

The image features three crosses on a dark, textured background. The central cross is the largest and most prominent, with a figure of a person on it. Two smaller crosses are positioned to the left and right of the central one. The background is a dark, mottled brown with a fine, grainy texture. The overall mood is somber and reflective.

Mocked to Death

Mark 15:22-32

Golgotha

- ²² Then they brought Him to the place Golgotha, which is translated, Place of a Skull. ²³ They tried to give Him wine mixed with myrrh; but He did not take it. (Mark 15:22-23)



Dull the Pain

- Give strong drink to him who is perishing, and wine to him who is in bitter distress. (Proverbs 31:6)



Gambling for Clothes

- **And they crucified Him, and divided up His garments among themselves, casting lots for them to decide what each man should take. (Mark 15:24)**
- **They divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots. (Psalm 22:18)**



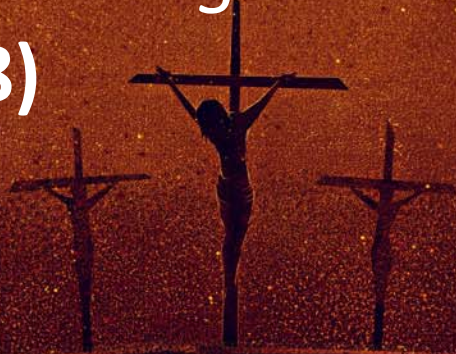
Crucifixion

- It was the third hour when they crucified Him. (Mark 15:25)



The Charge

- ²⁶ The inscription of the charge against Him read, “THE KING OF THE JEWS.” ²⁷ They crucified two robbers with Him, one on His right and one on His left. ²⁸ *[And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, “And He was numbered with transgressors.”]*
(Mark 15:26-28)



Verbal Abuse

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Wagging

- ⁷ All who see me sneer at me; they mock me, they wag the head, saying, ⁸ “Commit yourself to the Lord; let Him deliver him; let Him rescue him, because He delights in him.” (Psalm 22:7-8)



The Temple

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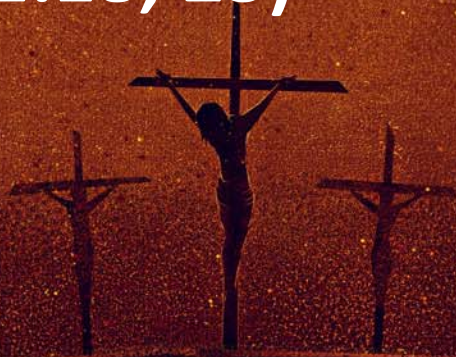


Save Yourself

- ³¹ In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes, were mocking Him among themselves and saying, “He saved others; He cannot save Himself. ³² Let this Christ, the King of Israel, now come down from the cross, so that we may see and believe!” Those who were crucified with Him were also insulting Him. (Mark 15:31-32)

The Scandal of the Cross

- ¹⁸ For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God... ²³ but we preach Christ crucified, to Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness...
(1 Corinthians 1:18, 23)



The Scandal of the Cross

- Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree...” (Galatians 3:13)



The Scandal of the Cross

- ⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, ⁷ but made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a slave, being born in human likeness. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross! (Philippians 2:6-8)

True Love

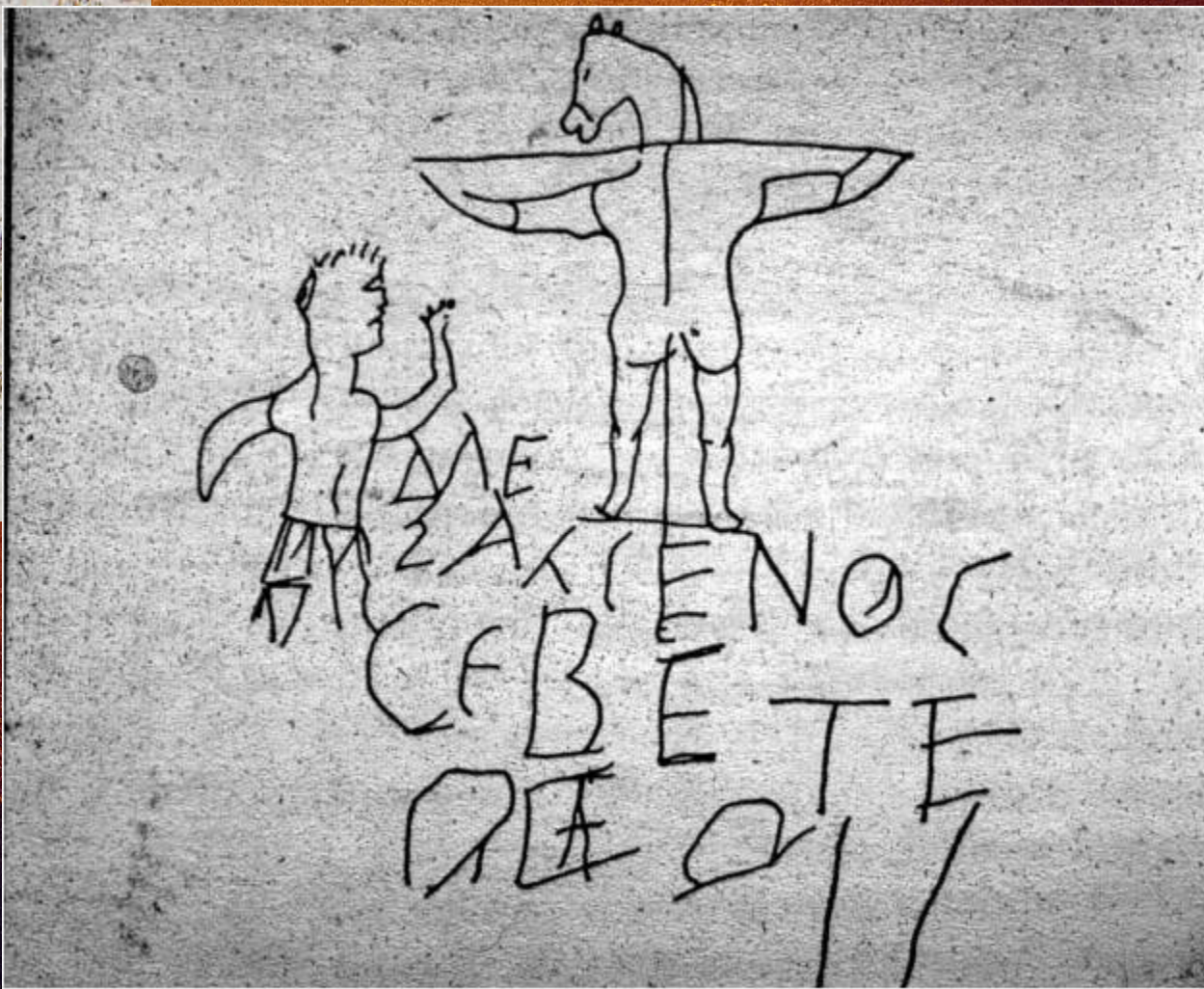
- “Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.” (John 15:13)
- But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8)



True Love

- ...and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed. (1 Peter 2:24)





The shame

- ¹ Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12:1-2)