When they came to a place called Golgotha, which means "the skull," they crucified Jesus.

[They tried to give him some bitter wine to drink, but he wouldn't drink it. After they crucified Jesus, they divided his clothes among themselves by rolling dice for them.]

They put a sign over his head which said,

"This is Jesus, King of the Jews."

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Two robbers were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. And while they were hanging there, they made fun of Jesus. And the people who were going by laughed at Jesus and said,

["If you are the Son of God, come down off that cross!"

And the chief priests and leaders also made fun of him, saying,]

"He saved other people, but he can't save himself.

If he is the King of the Jews,
let's see him come down from that cross.

Then we will believe in him!

He trusts in God and even said, 'I am the Son of God.'

Well, let's see if God wants to save him now!"

About noon, everything became dark and stayed dark until about three o'clock in the afternoon. Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

"My God, my God, why have you left me alone?"

Some of the people said,

"He is calling for help. Let's see if God comes to help him."

Then Jesus cried out again, and he died.

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The people who were there were terrified. One of the Roman soldiers said,

"This man really was the Son of God."

This is the Passion of our Lord, Jesus Christ.