

The Roman Catholic Community of Saint Joseph

16 East Somerset Street, Raritan, NJ 08869

We, the Catholic Community of St. Joseph, are committed to follow Jesus Christ. Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we strive to be good stewards in our lives.

We pray for peace, forgiveness, and for one another as Christ loves us!

Baptisms

Baptisms are usually held on Saturday mornings any time throughout the year (**with the exception of the Lenten Season**). Parents must be registered parishioners and complete a Baptismal Preparation class. It is required that godparents are no less than 16 years of age and have completed the three Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation. If the godparents are a married couple, they need to have been married by the Catholic Church. Please contact the Parish Office to arrange for the class and the date of Baptism.

Sponsor Certificates

Sponsors (Godparents) for Baptism and Confirmation are required to verify their eligibility. They must be fully initiated Catholic who actively practice their faith and are in good standing with the Church. For more information please contact the Parish Office.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

If you are considering becoming Catholic, or desire to complete your sacraments, please contact the Parish Office for more information about RCIA.

Pastoral Care of the Sick

Please call the rectory and let us know when a member of your family is in the hospital so a priest can arrange to visit them. Make sure you contact the Pastoral Care Office in the hospital so the Chaplain can bring you communion daily. **In the event of an emergency please call 908 392-7962 anytime of the day or night.**

Marriages

Please call the office to meet with the Pastor as soon as you become engaged and before any preparations are made. Arrangements should be made one year in advance. Couples preparing for marriage must attend required Pre-Cana sessions within the Diocese along with F.O.C.C.U.S. and sessions with your Parish Priest or Deacon.



Under the Pastoral Care of the Priests and brothers of the Congregation of the Oratory of St. Philip Neri.
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Rev. Kevin P. Kelly, C.O.Administrator
Nora MartinParish Office Manager
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Ramon Salazar.....Multi-Parish Facilities Manager

The Lord's Day Mass Schedule

Saturday..... **St. Joseph 4 pm English**, Holy Trinity 5 pm
Sunday..... **St. Joseph 7:30 am Spanish**, St. Ann 7:30 am,
St. Joseph 9 am English, St. Ann 10:30 am,
Holy Trinity 10:30 am, Shrine of the Blessed
Sacrament 10:30 am (Latin EF)
St. Joseph 12:00 pm Spanish, St. Ann 12:00 pm,
St. Ann 5 pm

Holy Days

7:00 pm Vigil Mass—St. Joseph (English)
8am: St Ann, 12:15pm: Shrine Chapel, Holy Trinity
7:00 pm : St. Ann, Shrine Chapel (Latin EF), 7:30 pm **St. Joseph (Spa.)**

Weekday Masses

Monday through Friday..... 8 am St. Ann, 12:15 pm Shrine (E)
Friday 7 pm Holy Trinity (E)
Saturday..... 9 am St. Ann (E)
First Saturdays..... 9 am Shrine (Latin)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday..... St. Ann after the 9 am Mass
St. Joseph 3:00 –3:30 pm
Wednesday..... Holy Trinity 11 am –12 pm
Friday..... Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament 11 am –12 pm
or by appointment

Parish Office

Open Monday through Friday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm (NEW)
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Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord, April 13, 2025



HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

INTENCIONES DE LA SANTA MISA

Saturday, April 12, 2025

4:00 pm +George Riehman, Jr R/o Inge Heitz
Priest remembered today: Rev. Guy Selvester

Sunday, April 13, 2025, Palm Sunday Of The Passion Of The Lord
Abril 13, Domingo de Ramos

7:30 am* Pro-populo (for the people)

Priest remembered today: Rev. Thomas Serafin

9 am +Santino Fattori

R/o His great-granddaughters, Emily & Amanda

Priest remembered today: Rev. Edmund Shallow

12 pm* Geiner Solano +

Priest remembered today: Rev. John Siceloff

(See the full Holy Week schedule on next page)

