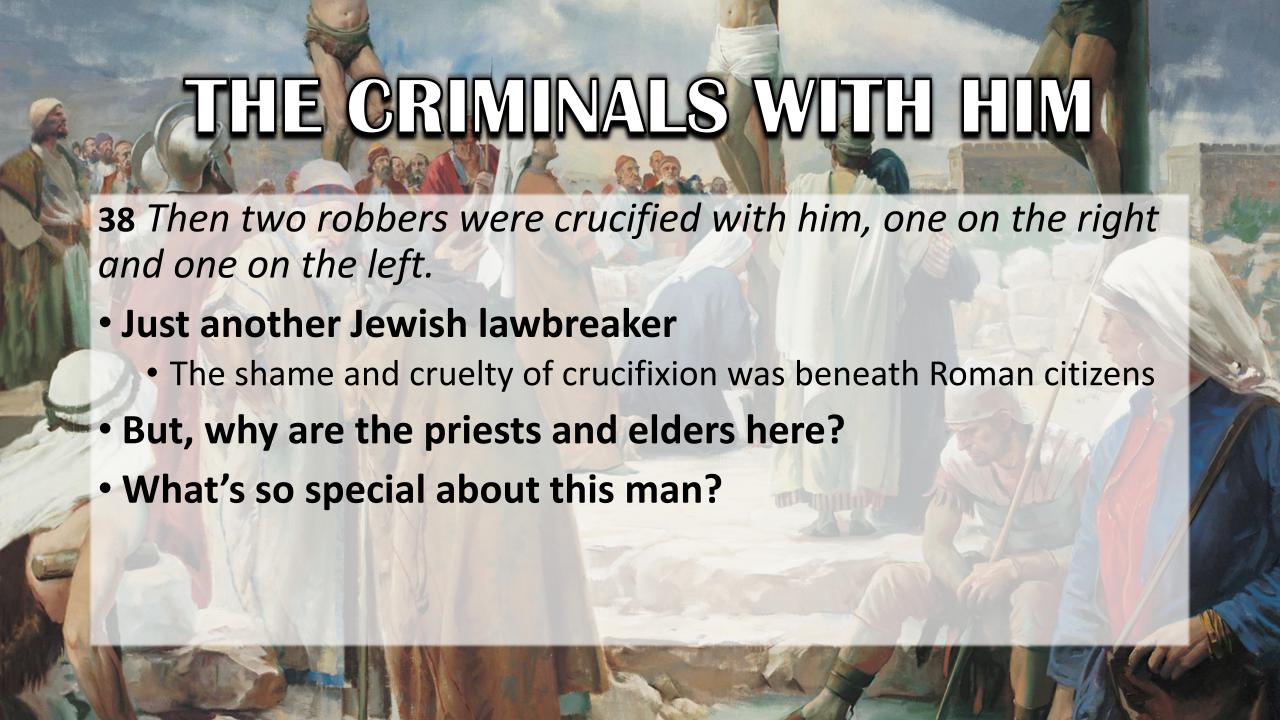




37 And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

- The leaders did not like the wording
  - "This man said, 'I am king of the Jews'" (John 19:21)
- Pilate may have let his annoyance show?
- Neither knew how true it was
  - "which he will display at the proper time--he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords"

(1 Tim. 6:15)





39 And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads 40 and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross."

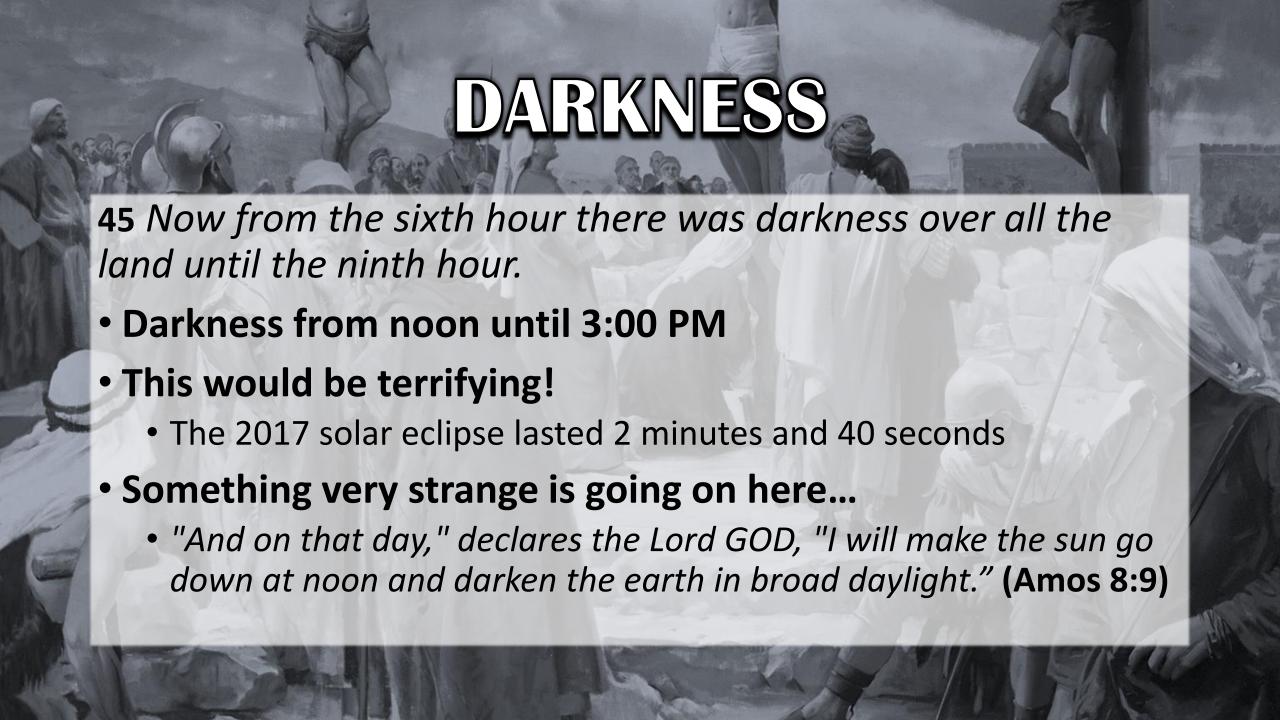
- derided ridiculed, scoffed, disparaged, scorned, put down
- Not knowing they were verifying His claim (Ps. 22:7-8)
- Not knowing He did not come to "save Himself"
- Not knowing being "the son of God" kept Him on the cross

