

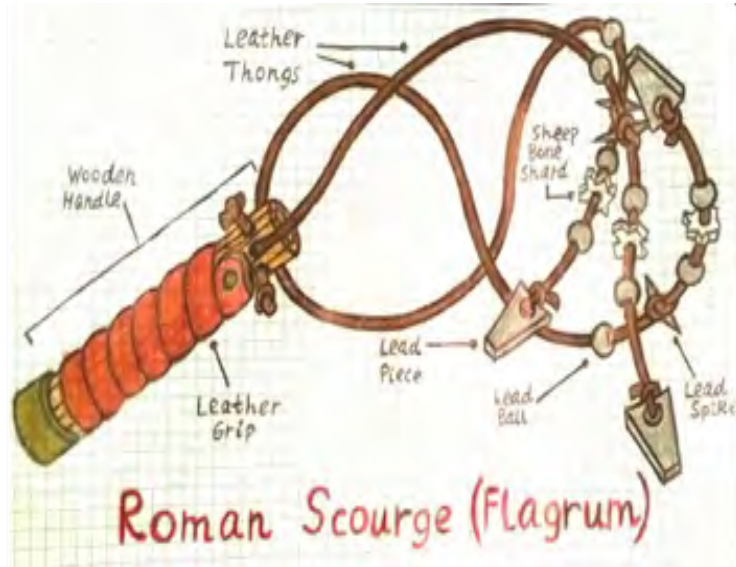
Scene One: Jesus Endures the Wrath of Man
Matthew 27: 26-44

February 4, 2024

Verse 26 - 31

**Torture, degradation, and humiliation
of their Creator**





700 years prior to this time, Isaiah described what Messiah would go through – Isaiah 52: 14 and 50: 6

Isaiah then says something all believers who are suffering can count on – Isaiah 50: 7

“The Lord God will help Me; therefore, I will not be disgraced; therefore, I have set My face like a flint, and I know that I will not be ashamed.”

You may need this verse one day when the world crushes you!

Think about whom they are torturing – GOD HIMSELF!