April 20, Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Abril 20, Domingo de Pascua de la Resurrección del Señor

7:30 am Pro-populo (for the people)

Priest remembered today: Rev. Nalaka Silva

9 am Easter Remembrances

Priest remembered today: Rev. Anthony Sirianni

12 pm Familia Lucero Cariño

Priest remembered today: Rev. David Skoblow

PALM SUNDAY MASS READINGS 4/13/25

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Isaiah describes an individual who had been taught by God to reach out to others. He also describes this individual's willingness to be beaten and spit upon, secure that with God's help, he will not be disgraced.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Paul discusses how Jesus did not declare equality with God, but took on human form. He humbled himself enough to accept dying on the cross. God in turn exalted him and wants us to respect Jesus' name and worship him.

Gospel: Luke 22:14—23:56

Luke gives a detailed account of Jesus' last supper with the apostles, where Jesus tells them he will soon suffer in fulfillment of God's will. Then Jesus prayed that he might be spared if it suited God's will. After Judas betrayed Jesus, he was arrested. Although Pilate did not think Jesus was guilty of a crime, he gave in to the will of the people, and sentenced Jesus to death on a cross. Then Jesus was crucified and his body laid in a new tomb.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

LECTURAS PARA LA STA. MISA ESTA SEMANA

Monday Apr 14 / Lunes

Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday Apr 15 / Martes

Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday Apr 16 / Miércoles

Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25

Thursday Apr 17 / Jueves

Chrim Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Friday Apr 18 / Viernes

Is 52:13—53:12; Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9;

Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday 19 / Sábado

Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a; Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ex 14:15—15:1; Is 54:5-14; Is 55:1-11; Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Rom 6:3-11; Lk 24:1-12



CANDLE INTENTIONS w.o. 4/13

Blessed Virgin Mary:

Intentions of Michelina Vescek

St. Joseph:

+Joseph F. Minarovich

R/o Family

The Paschal Candle:

In Memory of

Lee & George Paulishak R/o Son, Bob

Pray for the Sick

George Riehman, Sr.

George Riehman, Jr.

Jennifer Rose

Robert Valance

Thomas McGrath

Irene Sixt

Annmarie Bizub

Joseph Carter

Jane Chiesa

Joan Chopay

Elizabeth Anne Dwyer

Randy Fisher

Tony & Sandy Franchino

Arthur & Maryann

Gosenski

Mary Grande

Donna Kelly

RARITAN ORATORY HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 13 - Palm Sunday: Regular Sunday schedule

April 14 – Monday of Holy Week: Regular Schedule

7 PM – 8:30 PM **Confessions** **St. Joseph Church**

April 15 – Tuesday of Holy Week: Regular Schedule

4:00 PM Chrism Mass St. Francis Cathedral,
Metuchen

April 16 – Wednesday of Holy Week: Regular Schedule

11 AM – 12 PM Confession Holy Trinity Church

(Last scheduled Confessions before Easter)*

12 PM Stations of the Cross **St. Joseph Church**

8 PM The Service of Tenebrae St. Ann Church

April 17 - Holy Thursday:

9 AM Sung Morning Prayer St. Ann Church

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

7 PM English Holy Trinity Church

7 PM Latin (EF) Blessed Sacrament Shrine

7:30 PM Spanish **St. Joseph Church**

10 PM Sung Compline (Night Prayer)
Holy Trinity Church

April 18 - Good Friday: [Day of fast & abstinence]

9 AM Sung Morning Prayer St. Ann Church

12 PM Stations of the Cross St. Ann Church

Celebration of the Lord's Passion

3 PM English **St. Joseph Church**

3 PM Latin (EF) Blessed Sacrament Shrine

7:30 PM Spanish **St. Joseph Church**

7 PM Stations of the Cross Holy Trinity Church

April 19 - Holy Saturday:

