Our scripture today is Matthew 26:14- 27:66

Since this is a pretty long scripture, I am going to read Matthew 27:38-54 I encourage you to read the entire scripture.

Matthew 27:38-54 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

**38**Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. **39**Those who passed by derided[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+27%3A38-54&version=NRSV#fen-NRSV-24166a)] him, shaking their heads **40**and saying, “You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.” **41**In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, **42**“He saved others; he cannot save himself.[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+27%3A38-54&version=NRSV#fen-NRSV-24169b)] He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. **43**He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, ‘I am God’s Son.’” **44**The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

The Death of Jesus

**45**From noon on, darkness came over the whole land[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+27%3A38-54&version=NRSV#fen-NRSV-24172c)] until three in the afternoon. **46**And about three o’clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” **47**When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, “This man is calling for Elijah.” **48**At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. **49**But the others said, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.”[[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+27%3A38-54&version=NRSV#fen-NRSV-24176d)] **50**Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.[[e](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+27%3A38-54&version=NRSV#fen-NRSV-24177e)] **51**At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. **52**The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. **53**After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. **54**Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, “Truly this man was God’s Son!”[[f](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+27%3A38-54&version=NRSV#fen-NRSV-24181f)]