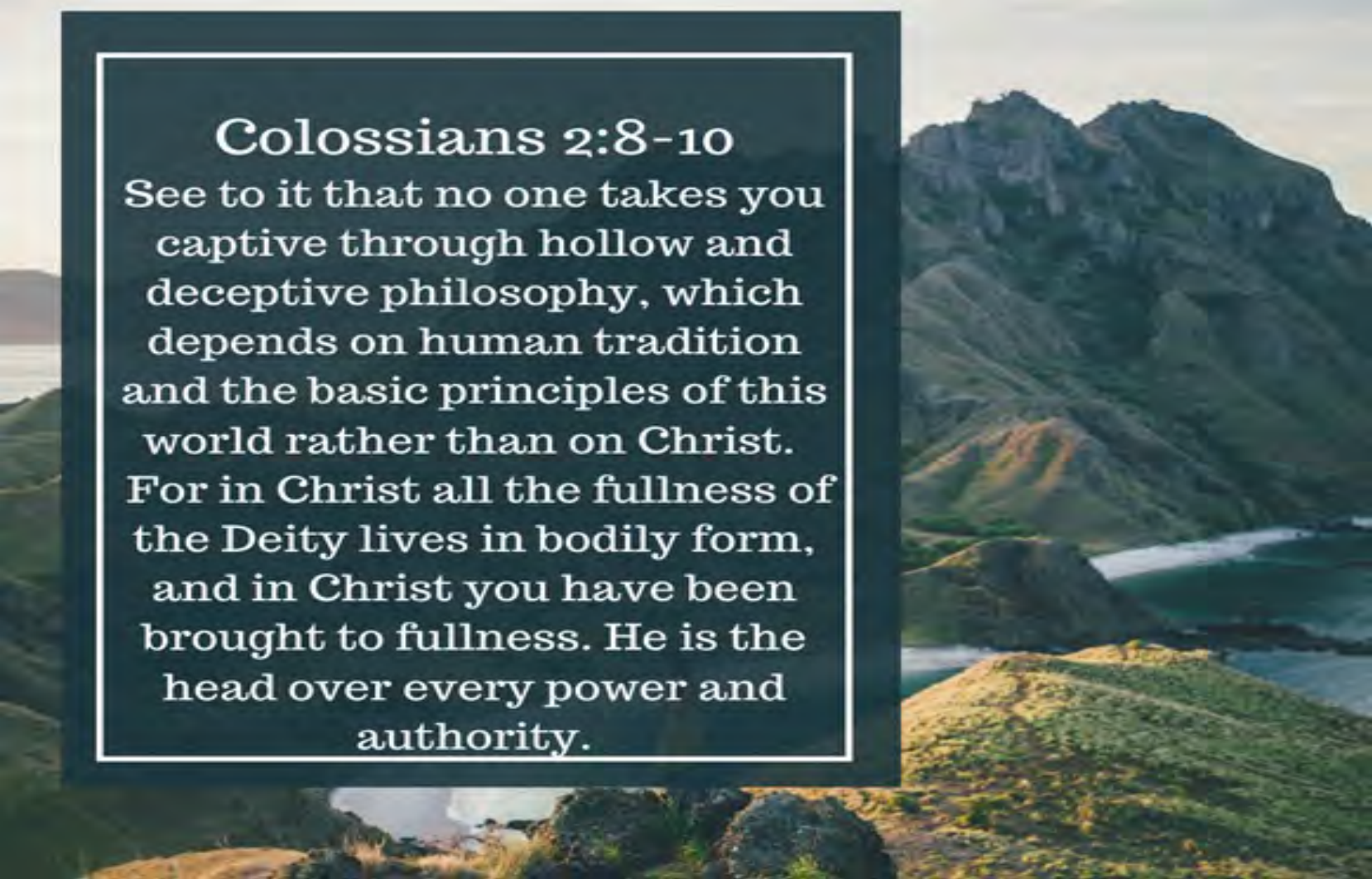
Colossians 1:15-17 (NKJV)

- 15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.
- 16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.
- 17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

The image of the invisible God

- **Eikon** = manifestation, representation, the perfect expression of God
- All the fullness of God dwelt in Him **v. 19**

- He reflects/radiates the glory of God and bears the very stamp of His nature, upholding the universe by the word of His power **Hebrews 1:3**