9 AM Sung Morning Prayer St. Ann Church

11AM Blessing of Easter Food **St. Joseph Church**

The Great Easter Vigil

8 PM English St. Ann Church

8 PM Latin (EF) Blessed Sacrament Shrine

8 PM Spanish **St. Joseph Church**

April 20 - Easter Sunday: Regular Sunday schedule

(except NO 5 PM Mass at St. Ann Church)

April 21 - Easter Monday:

8 AM Mass at St. Ann Church; Shrine Chapel &
Parish Offices Closed

*** Note:** There are no scheduled times for Confession
on Good Friday or Holy Saturday.

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

6-Apr-25	Collection	Online G	Total
Offertory *	\$3,480.00	\$355.00	\$3,835.00
Other		\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
			\$4,835.00

4/18 Good Friday: Diocesan Collection for the Holy Land

Thank you and God bless you for supporting the mission of the church and the ministry of St. Joseph.

St Joseph's offers **Online Giving thru Parish-Soft**; an easy option for donating to the Sunday Collection. It's simple! Just visit our website and follow the registration steps for recurrent or one time donations sjraritan.com



KOLACH PICK-UP TODAY!!!

April 12 & 13, 2025



Please remember to pick up your Kolach after Mass today in the Lower Church Hall. You may also pick it up in the Parish Office on Monday, from 9 to 11:45 am.

Calling all bakers

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BAKE SALE ON
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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY | APRIL 27

**Shrine Chapel of the Blessed
Sacrament, Raritan:**

1:30 PM Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament, Confessions
& Chaplet

3:00 PM Holy Mass (Eng)



Scripture Study: Palm Sunday Transformed by the Cross

By The Marians Of The Immaculate | 3/23/18

As we sit in our pews this Palm Sunday and try to remember how to fold our palm strips into a cross like an origami master, we'll be interrupted by something relatively unusual: a Gospel reading at the beginning of Mass. Before the procession, the priest will read, "[When] Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, they took palm branches and went out to meet him, and cried out: 'Hosanna!'" (Jn 12:12-13). As we wave our palms, we'll identify with those jovial Biblical people who welcomed the Lord as He rode into Jerusalem on an ass.

Then we read the Passion narrative during the usual Gospel reading. The Passion, of course, takes place less than one week after Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Only our part in this story seems much different than what happened at the start of Mass. Instead of shouting "Hosanna," we say, "Crucify Him!"

These are, of course, two very different crowds of people. Jesus had His supporters on the one hand - those who cheered as He entered Jerusalem. On the other hand, He had His enemies and those who were indifferent to Him. Christ's enemies, the chief priests, used those who were indifferent to Him in their plot to have Him crucified. It was all part of their plan.

The chief priests have Jesus arrested in the dark of night and bring Him to Pilate hours after. They falsely accuse Him of telling the people to not pay their taxes to Rome. So sudden were these events that few of Jesus' supporters were likely in the crowd that condemned Christ to death. The crowd likely consisted mostly of Barabbas' supporters who had assembled knowing full well that at Passover, Pilate would release a prisoner to them.

According to Pope Benedict XVI in his book *Jesus of Nazareth*, Barabbas was no common criminal, but a zealot - part of a Messianic movement that intended to oust Rome from Jerusalem. The crowd gathered before Pilate were indeed searching for a Messiah, a savior, but they had a different version of a Messiah in mind. They wanted a knight in shining armor, someone not afraid to use force to free the Jews from Roman rule. They wanted glory here on earth and did not dream of following a suffering servant. Seeing this opportunity, the chief priests "stirred up the crowd to have [Pilate] release Barabbas" (Mk 15:11).

In the end, this crowd must have known about Jesus and His Gospel. Still, they chose a violent zealot over a man who said, "Turn the other cheek." And it is in the voice of these men that we cry out during Mass "Crucify Him!"

In the end, we are all guilty of sin, and therefore, guilty of Christ's death. We, too, sometimes look for another Messiah when things don't go our way. We want to retreat from the Cross and be spared of any suffering because we think our plans are better than God's. But we'll never experience the glory of the Resurrection without enduring the pain of the Passion.

