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(Scriptural) Sorrowful Mysteries

The Sorrowful Mysteries cover the events of Holy Thursday, the Last Supper, through the Crucifixion of Christ on Good Friday. Meditating on these Mysteries, we are reminded of the love Jesus has for each of us and the sacrifice He made for our salvation. In this version of the Rosary, a line from scripture is read on each bead of each decade.

The Agony in the Garden

1. Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemani...and he began to experience sorrow and distress. *Hail Mary...*
2. Then he said to them, "My heart is nearly broken with sorrow. Remain here and stay awake with me." *Hail Mary...*
3. He withdrew from them and knelt down and prayed. *Hail Mary...*
4. "Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me. Still, let it be as you would have it, not as I." *Hail Mary...*
5. When he returned to his disciples, he found them asleep. He said to Peter, "So you could not stay awake with me for even an hour? Be on guard and pray that you may not undergo the test. The spirit is willing, but nature is weak." *Hail Mary...*
6. In his anguish, he prayed more earnestly. An angel appeared to him, coming from Heaven to give him strength. *Hail Mary...*
7. "The hour is on us when the Son of Man is to be handed over to the power of evil men." *Hail Mary...*
8. While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived accompanied by a great crowd with swords and clubs. *Hail Mary...*
9. He immediately went over to Jesus, said to him, "Peace, Rabbi," and embraced him. *Hail Mary...*
10. Jesus answered, "Friend, do what you are here for." At that moment they stepped forward to lay hand on Jesus and arrest Him. *Hail Mary...*



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Scourging at the Pillar

1. As soon as it was daybreak, the chief priests, with the elders and scribes, reached a decision. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate interrogated him: "Are you the king of the Jews?"
2. Jesus answered, "My Kingdom does not belong to this world"...At this, Pilate said to him, "So then you are asking?" Jesus replied, "It is you who say I am a king. The reason I was born, the reason why I came into the world is to testify to the truth. Anyone committed to the truth, hears my voice."
3. This much only will I say, "From now on, the Son of Man will have his seat at the right hand of the Power of God."
4. "So you are the Son of God?" they asked in chorus. He answered, "It is you who say that I am."
5. Pilate's next move was to take Jesus and have him scourged.
6. Despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows.
7. And yet, ours were the sufferings he bore.
8. He was pierced through for our faults, crushed for our sins.
9. They blindfolded him first, slapped him and then taunted him.
10. And after he had Jesus scourged, Pilate handed him over to be crucified.

The Crowning with Thorns

1. The soldiers now led Jesus away into the hall known as the Praetorium; at the time they assembled the whole cohort.
2. They dressed him in royal purple, then wove a crown of thorns and put it on him.
3. They began to salute him, All hail! King of the Jews!
4. Continually striking Jesus on the head with a reed and spitting at him, they genuflected before him and pretended to pay him homage.



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5. Pilate said to the crowd: "Observe what I do. I am going to bring him out to you to make you realize that I find no case against him."
6. When Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple cloak, Pilate said to them, "Look at the man!"
7. As soon as the chief priests and the temple guards saw him they shouted, "Crucify him! Crucify him!"
8. "Why, what crime has he committed?" asked Pilate. They only shouted the louder, "Crucify him!"
9. Pilate said to the Jews, "Look at your king!"
10. In the end, Pilate handed Jesus over to be crucified.

The Carrying of the Cross

1. When they had finished making a fool of him, they stripped Jesus of the cloak, dressed him in his own clothes, and led him off to crucifixion.
2. On their way out they met a Cyrenian named Simon. This man they pressed into service to carry the cross.
3. A great crowd of people followed him, including women who beat their breasts and lamented over him.
4. Jesus turned to them and said: "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me. Weep for yourselves and for your children."
5. Two others who were criminals were led along with him to be crucified.
6. Upon arriving at the site called Golgotha, (a name which means Skull Place), they gave him a drink of wine flavored with gall, which he tasted but refused to drink.
7. When they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among them by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him.
8. "Whoever wishes to be my follower must deny his very self."



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9. "He must take up his cross every day and follow in my steps."

10. "Whoever would save his life will lose it, whoever loses his life for my sake, will save it."

Crucifixion and Death of Our Lord

1. Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, they do not know what they are doing."
2. One of the criminals said: "Jesus, remember me when you enter upon your reign." And Jesus replied, "I assure you; this day you will be with me in paradise."
3. Seeing his mother there with the disciple whom he loved, Jesus said to his mother, "Woman, there is your son."
4. In turn he said to the disciple, "There is your Mother." From that hour onward, the disciple took her into his care.
5. Then toward mid-afternoon, Jesus cried out in a loud tone, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"
6. Jesus realizing that everything was now finished, said to fulfill the Scriptures, "I am thirsty." There was a jar there, full of common wine. They stuck a sponge soaked in this wine on a stick, and raised it to his lips.
7. When Jesus took the wine, He said, "Now it is finished."
8. Jesus uttered a loud cry and said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." After he said this, he expired.
9. Darkness came over the whole land until midafternoon with an eclipse of the sun. The curtain in the sanctuary was torn in two.
10. They took Jesus' body, and in accordance with Jewish burial custom, bound it up in wrappings of cloth with perfumed oils.