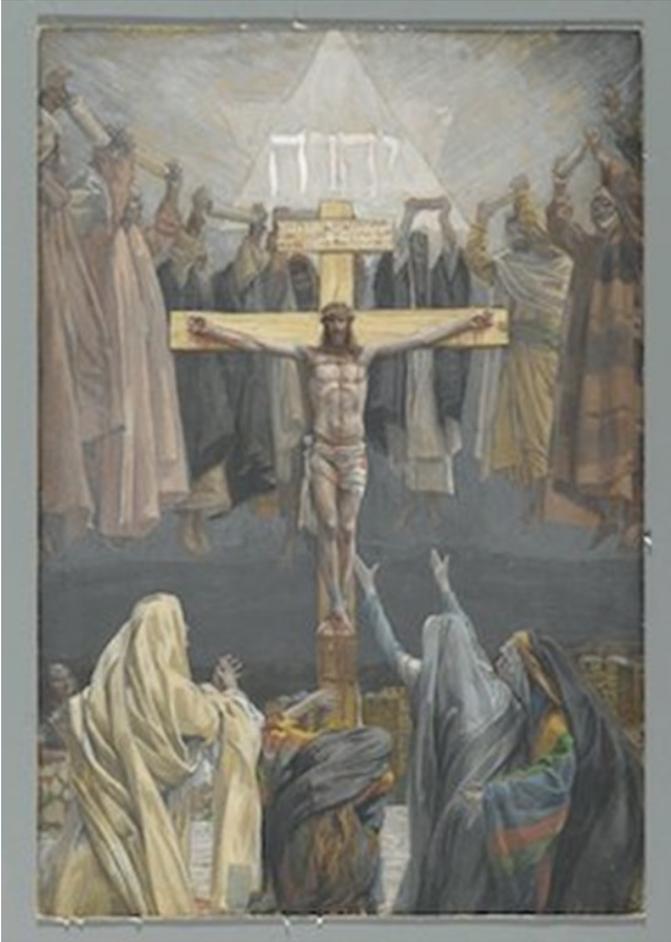


# A PASSION CYCLE



by James Jacques Tissot (1836 - 1902)

## HOLY WEEK 2020

ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL

**J**ames Jacques Tissot (French painter and illustrator, 1836-1902) travelled to the Holy Land (Israel) in 1884 to begin making a series of around 150 paintings of the Life of Christ, completing them in 1896. They were drawn in pencil and painted in opaque watercolour (gouache). Most of them are now in the Brooklyn Museum in New York.

These 8 have been selected from his paintings of what is known as the Passion, the events of the last few days of Jesus' life and death on the cross.

### THE ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM



A large crowd was in Jerusalem for the coming celebration of Passover. They had heard about the miracles Jesus had performed, including raising Lazarus from death. When Jesus, humbly riding on a young donkey came into Jerusalem with his disciples the crowd pulled branches off palm trees and greeted him with shouts of "Hosanna!", a shout of praise and joy. Nevertheless a few days later the crowd was calling for him to be executed, calling out "Crucify"!

### John 12 12-19

12 The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. 13 So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—the King of Israel!" 14 Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written: 15 "Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" 16 His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him. 17 So the crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to testify. 18 It was also because they heard that he had performed this sign that the crowd went to meet him. 19 The Pharisees then said to one another, "You see, you can do nothing. Look, the world has gone after him!"

### THE LAST SUPPER



Jesus knew that the time had come for him to return to the Father. He gathered his disciples at nightfall for their last meal together with him, trying to prepare them for what his death meant, giving them teaching, and serving them. He already knew that one of his close disciples, Judas, had decided to betray his location to the authorities for money. Which of them was it? Jesus told Peter and John that it was the man to whom he would give a piece of bread dipped in the common dish, as we see here.

### **John 13:21-30**

21 After saying this Jesus was troubled in spirit, and declared, "Very truly, I tell you, one of you will betray me." 22 The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he was speaking. 23 One of his disciples—the one whom Jesus loved—was reclining next to him; 24 Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. 25 So while reclining next to Jesus, he asked him, "Lord, who is it?" 26 Jesus answered, "It is the one to whom I give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish." So when he had dipped the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas son of Simon Iscariot. 27 After he received the piece of bread, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, "Do quickly what you are going to do." 28 Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. 29 Some thought that, because Judas had the common purse, Jesus was telling him, "Buy what we need for the festival"; or, that he should give something to the poor. 30 So, after receiving the piece of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.

