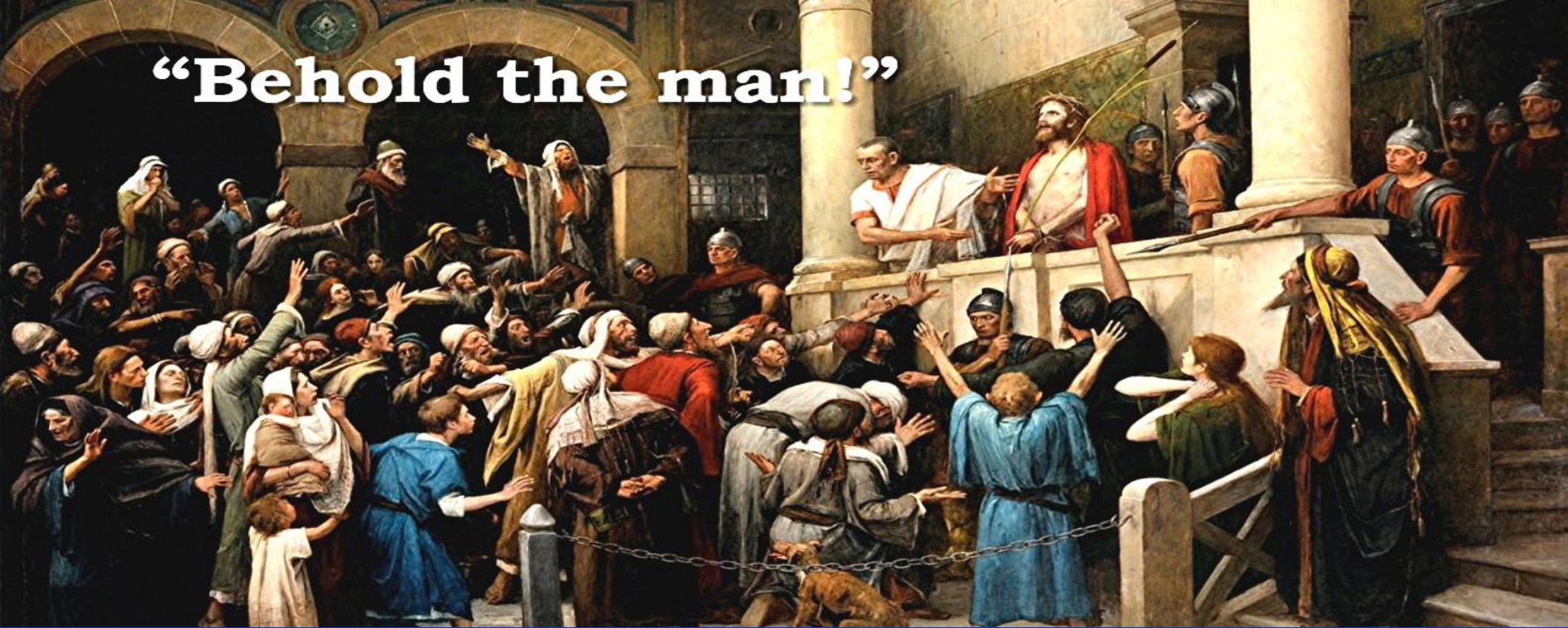
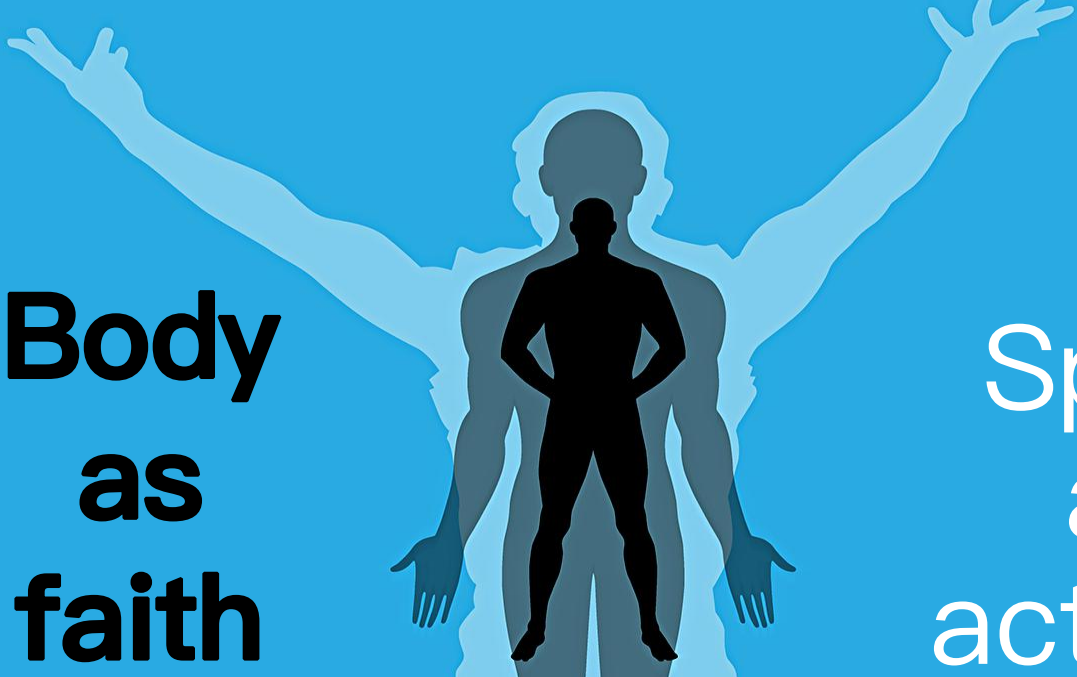


