

And Jesus said,

“Father, forgive them! They do not know what they are doing!”

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And they crucified the two criminals beside him,  
one on his left and one on his right.

The people who were there watching made fun of Jesus, saying,

“He saved other people. If he is truly the Christ,  
God’s chosen one, let him save himself.”

The soldiers also made fun of him, and said,

“If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself.”

At the top of his cross, there was a sign which said,

“This is the King of the Jews.”

One of the criminals yelled at him,

“Aren’t you the Christ? Then save yourself and save us too!”

But the other criminal scolded him and then said to Jesus,

“Jesus, when you come into your kingdom, remember me.”

Jesus said to him,

“I promise you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

It was now about noon, and the sun stopped shining and it was dark  
until about three o’clock in the afternoon. Then Jesus cried out loud,

“Father, take my life. I give you my spirit.”

And he died.

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One of the soldiers in the Roman army who saw all of this  
began to praise God, and he said,

“Surely, this was a great and good man!”

*The Passion of our Lord, Jesus Christ.*

