

COMPARING THE GOSPEL ACCOUNTS OF THE CRUCIFIXION OF CHRIST

MATTHEW 27:27-61 ... MARK 15:16-47 ... LUKE 23:26-56 ... JOHN 19:17-42

Who carries Jesus' Cross?

Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
Matthew 27:32	Mark 15:21	Luke 23:26	John 19:17
<i>Jesus gets help from Simon of Cyrene</i>			<i>Jesus carries his own cross the whole way</i>

What was the Inscription on Jesus' Cross?

Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
Matthew 27:37	Mark 15:26	Luke 23:38	John 19:19
<i>"This is Jesus the King of the Jews."</i>	<i>"The King of the Jews."</i>	<i>"This is the King of the Jews."</i>	<i>"Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews"</i>

Jesus and the Thieves:

Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
Matthew 27:44	Mark 15:27	Luke 23:39-42	John 19:18
<i>The two thieves taunt Jesus</i>	<i>The two thieves are mentioned, but there is no conversation</i>	<i>One thief taunts Jesus and is criticized by the other. Jesus promises the 2nd thief that they would be in Paradise.</i>	<i>The two men aren't described as thieves</i>

Does Jesus Drink Wine or Vinegar? (Note: Psalm 69:21)

Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
Matthew 27:34 & 27:48	Mark 15:23	Luke 23:36	John 19:29-30
<i>Jesus refuses the wine vinegar; then Jesus is offered wine vinegar again, but it doesn't say if he drank</i>	<i>Jesus is given wine mixed with myrrh, but he doesn't drink</i>	<i>Jesus is offered wine vinegar, but it doesn't say if he drank</i>	<i>Jesus is given wine vinegar and he drinks</i>

Jesus and the Centurion:

Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
Matthew 27:54	Mark 15:39	Luke 23:47	
<i>A centurion is cited as saying: "Truly this was the son of God."</i>	<i>A centurion is cited as saying: "Truly this man was the son of God!"</i>	<i>A centurion is cited as saying: "Truly this man was innocent."</i>	<i>No centurions say anything</i>

Women Watch the Crucifixion:

Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
Matthew 27:55	Mark 15:40	Luke 23:49	John 19:25-26
Several women watch Jesus from afar			Several women are close enough that Jesus could talk to his mother

When Was Jesus Crucified?

Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
Matthew 27:45	Mark 15:25, 34	Luke 23:44	John 19:14-15
It speaks of the "sixth hour" to the "ninth hour" there was darkness over the land.	Jesus was crucified at the "third hour" and then cried out at the "ninth hour"	The "sixth hour... until the ninth hour" is the time span given in the middle of Luke's crucifixion account.	Jesus was crucified on the "sixth hour."

Jesus' Final Words:

Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
Matthew 27:46-50	Mark 15:34-37	Luke 23:46	John 19:30
Jesus says: "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" (but they use different words for "God" — Matthew uses "Eli" (Ancient Hebrew... See Psalm 22:1) and Mark uses "Eloi" (spoken Aramaic)	Jesus says: "Father, into thy hands I commit my spirit."	Jesus says: "It is finished."	

Earthquake After the Resurrection:

Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
Matthew 27:51-53			
At the moment Jesus dies, a massive earth quake strikes and opens tombs where some dead rise again.	No earthquake is mentioned.		