“Behold the man!”



- Vss. 11 – 26 a chief source for anti-Semitism
- Who is to blame? That is not what Matthew intended
- Three persons or groups: 1) Jewish religious leadership, 2) Pontius Pilate, 3) the crowd
- The leadership are the culprits
- The misinformed cannot claim innocence

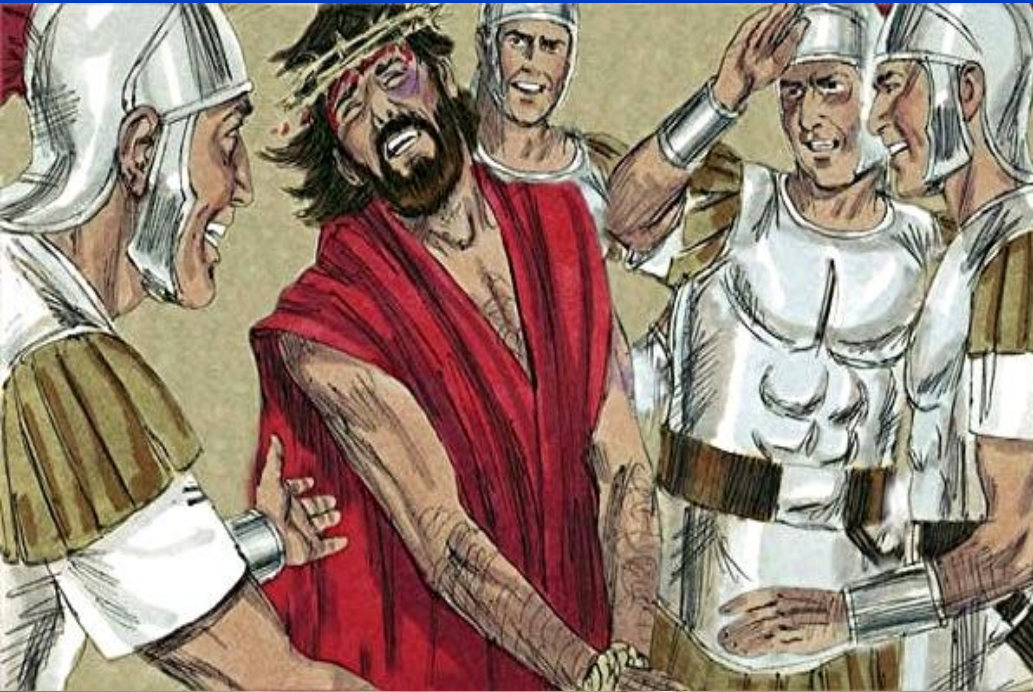


**Body
as
faith**

Spirit
as
actions

- The New Testament spends little time on the trial, death and resurrection of Yeshua
- The greater volume is spent on who He was, what He represents, and His instructions to us
- James 2:19 – 26
- James uses body and spirit as metaphors for faith in Yeshua versus our actions. Both are required

A DIADEM OF THORNS



- Jesus either at the Antonia Fortress or Herod's Palace
- Scarlet cape, belonged to Roman Centurion
- For the Romans, Yeshua's crime was treason
- Jesus died as a political prisoner for political reasons
- After mocking Him, they took back the robe



THE BRUTALITY OF THE PROCESS

- Flogging often left the man dying or dead
- Flagellum multiple leather arms with sharp metal and bone on the ends
- Shim'on of Cyrene, a Jewish pilgrim just arrived to Jerusalem
- ***Patibulum*** = crossbeam
- Carried by the victim to both humiliate and to weaken him