Christ did not come to earth to take away our suffering, but to transform it. He did not come to make the world a paradise, but to take our bodies and souls and make them completely transformed - a transformation so radical, infinitely more radical, of course, than transforming a palm strip into the shape of a cross.

[Note: This article was written in 2018, the readings corresponded to the Liturgical Year B; Holy Week 2025 falls under the Liturgical Year C]

<https://marian.org/articles/scripture-study-palm-sunday>

Holy Mass Requests

Our Mass Book is open,
you may request
Mass Intentions for May
through June



Masses are available for Saturdays and Sundays. Mass Request Forms are at both entrances of the church. Mass intention requests can be made in person at the Parish Office or by calling at 908-725-0163.

"The celebration of Holy Mass has the same value as the Death of Jesus on the Cross." -St. Thomas Aquinas

Food Patry Donations Needed

We collect all non-perishable foods, full size and trial size toiletries for our local food bank. Bring a bag to Mass for the less fortunate in the Boro of Raritan. Collections on the 3rd Weekend of each month
(Next date: April 19-20—next weekend!)

Chrism Mass

Tuesday, Apr 15, 2025, 4:00 PM

All are encouraged to join in-person or via Livestream in the ancient, grace-filled Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen at 4:00 PM as **Bishop Checchio** bless and consecrate the Holy Oils. Furthermore, the priests make a Renewal of Commitment to Priestly Service to the Bishop at this Mass.

2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal PILGRIMS OF HOPE:

Parish Goal: \$25,000 | Total Pledged & Received: \$8,870.05 | Amount Received: \$6,010.05 |
Under Goal: \$-16,129.95 | Percent of Goal Received: 24.04%

St. Ann's, Raritan, Social Concerns Ministry:

Collecting hams for Easter food baskets for those in need. If you choose not to use your free ham from ShopRite, please consider donating it to St. Ann's Social Ministry. If you have any questions, please contact Christine at the Parish Office. Thank you as always for your generosity.

Habit Burger & Grill Dine & Donate

Join Habit Burger & Grill (Chimney Rock Road location) in support of St. Ann Classical Academy on April 9th from 4pm-9pm. Enter the code GIVEBACK when ordering online during this time or present the flyer in person, and St. Ann Classical Academy will receive 20% of net sales during the event. Thank you for your support.

Save the Date for St. Ann Classical Academy's 24th Annual Spring Tricky Tray!

This year's Tricky Tray will take place on Saturday, May 17th with Doors Opening at 5pm. For the latest information about this event, visit us online at stannclassical.org/tricky-tray
ID: 412-1-454 RL: 2025-02-02 & 2025-02-03

Men's Freedom in Christ Conference

"We are not fighting with flesh and blood but against spiritual principalities and powers" (Ephesians 6:12) May 10, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This conference is open to all men in the Diocese and will be held at the parish (105 Summer Road). Fr. Giuseppe Sinischalchi of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal will be the principal speaker. Come discover the path to freedom in Christ this May. If anyone has any questions or concerns, please contact Tom Dwyer at 908-884-9947 or thomasdwyer@sprintmail.com.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Washington, DC **PAGE 5** Jubilee 2025!

The Diocese of Metuchen will be hosting a pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on **September 20** in celebration of Jubilee 2025. Please join Bishop Checchio and hundreds of other parishioners this fall as we travel to Washington, DC, to celebrate the 2,025th anniversary of the Incarnation of Our Lord.

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DOMINGO DE RAMOS

La Semana Santa se abre con el recuerdo de la entrada triunfal de Jesús en Jerusalén (Lc 23,1-49), acaecida el domingo que precede a su pasión. El Señor siempre se había opuesto a toda manifestación pública, pero hoy permite que se le lleve triunfalmente y lo hace precisamente cuando se dirige hacia su muerte. Acepta ser aclamado públicamente como Mesías, porque precisamente muriendo sobre la cruz, Jesús será de la manera más plena el Mesías, el Redentor, el Rey y el Vencedor. Acepta ser reconocido como Rey, pero un Rey que reinará sobre la cruz.

