



BOOK *of* JOHN

THREE GOSPEL TRUTHS

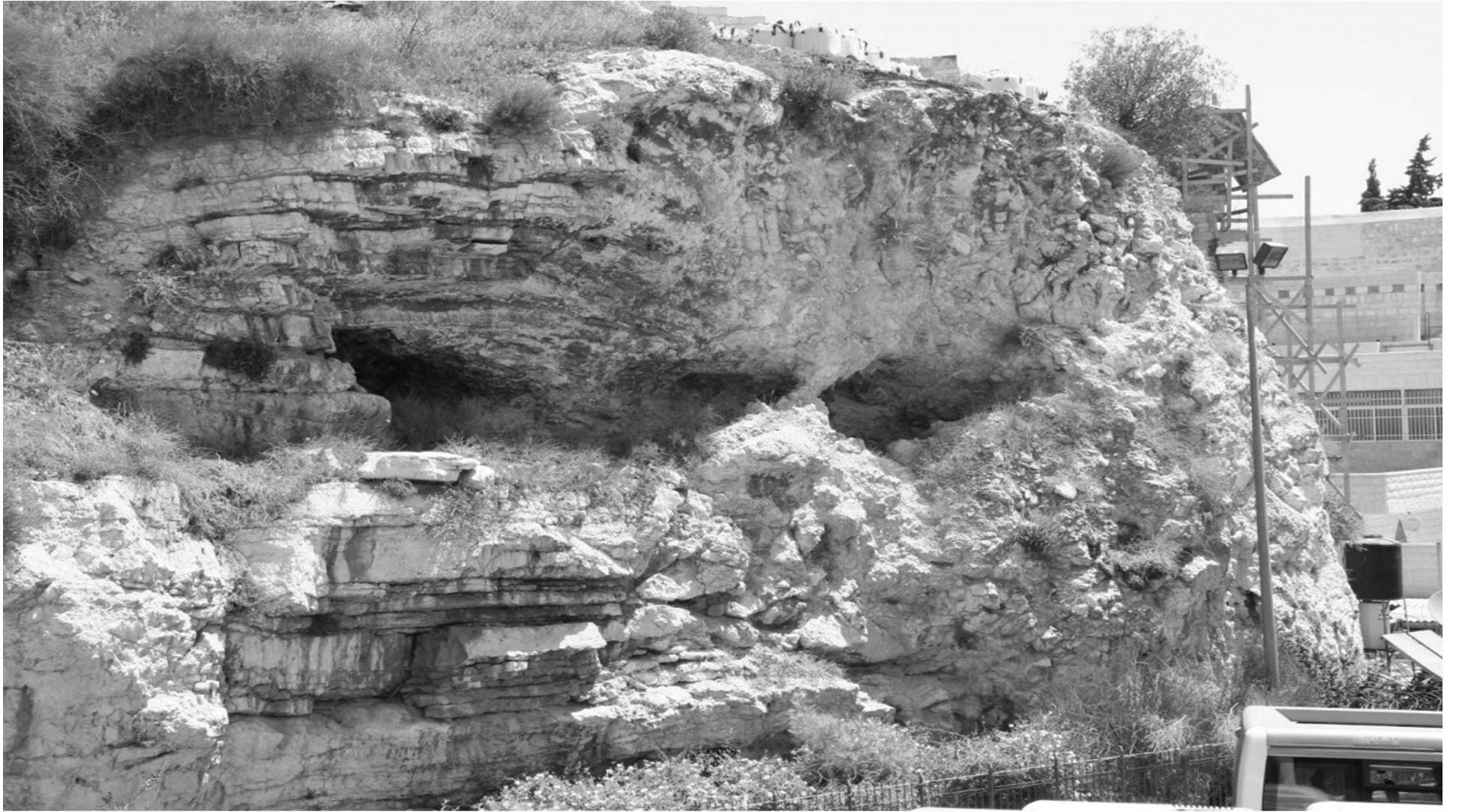
JOHN 19:17-42

The Apostle's Creed states without embellishment as three of its 12 points: "He was crucified, dead, and buried." All three are found in this passage.

- These three momentous events must be understood not only from the historical point of view, as in Easter/Passion Week, but also from the doctrinal.
- What exactly happened is important. Why it happened is also important. One or more of these three events are **denied by all cults.**

1. JESUS WAS CRUCIFIED v. 17-27

- Crucifixion had its origin among the Carthaginians, Persians, and Phoenicians, but it was the Romans who perfected it and made special political use of it.
- One thing is sure: The bearing of the cross was a mark of guilt, yet Jesus was not guilty. We were!
- On His *Titulus*: **Hebrew (Aramaic)** is the language of religion; **Greek**, of philosophy; and **Latin**, of law. And all three combined to crucify the Son of God.





2. JESUS WAS DEAD v. 28-30

SEVEN STATEMENTS OF FINALITY

- Those who crucified Him: *Forgive them.* **Luke 23:34**
- The thief: *Today you will be with Me.* **Luke 23:39-43**
- His mother: *Behold your son.* **John 19:25-27**
- His relationship to His Father: *My God, My God, why?*
Matt. 27:45-49
- His body: *I thirst.* **John 19:28-29**
- His soul: *It is finished.* **John 19:30; Isaiah 53:10**
- His spirit: *I'm coming home; I am dead.* **Luke 23:46**

JESUS FINISHED THE WORK—TETELESTAI

- The most meaningful use of ***tetelestai*** was that used by the merchants: The debt is paid in full; cancelled!
- When Jesus gave Himself on the cross, He fully met the righteous demands of a holy law; He paid our debt in full.
- None of the Old Testament sacrifices could take away sins; their blood only covered sin.
- The Lamb of God shed His blood, and only His blood can **take away** the sins of the world. **John 1:29; Heb. 9:24-28**

3. JESUS WAS BURIED v. 31-42

- Two groups of people were involved in our Lord's burial: the Roman soldiers (**v. 31-37**) and the Jewish believers (**v. 38-42**).
- It is remarkable that the Roman soldiers **did not do** what they were commanded to do (break the victim's legs), but they **did do** what they were not supposed to do—pierce the Savior's side!
- Out of His side came **blood** that speaks of our justification and **water** of our sanctification and cleansing.

JOSEPH AND NICODEMUS

- God had prepared two high-ranking men to prepare His body for burial and to place it in a proper tomb.
- Joseph was God's "secret agent" in the Sanhedrin.
- Nicodemus came out of the dark and into the light.
- Joseph arranged to have the tomb hewn out, and the men assembled the cloths and spices needed for the burial.
- The real Jesus was crucified, dead, and buried . . .

And was soon to be raised.