

Chapter 15

The cheefe of the Iewes accufe him to Pilate the Gentil. 6. And (he feeking to deliuer him) they perfwade the common People (who hitherto were alwaies ready to defend him) not only to preferre the murderer Barabbas, but alfo to crie Crucifige (to the reprobation of the whole Nation,) 16. After many illufions, 20. he is crucified by the Gentils. 29. which the Iewes feing, doe triumph as if they had now the victorie. 33. But euen then by many wonderful workes he declareth his might, 42. and finally is buried honourably.

Mt. 27, 1.

Lu. 23, 1.

Io. 18, 28.

And forthwith in the morning the cheefe Priests with the Ancients and the Scribes & the whole Councel, confulting together, binding IESVS led & deliuered him to Pilate. ² And Pilate asked him: Art thou the King of the Iewes? but he anfwering, faid to him: Thou faieft. ³ And the cheefe Priests accused him in many things. ⁴ And Pilate againe asked him, faying: Anfwereft thou nothing? fee in how great things they accufe thee. ⁵ But IESVS anfwered nothing more; fo that Pilate marueled.

⁶ And vpon the feftiual day he was wont to releafe vnto them one of the prifoners whomfoeuer they had demanded. ⁷ And there was one called Barabbas, which was put in prifon with feditious perfons, who in a fedition had committed murder. ⁸ And when the multitude was come vp, they began to require, according as alwayes he did vnto them. ⁹ And Pilate anfwered them, and faid: Wil you that I releafe to you the King of the Iewes? ¹⁰ For he knew that the cheefe Priests for enuy had deliuered him. ¹¹ But the cheefe Priests moued the People, that he fhould releafe Barabbas rather to them. ¹² And Pilate againe anfwering, faid to them: What wil you then that I doe to the King of the Iewes? ¹³ But they againe cried: Crucifie him. ¹⁴ And Pilate faith to thē: Why, what euil hath he done? But they cried the more: Crucifie him. ¹⁵ And Pilate willing to fatisfie the

People, releafed to them Barabbas, and deliuered IESVS, hauing whipped him, for to be crucified.

Io. 19, 2.

¹⁶ And the fouldiars led him into the court of the Palace, and they cal together the whole band: ¹⁷ and they clothe him in purple, and plating a crowne of thornes, they put it vpon him. ¹⁸ And they began to falute him: Haile King of the Iewes. ¹⁹ And they fmote his head with a reed: and they did fpit on him. And bowing the knees, they adored him. ²⁰ And after they had mocked him, they ftripped him of the purple, and put on him his owne garments, and they lead him forth to crucifie him. ²¹ And they forced a certaine man that paffed by, Simon a Cyrenéan comming from the countrie, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to take vp his croffe. ²² And they bring him into the place Golgotha, which being interpreted is, *The place of Caluarie*. ²³ And they gaue him to drinke wine mixed with myrrhe; and he tooke it not.

Efa. 53, 12.

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²⁴ And crucifying him, they deuided his garments, cafting lots vpon them, who fhould take which. ²⁵ And it was the third houre, and they crucified him. ²⁶ And the title of his caufe was fuperfcribed, KING OF THE IEWES. ²⁷ And with him they crucifie two theeues; one on the right hand, and an other on his left. ²⁸ And the Scripture was fulfilled that faith: *And with the wicked he was reputed*. ²⁹ And they that paffed by, blaſphemed him, wagging their heads, and faying: Vah, ‘he that deftroieth’ the Temple, and in three daies ‘buildeth’ it: ³⁰ a)faue thy ſelf, comming downe from the croffe. ³¹ In like manner alfo the cheefe Priefts mocking faid with the Scribes one to an other: He faued others, himſelf he can not faue. ³² Let Chrift the King of Ifrael come downe now from the croffe that we may ſee and beleue. And they that were crucified with him, railed at him.