Aprender de Jesús

Y este relato de la Pasión del Señor, que debemos siempre meditar, nos invita a mirar a Jesús para aprender a ser verdaderos discípulos suyos. La traición de Judas, uno de los Doce, nos pone en guardia frente a nosotros mismos, que también podemos traicionar al Señor. Y lo mismo ocurre con la negación de Pedro, que desenmascara la tentación que aparece en cada corazón: no querer cuentas con el Maestro que se abaja hasta este punto y preferir salvar la propia vida aún a costa de renegar de Él. Sin embargo, la mirada de Jesús, que se vuelve hacia él, alcanza su conversión, y las lágrimas de Pedro, pecador arrepentido, indican la manera como el discípulo debe participar en la pasión del Salvador.

Por otro lado, San Lucas insiste mucho en la inocencia de Jesús, para sacar así la lección de que los discípulos no deben extrañarse de que sean arrastrados a los tribunales por su fidelidad a la voluntad de Dios. Más aún, siendo inocente, Jesús muere perdonando a sus asesinos y confiando en el Padre, en cuyas manos se abandona totalmente. También los cristianos deberán seguir este doble ejemplo, asociándose de cerca a la pasión de su Salvador.

Quien quiera ser su discípulo

Contemplando el panorama mundial que se presenta ante nuestros ojos, podemos vislumbrar que la prueba puede estar más cerca de lo que nos imaginamos. El mundo de hoy reclama auténticos seguidores de Cristo, dispuestos a dar la vida por testimoniar su fe. Un año más la liturgia pone ante nuestros ojos el ejemplo de Jesús Crucificado para hacernos conscientes de que *“quien quiera ser su discípulo debe estar dispuesto a cargar su cruz y seguirlo”*.

También, en la figura del buen ladrón, cada uno de nosotros es invitado a considerar los sufrimientos de Jesús y a hacer un examen de conciencia, a imitación de este ladrón, que en el suplicio reconoce: *“nosotros merecemos este castigo, pero Éste, nada malo ha hecho”*. Este reconocimiento sincero de sus pecados abre su corazón a la misericordia de Dios y a la confianza, por eso, dirigiéndose a Jesús le dice: *“Acuérdate de mí cuando estés en tu Reino”*.

Este grito salido de un corazón arrepentido encuentra eco en las entrañas compasivas del que *“no ha venido a buscar a los justos sino a los pecadores”*, y le vale la condonación total de sus deudas y el premio de la victoria eterna: *“hoy mismo estarás conmigo en el Paraíso”*. Una vez más contemplamos hoy la eficacia del sacrificio de Cristo, quien con la cruz transforma el mundo produciendo la conversión de los corazones y abriendo a los hombres el Paraíso.

Madre Corredentora

Pero no debemos olvidar la participación primordial y fundamental de María, Madre Corredentora que padeció en su corazón los dolores de su Hijo, como dijo S.S Benedicto XV: *“Hasta tal extremo María sufrió y casi murió con su Hijo dolorido y moribundo, hasta tal extremo abdicó de sus derechos maternales sobre el hijo por la salvación del hombre y lo inmoló, en cuanto Ella podía hacerlo, para aplacar la justicia de Dios, que podemos decir con razón que Ella redimió al género humano junto con Cristo”*.

Por eso, para poder vivir con más intensidad esta Semana Santa, unidos de una manera más perfecta a la Pasión del Señor y ser auténticos discípulos suyos, vivamos muy cerca de la Madre Dolorosa y acompañémosla en este camino al Calvario donde Ella nos enseñará los tesoros insondables de amor que encierra el Corazón de Dios.