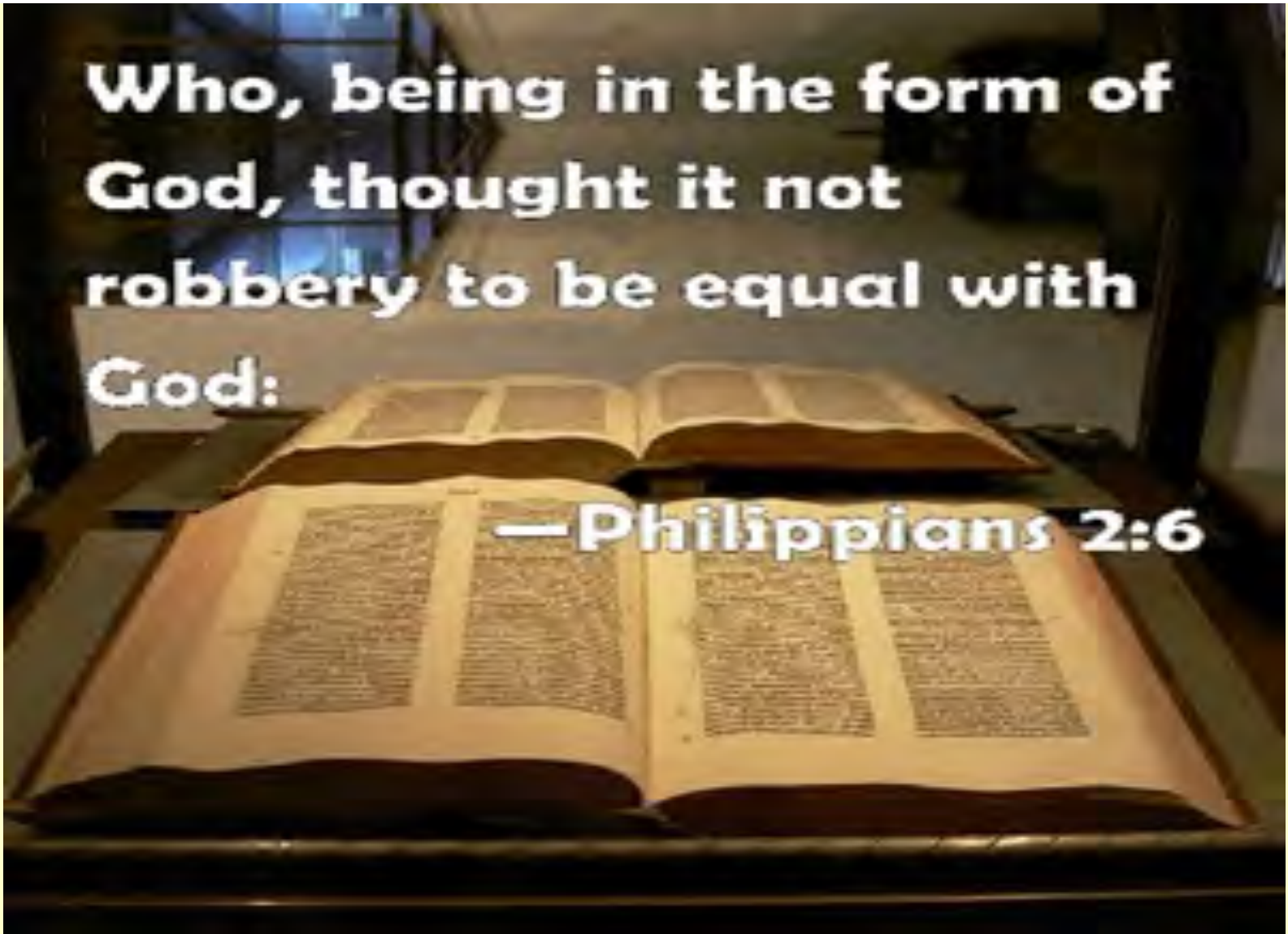


Colossians 2:8-10

See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ. For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority.

