

Jeremiah 23:1-6 and Luke 1:68-79 • Jeremiah 23:1-6 and Psalm 46 • Colossians 1:11-20 • Luke 23:33-43 I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

Jeremiah 23:5b



Christ the Judge -- Fra Angelico, Cappella di San Brizio, Orvieto, Italy

"By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us,

Luke 1:78



Dawn in the Hills -- Julian Onderdonk, 1922

to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

Luke 1:79



World Peace Wall

World Peace Bell Park Quezon City, Philippines He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

Psalm 46:9

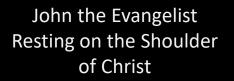
Shattering Spears

Amiens Cathedral 13th century Amiens, France



"Be still, and know that I am God!"

Psalm 46:10a



Swabia, 1300 Cleveland Museum of Art Cleveland, OH



He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Colossians 1:17

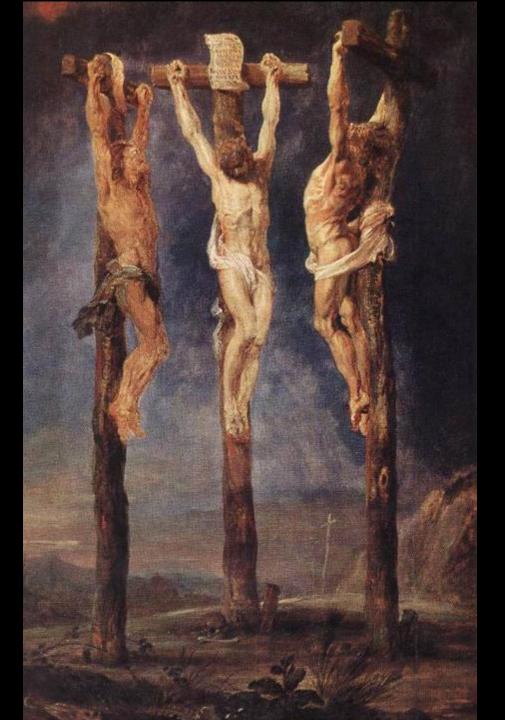


In the Beginning -- Metropolitan Community Church, Boynton Beach, FL

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left.



Museum Boijmans Van Beuningen Rotterdam, Netherlands

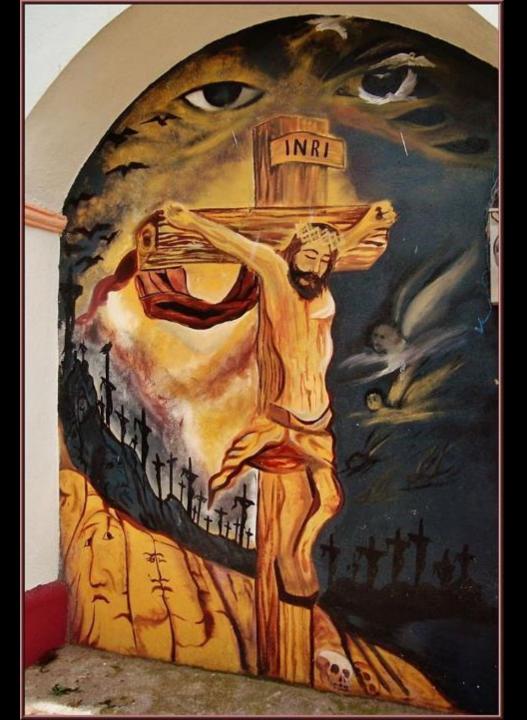


Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."

