

I WRITE

As I See It

By Barton W. Marsh

This is the first of a series depicting the last few days spent by Jesus Christ, upon earth, in association with his disciples. The Scriptures upon which these articles are based are: Matthew: chapters 26, 27 and 28; Mark: chapters 14, 15, and 16; Luke: Chapters, 22 and 23; John: chapters 13, 18, 19, 21, 22 and 23.

At the battle of Pydna, June 22, 168 B. C., the empire of Greece perished and Rome ascended the throne of world dominion, being the last of the great world empires outlined in the prophecies of Daniel. One hundred and eight years from that date the administrative authority vested in the Roman senate, was taken over by a triumvirate composed of Pompey, the idol of the soldiers, Crassus, the richest man in Rome, and Caesar, the idol of the people. Thus the power of the Rome senate perished forever. See Merivale, History of the Romans under the Empire: chapter 4, page 33.

Jesus Christ was crucified in A. D. 33, 201 years after Rome became a world power, and 93 years after it became a totalitarian nation. Having passed through various changes of centralized government, it was now an empire, with Tiberius upon the throne. Of this Emperor, history records as follows: "At last, when all restraints of shame and fear were removed, and he was left to the uncontrolled vent of his genius, he broke out at once into acts of atrocious villainy and revolting depravity. Christus, the founder of that name, was put to death as criminal by Pontius Pilate, procurator of Judea, in the reign of Tiberius. Such was the pestilential character of those times, so contaminated with adulation." (Pilate condemned the Lord to be crucified to please the Jews). Roman History: Volume 4, page 267; volume 1, pages 245 to 247; volume 15: chapter 44, by Tacitus.

Thus in the brief period of 191 years, Rome climbed to the top-most rung of the ladder of power and fame, only to speedily fall from its dizzy heights into such depths of depravity and degradation, that it could without a tinge of shame or reproach, crucify the Son of God.

The ministry of Christ was drawing to its close. He was taking his last journey beyond Jeri-

cho to Jerusalem, and on the way he stopped in Bethany, at the home of Lazarus; arriving there Friday evening the eight of Nisan. He, with his disciples, spent the Sabbath with his friends—Lazarus, Mary (the magdalene), Martha, his sisters. Saturday evening he attended a supper given by Simon, a pharisee, whom he had formerly healed of leprosy. Lazarus, who he had called from the grave, but a short time before, his sisters and disciples accompanied him. Jesus had endeavored to convey to his disciples that this was his last journey to Jerusalem, that he was to be betrayed into the hands of the Jews, and crucified, but this they refused to believe; persisting in the belief that he was entering Jerusalem to be crowned King of the Jews.

During supper, Mary, who had purchased an alabaster box of very costly ointment, quietly sought out the Saviour and proceeded to anoint his feet with the ointment, moisten them with her tears and wipe them with her hair. The odor of the ointment soon filled the room and Judas Iscariot, the traitor, complained at the waste, declaring that it could have been sold for a large sum and the proceeds be given to the poor. This he said not because he cared for the poor, but because he carried the bag containing the meagre store of funds the disciples possessed, and was a thief, and frequently appropriated sums of the common fund to his own use. The Lord told them to let Mary alone as she had done this anointing for his approaching burial. This offended Judas and he immediately left the room and proceeded to the meeting place of the Jewish Sanhedrin which was in session, devising a plan by which the death of the Lord could be accomplished. There, Judas entered into a contract with them to sell his Lord into their hands for thirty pieces of silver, the price of a slave.

At the conclusion of the supper, the Lord returned to the home of Lazarus. The next day, Sunday, Nisan, 10, he accomplished his triumphant march to Jerusalem. There to place himself at the disposal of the priests who were completing arrangements to kill him.

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