**Who, being in the form of
God, thought it not
robbery to be equal with
God:**

—Philippians 2:6



Form = “*morphe*” = the outward display of an inner reality

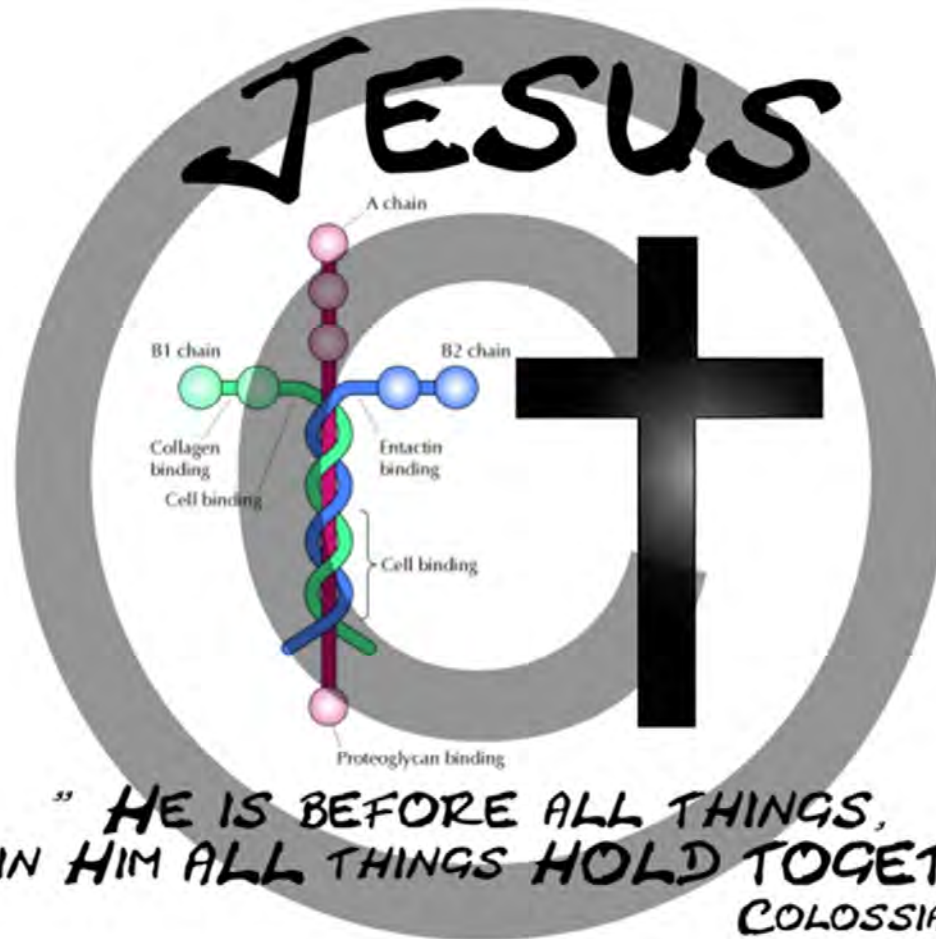
**JESUS is
forever
the
GOD/MAN**

Hypostatic Union

Fully God

Fully Man

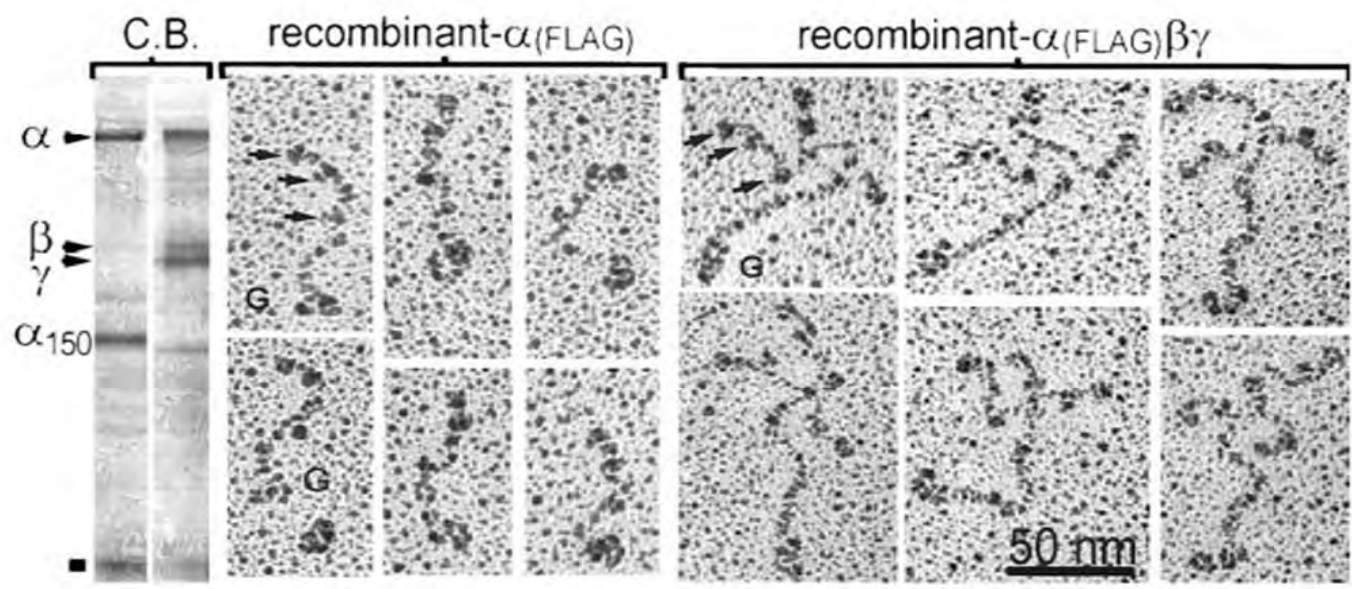
The ONE they are torturing is their Creator, the ONE who holds everything together