GULGOLTA

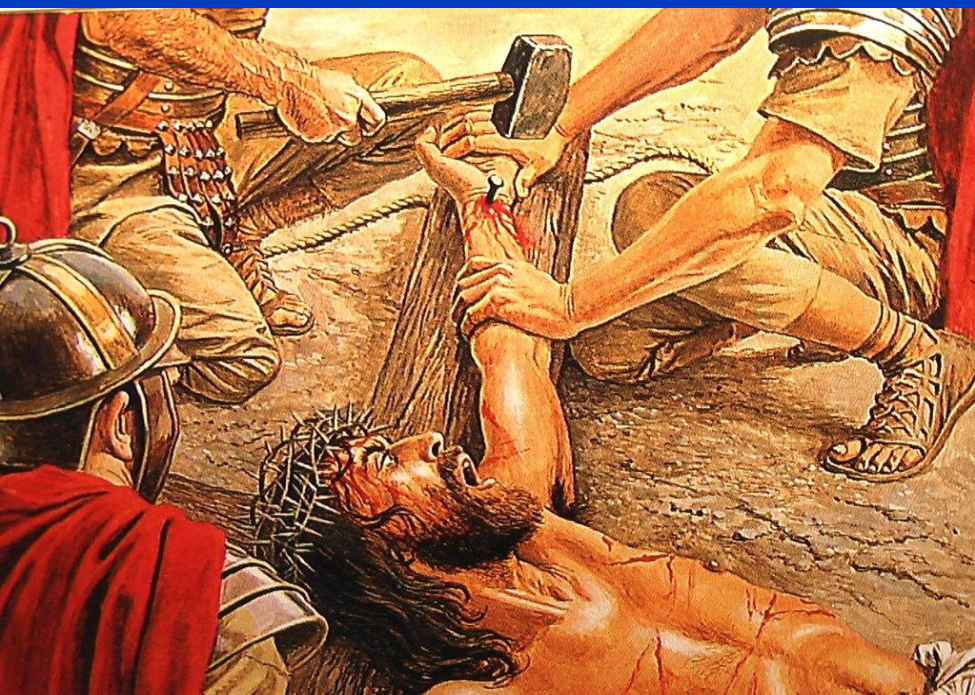
- Skull
- Latin changed it to *calvaria*, which was made into English calvary
- Burial place is either where the Church of the Holy Sepulcher is, or somewhere near the Garden Tomb
- The execution was in a highly visible place, with roads and paths nearby





WINE AND GALL

- Before being nailed to the stake Christ was offered a pain killer
- Mark says it was Myrrh and wine
- No explanation why Yeshua refused to drink it
- **Stauros** was the Roman death stake
- Dice game for His clothes
- Psalm 22:17 - 19

