

# **The Gospel & The Four Gospels**

**The Last Words of Jesus**

**The Climax of the Gospel According to  
Mark**

**Mark 15:25-39**



# **Our Gospel Glasses**

**Gospel 1: Our Triune God Reigns: He Holds All Authority**

**Gospel 2: We are (re)created to Rule: Delegated Authority**

- This is the way the Triune God has ordered Creation and re-Creation, with our participation as ruling with Him.
- The Lord is sovereign yet He puts His Name (reputation and honor and glory) on the line by integrating us into His Gospel story.
- Gospel problem: We have abandoned our faith/loyalty to other gods and given them our allegiance whereby giving them authority/power over us
- We are being shaped into the Image of what or who we worship.



## Mark 15

<sup>25</sup>It was nine in the morning when they crucified him.

<sup>26</sup>The written notice of the charge against him read: **The King of the Jews.**



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<sup>27</sup>They crucified two rebels with him, one on his right and one on his left.

<sup>29</sup>Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying, “So! You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, <sup>30</sup>come down from the cross and save yourself!”



<sup>31</sup>In the same way the chief priests and the teachers of the law mocked him among themselves.

“He saved others,” they said, “but he can’t save himself! <sup>32</sup>Let this **Messiah, this king of Israel,** come down now from the cross, that we may see and believe.”

Those crucified with him also heaped insults on



The background of the image is a collage of antique maps and compass roses. The maps are rendered in a faded, sepia tone, showing various geographical features and lines of latitude and longitude. The compass roses are also faded, with some showing cardinal directions like 'N', 'E', 'S', and 'W'. The overall aesthetic is that of an old, weathered document or a historical map.

<sup>33</sup>At noon, darkness came over the whole land  
until three in the afternoon.



<sup>34</sup> And at three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a **loud voice**,

“Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” (which means

“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”).



<sup>35</sup>When some of those standing near heard this, they said, “Listen, he’s calling Elijah.” <sup>36</sup>Someone ran, filled a sponge with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. “Now leave him alone. Let’s see if Elijah comes to take him down,” he said.



<sup>37</sup>With a *loud cry*, Jesus breathed his last.

<sup>38</sup>The curtain of the temple was torn in two  
from top to bottom.

<sup>39</sup>And when the centurion, who stood there in  
front of Jesus, saw how he died, he said,  
“Surely this man was the Son of God!”



## Genesis 3

<sup>1</sup>Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden’?” <sup>2</sup>The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup>but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’”



<sup>4</sup>“You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman. <sup>5</sup>“For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and *you will be like God*, knowing good and evil.” <sup>6</sup>When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was *good* for food and *pleasing* to the eye, and also *desirable* for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.



<sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves. <sup>8</sup>Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden (lit:Paradise) in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup>But the Lord God called to the man, “Where are you?”



<sup>10</sup>He answered, “**I heard you** (literally I heard your voice) in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.”

<sup>11</sup>And he said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that **I commanded you not to eat from?**”