**" HE IS BEFORE ALL THINGS,
AND IN HIM ALL THINGS HOLD TOGETHER."
COLOSSIANS 1:17**

Not all laminin is in the shape of a cross

Rotary-shadowed electron micrographs of recombinant laminin α subunit and heterotrimeric laminin 1.



Peter D. Yurchenco et al. PNAS 1997;94:10189-10194

Verse 32 - 34

The March to Golgotha

Stage 1 - *“They led Him away to be crucified”*

Stage 2 - *“They found a man of Cyrene, Simon; him they compelled to bear His cross”*

Stage 3 - *“A great multitude of the people followed Him”*



Stage 4 - The arrival at Golgotha, the place of the skull



Stage 5 - “They gave Him sour wine mingled with gall to drink”

Jesus made it to His destiny - the CROSS!

Sin is awful

The price paid for our sins was awful

Crucifixion was awful!

Verse 35 - 37
The Crucifixion

Crucifixion was a horrible death!

Tacitus, a Roman historian, called it a despicable death

Cicero, a Roman statesman, called it the most cruel and horrifying death

It is in this setting that Jesus' first cry from the cross is heard:

“Father forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” – Luke 23: 24

This is divine grace; the same divine grace we receive throughout our lives – John 1: 16

Like waves lapping on the shore

Grace > >

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GRACE!