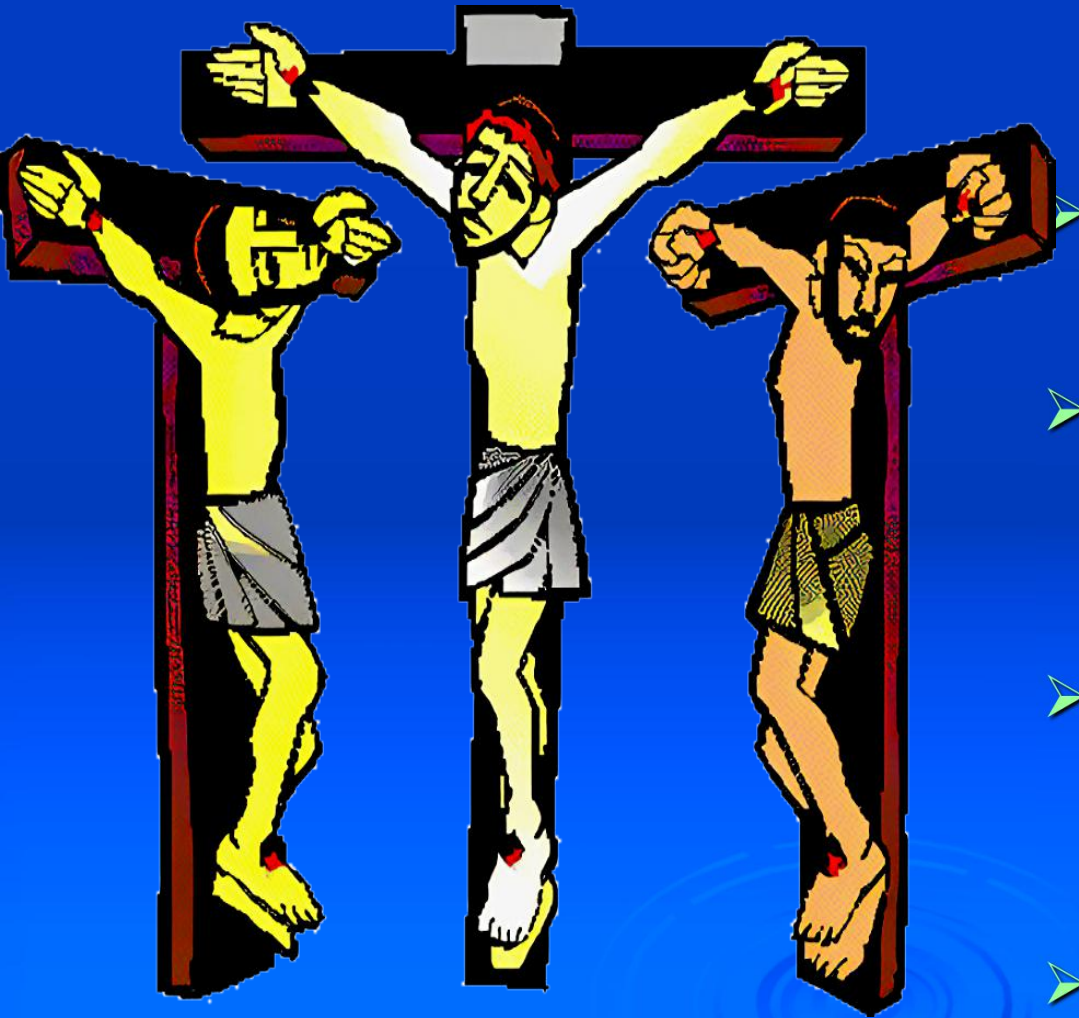


THE PROBLEM WITH ICONS

- Sign above Yeshua's head read: "This is Yeshua, King of the Jews"
- Message: any Messiah will wind up here. You have no hope.
- Earliest use of a "cross" was the Greek Tau
- Constantine made it the official Christian symbol
- No command of God for cross as a symbol
- "Love our fellow man" must be considered when choosing/using symbols and icons

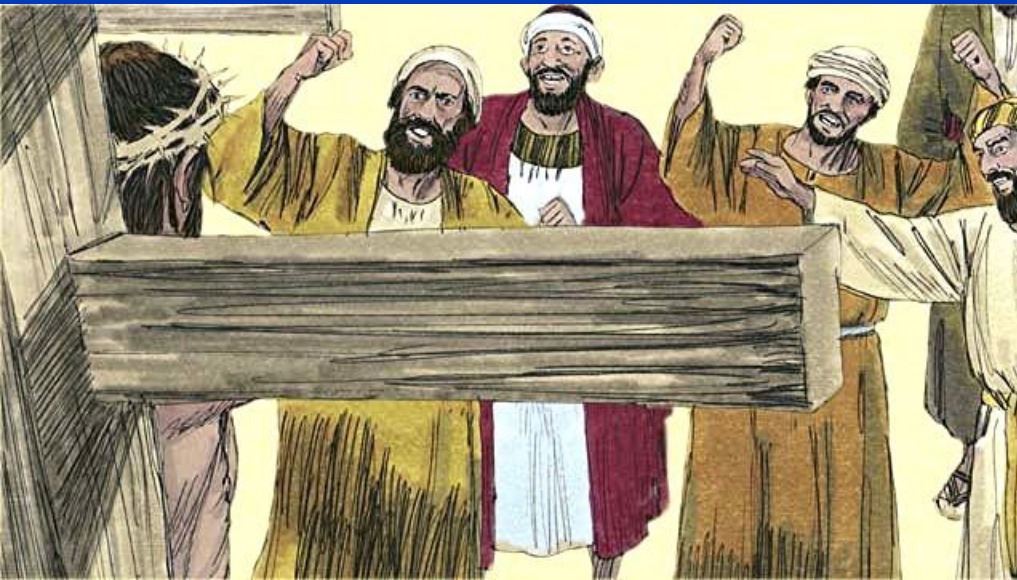


BLASPHEMING THE SON OF GOD



- Rome didn't execute common thieves
- These 2 men were likely dangerous and harmed people
- The issue of the Temple was sensitive
- People swore by the Temple, as if it was alive
- The insults and mocking fulfilled more prophecy
- Psalm 22:7 - 8

“If you are the Son of God.....”



- Matthew 4:3 – 6
- The jeerers are acting as Satan’s agents, even using the same word formula!
- All the temptations had to do with Christ gaining something for Himself
- After the passers-by the Jewish religious leaders joined in the mocking
- They said that He can’t even save Himself
- They didn’t understand the term “save” as meaning “salvation”

NO MORE SIGNS

- The Jewish leaders demand a sign that Jesus is who He says He is, by coming off the cross
- Matthew 12:38 – 40
- Psalm 22:9
- Even the 2 criminals join in the insults and slanders
- There are people who will go to their deaths insisting that if they are to be saved, they'll do it themselves



DARKNESS FROM NOON TO 3

- Amos 8:8 – 10
- Was prophesied to happen at Festival time!
- Prophetic fulfillment often missed because we don't take it literally enough
- What kind of darkness?
- What was the extent of "The Land" ?

