

Matthew's Gospel

Chapter 27a

27:1-10

Deuteronomy 27:25

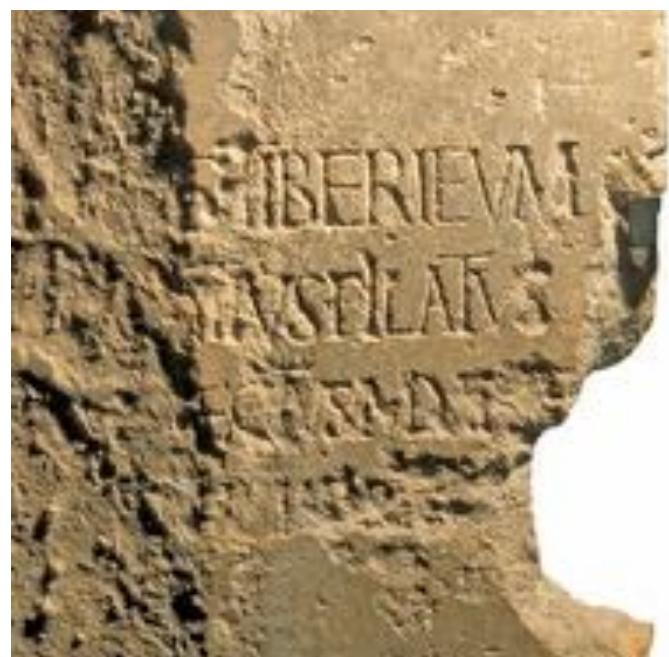
Cursed be anyone who takes a bribe to shed innocent blood.

Acts 1:18-19

Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language *Akeldama*, that is, Field of Blood.



Akeldama (הקל דמא) “Field of Blood”



The Pilate stone



Herod's Palace

27:11-15

Exodus 20:17

Moses said to the people, “Do not fear, for God has come to **test** you, that the fear of Him may be before you, that you may not sin.”

נָסַח

(*nasah*)

“to test” or “to elevate/lift up”

Philippians 2:6-11

Who, although He existed in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped,
but emptied Himself,
taking the form of a bond-servant, and
being made in the likeness of men. And
being found in appearance as a man,
He humbled Himself by becoming
obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.



Therefore...

God highly exalted Him, and
bestowed on Him the name which is
above every name,
that at the name of Yeshua every knee
should bow, of those who are in heaven,
and on earth,
and under the earth, and that
every tongue should confess that Messiah Yeshua
is Master,
to the glory of God the Father.



Romans 8:3

For God has done what the Torah, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending His own Son **in the likeness of sinful flesh** and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh.

Genesis 39:12

She caught him by his garment, saying, “Lie with me.” But he left his garment in her hand and fled and got out of the house.

Isaiah 53:7

He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so He opened not his mouth.

Those who suffer insult but do not insult in response, who hear their disgrace but do not reply, who perform God's will out of love and are happy even in suffering, regarding them the verse states: *“But they who love Him shall be as the sun going forth in its might.”* (Judges 5:31)

God gives power to those who refrain from using it.

27:15-23

Six Witnesses to Yeshua's Innocence

- **Judas** (Matthew 27:4)
- **Pilate** (Matthew 27:24)
- **Pilate's Wife** (Matthew 27:19)
- **Herod** (Luke 23:14-15)
- **The Criminal** (Luke 23:41)
- **The Centurian** (Luke 23:47)

Matthew 23:31-36 Thus you witness against yourselves that you are sons of those who murdered the prophets. Fill up, then, the measure of your fathers. You serpents, you brood of vipers, how are you to escape being sentenced to hell? Therefore I send you prophets and wise men and scribes, some of whom you will kill and crucify, and some you will flog in your synagogues and persecute from town to town, so that on you may come all the righteous blood shed on earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah the son of Barachiah, whom you murdered between the sanctuary and the altar. Truly, I say to you, all these things will come upon this generation.

The great thing, if one can, is to stop regarding all the unpleasant things as interruptions of one's 'own', or 'real' life. The truth is of course that what one calls the interruptions are precisely one's real life – the life God is sending one day by day: what one calls one's 'real life' is a phantom of one's own imagination.

☞ C.S. Lewis (Letter to Arthur Greaves - 1943)