³³ And when it was the fixt houre, there was made darknes vpon the whole earth vntil the ninth houre. ³⁴ And at the ninth houre IESVS cried out with a mightie

^a So Heretikes fay of the B. Sacrament, If it be Chrift, let him faue him ſelf from al iniuries.

Pf. 21, 1. voice, faying: *Eloi, Eloi, lamma-fabacthani?* Which is being interpreted, *My God, my God, why hast thou a)forfaken me?* ³⁵ And certaine of the ftanders about hearing, faid: Behold, he calleth Elias. ³⁶ And one running and filling a fpunge with vinegre, and putting it about a reed, gaue him drinke, faying: Let be, let vs fee if Elias come to take him downe. ³⁷ And IESVS putting forth a mightie voice, gaue vp the ghoft. ³⁸ And the vele of the temple was rent in two, from the top to the bot-tome. ³⁹ And the Centurion that ftood ouer againft him, feeing that fo crying he had giuen vp the ghoft, faid: In deed this man was the Sonne of God.

⁴⁰ And there were alfo women looking on a farre off: among whom was Marie Magdalene, and Marie the mother of Iames the leffe, and of Iofeph, and Salôme; ⁴¹ and when he was in Galilee, they followed him, and miniftred to him, and many other women that came vp togeather with him to Hierufalem. ⁴² And when euening was now come (becaufe it was the Parafceue, which is the Sabboth-eue) ⁴³ came Iofeph of Arimathæa a noble Senatour, who himfelf alfo was expecting the Kingdom of God; and he went in boldly to Pilate, and asked the body of IESVS. ⁴⁴ But Pilate marueled if he were now dead. And fending for the Centurion, asked him if he were now dead. ⁴⁵ And when he vnderftood by the Centurion, he gaue the body to Iofeph. ⁴⁶ And Iofeph buying findon, and taking him downe, wrapped him in the findon, and laid him in a monument, that was hewed out of a rock. And he roled a ftone to the doore of the monument. ⁴⁷ And Marie Magdalene and Marie of Iofeph beheld where he was laid.

ANNOTATIONS

11 Cheefe Priests) Heretikes abufe the ignorant People with thefe naughtie Priests of the old Teftament, to make that name odious, & to difcredit the Priests of Chrift in the new Teftament.

The Priests of the old Teftament.

^a See (*Mat. c. 27, 46.*) the blaſphemous expofition of Caluin and his folowers, and take heed therof.

*Euseb. Ec.
Hist. li. 1.
c. 6. ex Ioseph.*

But for these Priests, thou maist not maruel that they are so bufy againft Chrift, partly becaufe they were such as were intruded by the fecular power of the Roman Emperour, and from yeare to yeare by bribery and frendship, not by fucceffion according to the Law of Moyfes; partly becaufe the time was now come when the old Priefthood of Aaron fhould ceafe, and the new begin according to the order of Melchifedech: and for these caufes God fuffered their former priuileges of wifedom and iudgement and difcretion to decay in these later vfurpers, and that according to the prophet faying: *The Law shal perish from the Prieft and counful from the Ancients.* But the Priefthood of the new Testamēt is to continue vnto the end of the world, and hath (as being the principal part of the Church) the affiftance of the Holy Ghofit for euer promised, to teach it al truth; and for Peter the cheefe Priefit thereof vnder Chrift, our Sauour praied, That his faith should not faile: and to the rest alfo he faid: *He that heareth you, heareth me.*

*Eze. 7, 26.
Io. 16, 13.
Luc. 22. and 10.*

The Priefthood of the new Testamēt.

15 To fatisfie the People) Pilate should haue fuffered death, rather then by other mens prouocation or commandement haue executed an innocent: as a Chriftian iudge should rather suffer al extremitie, then giue sentence of death againft a Catholike man for his faith.

Executing lawes againft innocents.

46 Buying findon) This dutie done to Chriftes body after his departure, was exceeding meritorious, and is therfore by holy writ fo often commended for an example to faithful men, to vse al honour and deuotion towards the bodies of Saints and holy Perfons.

Religious duty toward the bodies of Chrift and his Saints.