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CHRIST'S SUFFERINGS AND  
DEATH - II

Matthew 27, NIV

*JESUS CHRIST*  
*Sufferings and Death*

**Early in the morning, all the chief  
priests and the elders of the  
people  
came to the decision to put Jesus  
to death.**

**They bound him,  
led him away and handed  
him over to Pilate, the governor.**

***"What shall I do, then,  
with Jesus who is called Christ?"  
Pilate asked.***

***They all answered, "Crucify him!"***

***"Why? What crime has he  
committed?" asked Pilate.***

***But they shouted all the louder,  
"Crucify him!"***

**Then he released Barabbas to them.**

**But he had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified.**

**Then the governor's soldiers  
took Jesus**

**into the Praetorium and gathered  
the who company of soldiers  
around him.**

***They stripped him and put a  
scarlet robe on him,  
and then wove a crown of thorns  
and set it on his head.***



***They put a staff in his right hand  
and knelt in front of him and  
mocked him.***

***"Hail, King of the Jews!" they  
said.***

**They spit on him, and took the  
staff**

**and struck him on the head again  
and again.**

**After they had mocked him,  
they took off the robe and  
put his own clothes on him.**

**Then they led him away to crucify  
him.**

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they took off the robe and  
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to crucify him.**

***And when Jesus had cried out  
again***

***in a loud voice, he gave up his  
spirit.***

**At that moment the curtain of the  
temple was torn in two  
from top to bottom.**

**The earth shook  
and the rocks split.**

***When the centurion and  
those with him who were guarding  
Jesus saw the earthquake***



***and all that had happened,  
they were terrified, and exclaimed,  
"Surely he was the Son of God!"***