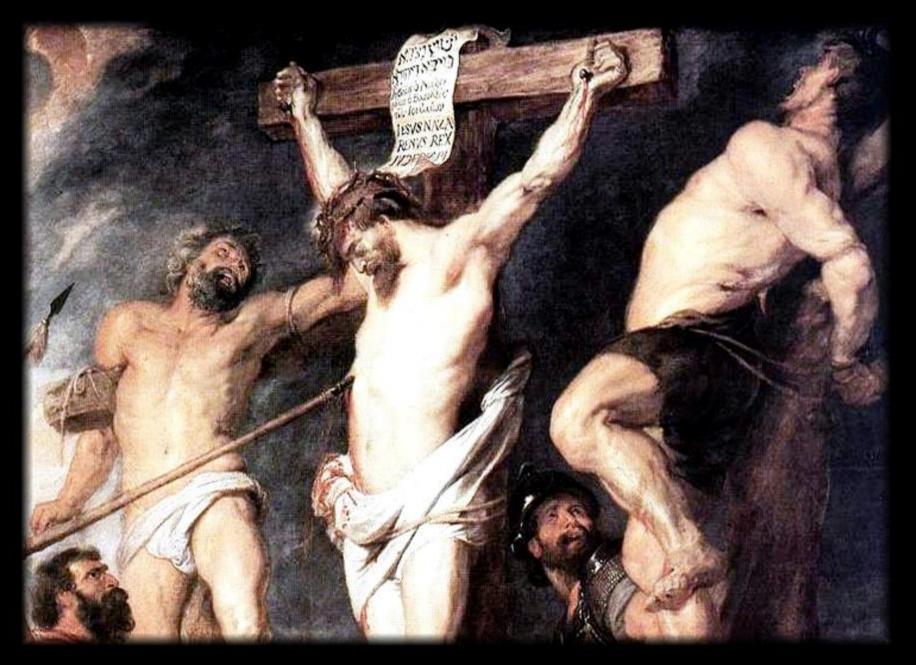
Luke 23:34a



Parish Church of the Assumption of Mary Coatepec, Mexico



One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"



Christ Crucified Between Two Thieves -- Peter Paul Rubens, Royal Museum, Antwerp, Belgium

But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?



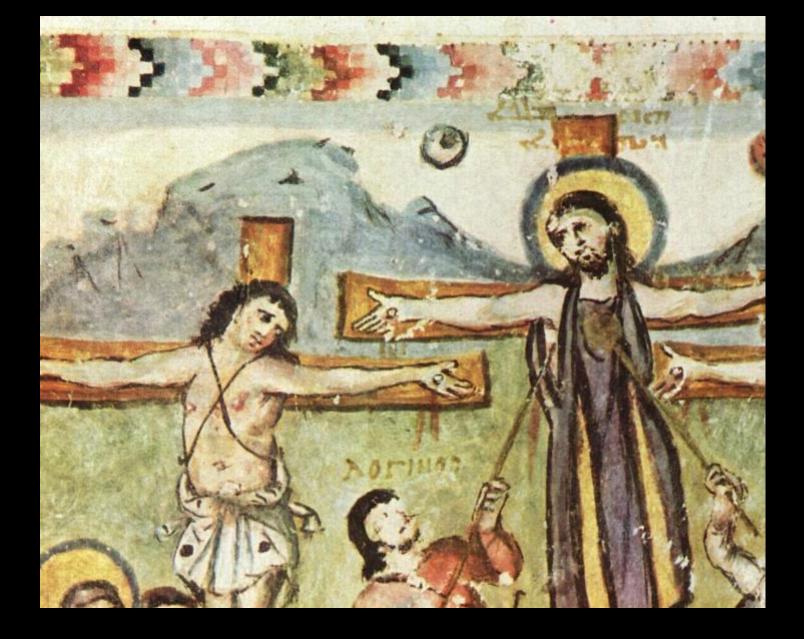
Christ Between Two Thieves -- Lucas Cranach the Elder, Alte Pinakothek, Munich, Germany

And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong."



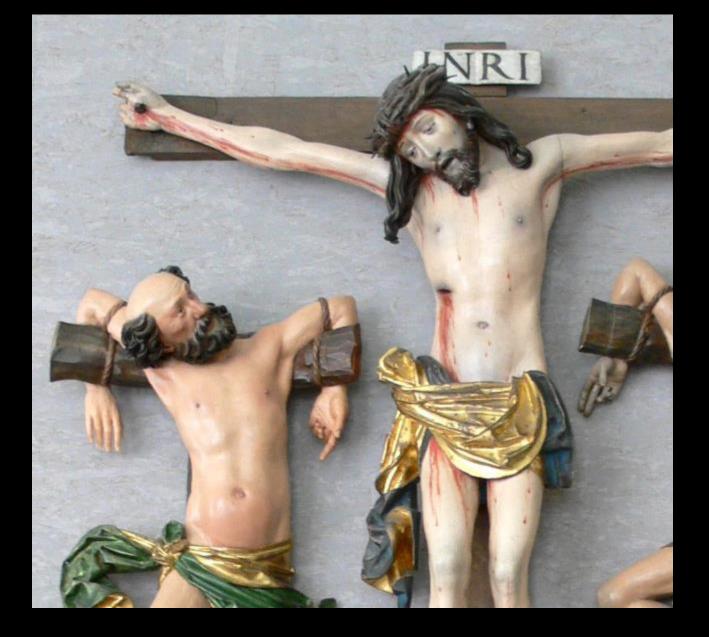
Crucifixion -- church near Guanajuato, Mexico

Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."



Rabula Gospel -- Manuscript, 586 AD, Laurentian Library, Florence, Italy

He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."



Crucifixion -- Workshop of Niklaus Weckmann, Landesmuseum Wurttemberg, Stuttgart, Germany

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