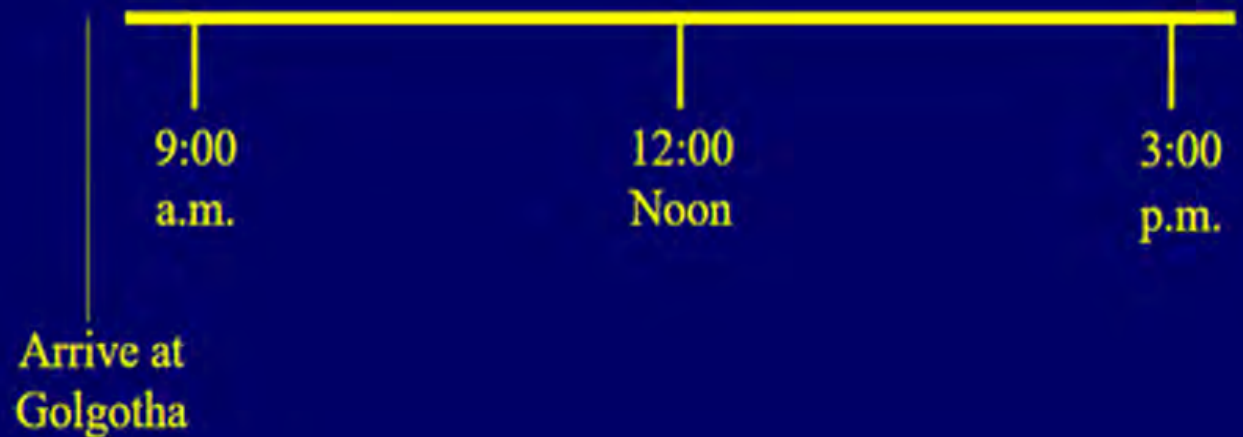
**GRACE
UPON
GRACE**

Verse 38 - 44

The wrath of man; the degrading continues

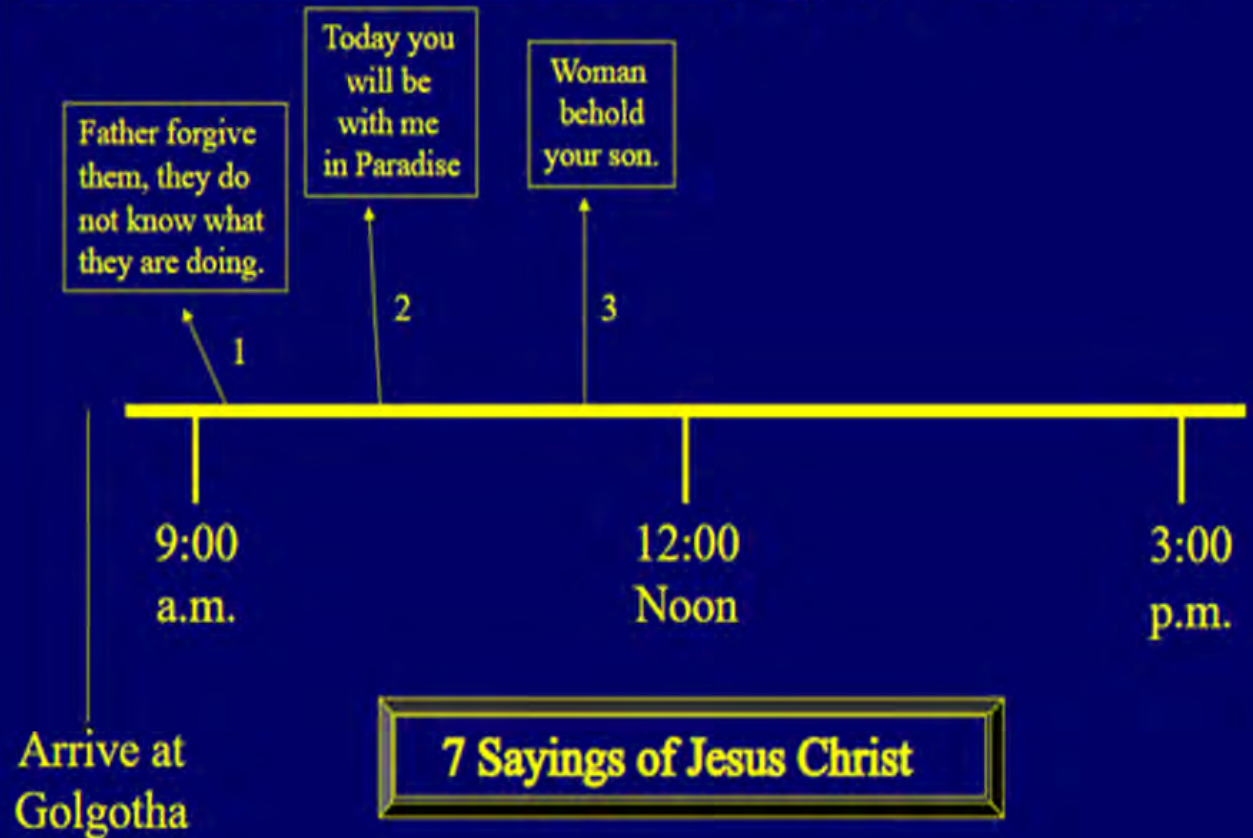
9 am to 12 noon, the wrath of mankind is poured on Jesus

Time line of the Cross (day of Passover)



The first 3
cries from the
cross occurred
during this
timeframe

Time line of the Cross (day of Passover)



CLOSING:

The greatest abuse a person can do to God is rejecting His Son, ignoring His Son!

How does the average person, the passerby, abuse God today?

- 1) Any person that ignores Jesus' claim to deity abuses Jesus
- 2) Any person taking Jesus' name in vain abuses God

- 3) Any person that makes a flesh choice, not a faith choice, abuses God
- 4) Any person who does not speak for Jesus at crunch time, abuses God

There you have it – the wrath of arrogant mankind on Jesus!

This pales in comparison to Scene Two next week:

GOD pours all His wrath on His Son

Heartbreaking, but necessary!

THERE WAS NO OTHER WAY!