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Horario de la Semana Santa

Liturgias y actividades en español



Abril 13 – DOMINGO DE RAMOS:
7:00 AM y 12:00 PM Santa Misa

Abril 17 – JUEVES SANTO:
7:30 PM Misa de la Cena del Señor

Abril 18 – VIERNES SANTO:
7:30 PM Oficio de Viernes Santo:
La Pasion del Señor

Abril 19 – SABADO SANTO:
8 PM LA VIGILIA PASCUAL

Abril 20 – DOMINGO DE PASCUA:
7:30 am y 12 PM Santa Misa

Lecturas del domingo de Ramos

Primera Lectura: Isaías 50:4-7

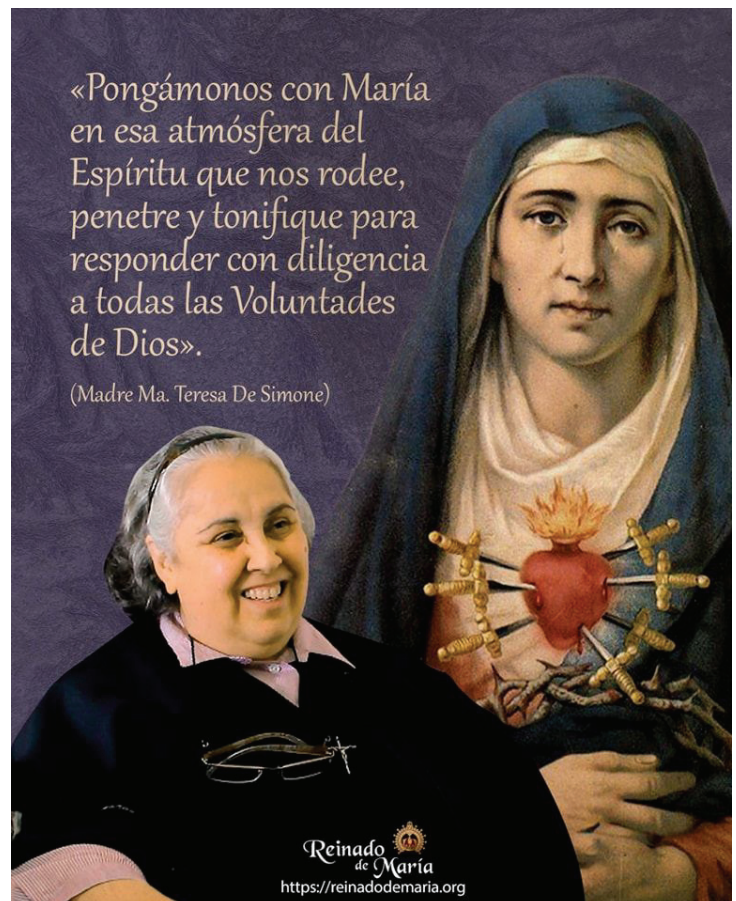
Isaías describe a un individuo quien ha sido enseñado por Dios a ayudar a otros. También cuenta que está dispuesto a ser azotado y escupido, seguro de que con la ayuda de Dios no será deshonrado.

Segunda Lectura: Filipenses 2:6-11

Pablo discute cómo Jesús no exigió semejanza con Dios, sino que tomó forma humana. Se humilló suficientemente como para aceptar morir en la cruz. Dios lo exaltó y quiere que nosotros respetemos el nombre de Jesús y lo adoremos.

Evangelio: San Lucas 22:14—23:56

Lucas cuenta detalladamente sobre la última cena de Jesús con los apóstoles, en donde Jesús les dice que pronto sufrirá para cumplir la voluntad de Dios. Luego Jesús oró para que Dios lo librara si lo deseaba. Después de que Judas lo traicionó, fué arrestado. A pesar de que Pilatos no creyó que Jesús fuera culpable de ningún crimen, se lo entregó al pueblo, y sentenció a Jesús a morir en la cruz. Luego de que Jesús fué crucificado, pusieron su cuerpo en un sepulcro nuevo.



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