### **GETHSEMANE**



Jesus went out of the city a little way to the Mount of Olives with his disciples and asked them to pray. He went a short distance away and prayed in anguish to the Father, knowing that he was about to suffer horrendously. He prayed that God's will be done. But the disciples meanwhile had gone to sleep.

### **Luke 22 39-46**

39 He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. 40 When he reached the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not come into the time of trial." 41 Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed, 42 "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done." 43 [Then an angel from heaven

appeared to him and gave him strength. 44 In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground.] 45 When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, 46 and he said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial."

### JUDAS BETRAYS JESUS



Judas came and betrayed Jesus as the person the soldiers and police were searching for by kissing him. One of the disciples slashed off the ear of one of the men, but Jesus stopped him- "No more of this!"

### Luke 22 47-53

47 While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; 48 but Jesus said to him, "Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?" 49 When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked, "Lord, should we strike with the sword?" 50 Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. 51 But Jesus said, "No more of this!" And he touched his ear and healed him. 52 Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him, "Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? 53 When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!"

### PETER DENIES JESUS



Jesus was dragged away bound to the high priest. Peter and John managed to get into the courtyard, but when a maid identified Peter as one of Jesus' disciples he said "I am not"! Peter went on to deny twice more, to two other questioners, that he even knew Jesus.

### **John 18 15-18 and 25-27**

15 Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, 16 but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. 17 The woman said to Peter, "You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." 18 Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing around it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself.

25 Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him, "You are not also one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not." 26 One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?" 27 Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.



### **JESUS BEFORE PILATE**

Then Jesus was taken before the Roman governor Pilate, the representative of the most powerful empire in the world at the time. Pilate asked Jesus if he was "The King of the Jews" but Jesus told him that His kingdom was not of this world. Pilate wanted to release Jesus, and had him beaten and abused, thinking this would satisfy the accusers. However they yelled "Crucify him!" Pilate had Jesus brought back, telling him that he had the power to kill him, but Jesus told him that he had no power which had not been given by God. Finally Pilate caved in and condemned Jesus to death.

### **John 18 28-40 and 19 5-16**

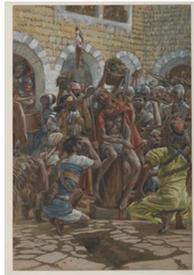
28 Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. 29 So Pilate went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" 30 They answered, "If this man

were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you." 31 Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law." The Jews replied, "We are not permitted to put anyone to death." 32 (This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.) 33 Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" 34 Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" 35 Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" 36 Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." 37 Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." 38 Pilate asked him, "What is truth?" After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, "I find no case against him. 39 But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" 40 They shouted in reply, "Not this man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a bandit.

### **John 19:5-16**

5 So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Here is the man!" 6 When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him." 7 The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God." 8 Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. 9 He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. 10 Pilate therefore said to him, "Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?" 11 Jesus answered him, "You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin." 12 From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor." 13 When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge's bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha. 14 Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. He said to the Jews, "Here is your King!" 15 They cried out, "Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!" Pilate asked them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but the emperor." 16 Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

## JESUS IS MOCKED AS "KING"



The soldiers mocked Jesus with fake emblems of kingship – a purple robe, worn only by rulers, and a twisted wreath of thorns instead of a gold crown. They spat on him and jeered.

### **Mark 15 16-19**

16 Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters ); and they called together the whole cohort. 17 And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. 18 And they began saluting him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" 19 They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him.



## JESUS IS CRUCIFIED

Jesus was nailed to a cross in the torture execution of crucifixion. Two criminals were executed at the same time – one abused him, but the other asked to be remembered when Jesus came into his kingdom. The women who had followed Jesus, including his mother, watched in anguish, as did John his disciple.

### **Luke 23 39-43**

39 One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" 40 But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? 41 And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." 42 Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." 43 He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will

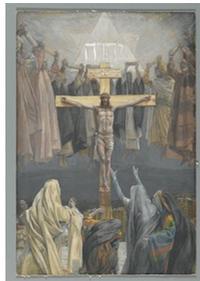
be with me in Paradise."

### **John 19 25-27**

25 And that is what the soldiers did. Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. 26 When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." 27 Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

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“IT IS FINISHED”(Consummatum Est)



Jesus, knowing that his work was now accomplished as the prophets had foretold in the scriptures, (we see them standing around the cross, holding up their Spirit-inspired writings) said "It is finished" (completed) and gave up his spirit to the Father. Above Jesus' head we see the Star of David with the name of God in Hebrew (JHWH) shining from it.

### **John 19 28-30**

28 After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty." 29 A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. 30 When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.