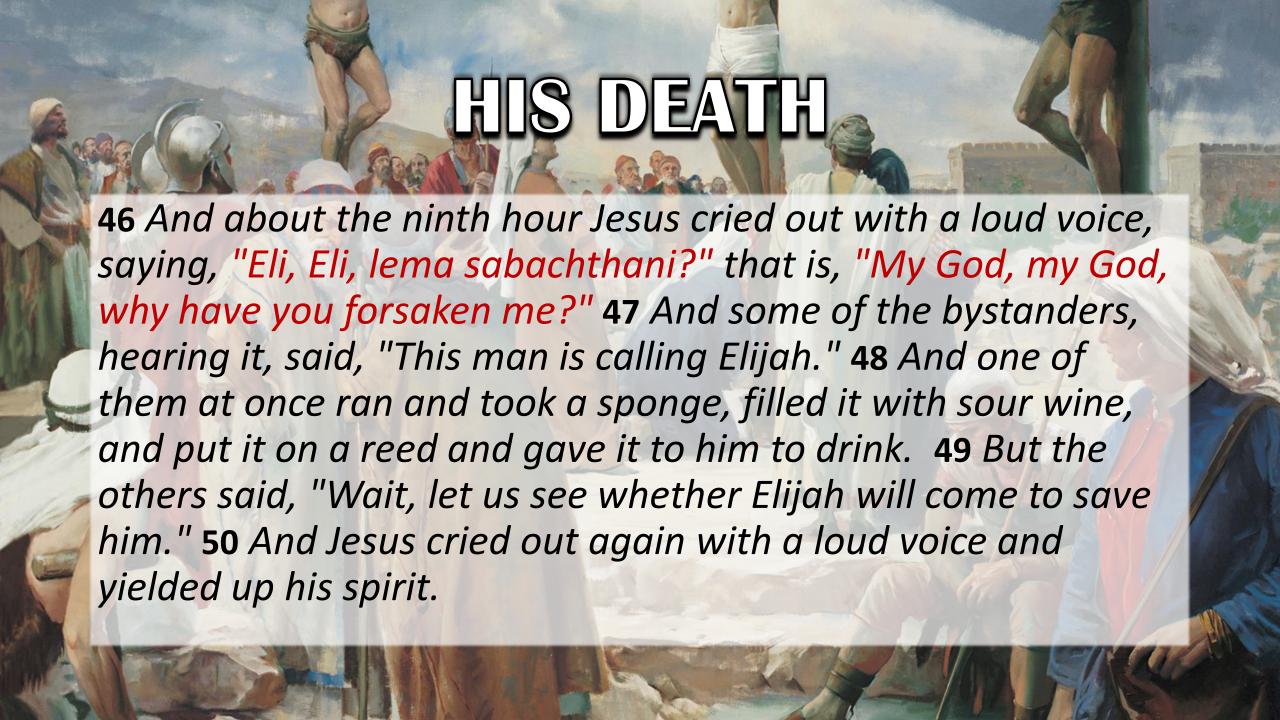


41 So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, 42 "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. 43 He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'"

Not knowing He was saving others by not saving Himself

44 And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.







51 And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split.

- Creation mourns the Creator
- The earth is shaken literally and spiritually
- The spiritual reality is demonstrated physically
  - the way into the holy places is not yet opened as long as the first section is still standing..." (Heb. 9:8-9)
  - "we have confidence to enter the holy places... that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh..." (Heb. 10:19-20)

