

John and the Cross — notes #3

John 18 ²⁸ Then they led Jesus from Caiaphas to the Praetorium, and it was early morning. But they themselves did not go into the Praetorium, lest they should be defiled, but that they might eat the Passover. ²⁹ Pilate then went out to them and said, “What charge (κατηγορίαν) do you bring against this man (κατὰ τοῦ ἀνθρώπου τούτου)?” ³⁰ They answered and said to him, “If He were not an evildoer, we would not have delivered Him up to you.”

Acts 25 ²⁷ For it seems to me unreasonable to send a prisoner and not to specify the charges against him (τὰς κατ’ αὐτοῦ αἰτίας).”

³¹ Then Pilate said to them, “You take Him and judge Him according to your law.” Therefore the Jews said to him, “To us, it is not permitted (Ἡμῖν οὐκ ἔξεστιν) to put anyone to death,” ³² that the saying of Jesus might be fulfilled which He spoke, signifying by what death He would die.

LXX Isaiah 52 ¹³ Behold, my servant shall understand, and be exalted (ὑψωθήσεται — **נְשִׂאֵי דִּירָא**), and glorified exceedingly.

John 3 ¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up (ὑψωσεν) the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up (ὑψωθῆναι), ¹⁵ that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life (ζωὴν αἰώνιον). ¹⁶ For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life (ζωὴν αἰώνιον). ¹⁷ For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved (σωθῆ).

Numbers 21 ⁴ Then they journeyed from Mount Hor by the Way of the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; and the soul of the people became very impatient on the way. ⁵ And the people spoke against God and against Moses: “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and our soul loathes this worthless bread.” ⁶ So the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and many of the people of Israel died.

⁷ Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord that He take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people.

⁸ Then the Lord said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and it shall be that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, shall live.” ⁹ So Moses made a bronze serpent, and put it on a standard; and so it was, if a serpent had bitten anyone, when he gazed the bronze serpent, he lived.

Wisdom 16 ⁵ For when the horrible fierceness of beasts came upon these, and they perished with the stings of crooked serpents, thy wrath endured not for ever: ⁶ But they were troubled for a little while, that they might be admonished, having a sign of salvation (σύμβουλον ἔχοντες σωτηρίας), to put them in remembrance of the commandment of thy law. ⁷ For he that turned himself toward it was not being saved (ἐσώζετο) by the thing that he saw, but by Thee, the Savior of all (διὰ σέ τὸν πάντων σωτήρα).

Galatians 3 ¹³ Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, “Cursed *is* everyone who hangs on a tree”), ¹⁴ that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

Deuteronomy 21 ²² “If a man has committed a sin deserving of death, and he is put to death, and you hang him on a tree, ²³ his body shall not remain overnight on the tree, but you shall surely bury him that day, so that you do not defile the land which the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance; for he who is hanged is accursed of God.