

A Crucifixion or a Coronation?
A Journey Towards the Cross
Mark 15:15-39
April 13, 2025 – Palm Sunday

(Mark 1:9-11)

Order of the Imperial Coronation

Location: Praetorium (Military)

- Caesar is escorted to the _____
- The Imperial Garrison is _____
- Ceasar is clothed with a _____
- Ceasar has a _____ placed on his head
- Ceasar is hailed as "_____ and _____".

Location: Procession through the streets (Crowds)

- Ceasar carries the instrument of _____
- Ceasar is followed by a sacrificial _____
- The "fasces" is given to a _____ to carry

Location: Capitoline (Skull) Hill (Leaders)

- Ceasar is offered _____ with myrrh, but he pours it out.
- The bull is _____
- _____ and punishments are handed out
- Ceasar _____ the steps with a priest on his right and commander on left
- Ceasar is _____ by the people
- The people look for a _____ from heaven
- Ceasar is acclaimed "_____ and _____"

"So Pilate, wanting to gratify the crowd, released Barabbas to them; and he delivered Jesus, after he had scourged Him, to be crucified. Then the soldiers led Him away into the hall called Praetorium, and they called together the whole garrison. And they clothed Him with purple; and they twisted a crown of thorns, put it on His head, and began to salute Him, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' Then they struck Him on the head with a reed and spat on Him; and bowing the knee, they worshiped Him. And when they had mocked Him, they took the purple off Him, put His own clothes on Him, and led Him out to crucify Him. Then they compelled a certain man, Simon a Cyrenian, the father of Alexander and Rufus, as he was coming out of the country and passing by, to bear His cross. And they brought Him to the place Golgotha, which is translated, Place of a Skull. Then they gave Him wine mingled with myrrh to drink, but He did not take it. And when they crucified Him, they divided His garments, casting lots for them to determine what every man should take. Now it was the third hour, and they crucified Him. And the inscription of His accusation was written above: THE KING OF THE JEWS. With Him they also crucified two robbers, one on His right and the other on His left. So the Scripture was fulfilled which says, 'And He was numbered with the transgressors.' And those who passed by blasphemed Him, wagging their heads and saying, 'Aha! You who destroy the temple and build it in three days, save Yourself, and come down from the cross!' Likewise the chief priests also, mocking among themselves with the scribes, said, 'He saved others; Himself He cannot save. Let the Christ, the King of Israel, descend now from the cross, that we may see and believe.' Even those who were crucified with Him reviled Him. Now when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, 'Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?' which is translated, 'My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?' Some of those who stood by, when they heard that, said, 'Look, He is calling for Elijah!' Then someone ran and filled a sponge full of sour wine, put it on a reed, and offered it to Him to drink, saying, 'Let Him alone; let us see if Elijah will come to take Him down.' And Jesus cried out with a loud voice, and breathed His last. Then the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. So when the centurion, who stood opposite Him, saw that He cried out like this and breathed His last, he said, 'Truly this Man was the Son of God!'" (Mark 15:15-39; NKJ)