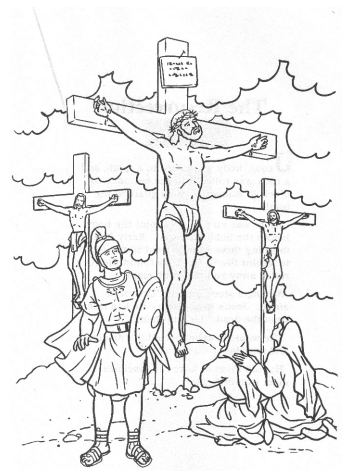


ישוע נמסר לעליבה

Yeshua Handed Over to be Crucified

After Yeshua and His talmidim had finished their Pesach Seder and walked across the Kidron to the Mount of Olives, they spent the late night hours in the garden where Yeshua regularly went to pray. It was to that very place that Yehudah ben K'riot led the temple guards who came with swords and clubs to arrest our Master. They took Yeshua by force, though Shimon Cephah tried to stop them with his own sword. He attacked the High Priest's assistant, wielding his sword at the man's head. But Shimon Cephah was a fisherman, not a soldier, and he missed hitting the man, only cutting his ear. Then our Master touched the injured man and immediately his ear was restored and he was healed. When many of the mob who had come to arrest Yeshua saw this, they ran away because they realized that Yeshua did indeed have miraculous powers. Then Yeshua turned to Shimon Cephah and said, "Put away your sword! Don't you realize that those who live by the sword will also die by the sword? Or how do you think the Scriptures are to be fulfilled that prophesy the suffering of the Messiah?"



Then the temple guards, who had been sent by the chief priests and leaders of the Temple, seized Yeshua in order to take Him to the chief priests and leaders. When the talmidim saw that there was no way to rescue their Master, they all turned and ran away. The temple guards took Yeshua to the home of Caiaphas, the High Priest, where the chief priests and elders had gathered. It was still dark, and very early in the morning, and there they set up a make-shift beit din, or court, in order hold a trial to convict Yeshua. They tried to hire false witnesses to testify against our Master, but couldn't find any. Finally two witnesses came forward who said "We heard this Man say that He could destroy the Temple and restore it in three days!" Caiaphas turned to Yeshua and said, "So, what do You say? Have these witnesses spoken correctly? How do You answer the charge against You? Tell us plainly! Do You claim to be the Messiah, the Son of God?" Yeshua had remained silent during all of the discussion, but to this question He answered, "You have correctly stated it yourself! Regardless, after this you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Almighty, and coming on the clouds of Heaven" (Daniel 7:13). At this, Caiaphas tore his robe and said, "What more do we need to hear! He has openly blasphemed God! What is your verdict?" The rest of the chief priests and elders responded, "He should be executed!"

At this, they bound Yeshua and took Him to Pilate, the governor of Jerusalem. They wanted the Roman governor to pronounce the death penalty against Yeshua so that the crowds gathered for Pesach would think that Yeshua was being executed by Rome, not by the Jewish leaders. After hours of standing before Pilate, he finally gave into the desires of the chief priests and pronounced the death penalty for Yeshua. Having beaten Him, they mocked Him by putting a crown of thorns upon His head and a fake robe to mimic a king. Then they lead our Master to the place called Golgatha, making Him carry the heavy wooden execution stake upon which He was to be hanged. But Yeshua was too weakened by the beating to carry it, and He fell under its weight. The guards grabbed a man standing close by, whose name was Shimon, and told him to carry the execution stake. When they came to Golgatha, they nailed our Master to the stake, and raising it, let it drop into a hole in the ground where other execution stakes had been set up. There our Master hung for hours until finally He died. At the very moment He breathed His last, the sky became dark and earth shook. The Messiah had given His life, and even the earth itself mourned His death.