

All of the gospels tell the same basic story, but with divergent details. This gives strong evidence they are telling the truth, rather than copying from a single fictional account.

Below are some of the divergent details about the crucifixion of Jesus:

#### Barrabas

- Mt 27:16 - notorious
- Mk 15:7 - murderer, seditonist
- Lk 23:18 - murderer, seditonist
- Jn 18:40 - revolutionary, insurrectionist or domestic terrorist, political extremist

#### Jesus beaten

- Mt 27:26 - flogged - flagellum
- Mk 15:15 - flogged
- Lk 23:22 - Pilate offers to have Jesus whipped and released
- Jn 19:1 - flogged

#### Clothed in robe

- (Pilate) Mt 27:28 - scarlet
- (Pilate) Mk 15:16-17 - purple

- (Herod) Lk 23:11 - brilliant (CSB); elegant (NIV); rich (NJB); royal (NLT); splendid (ESV); gorgeous (NAS)

- (Pilate) Jn 19:2 - purple

#### Carried cross or pole

- Mt 27:32 - Simon

- Lk 23:26 - Simon

- Jn 19:17 - Jesus

Jesus started carrying the beam. He subsequently fell under its weight. Simon was pressed into service to carry it the rest of the way.

#### Drink offerings

- Mt 27:34 - Wine mixed with gall (bitter narcotic), when they arrived at Golgotha (soldiers)

- Mk 15:23 - Wine mixed with myrrh, a primitive narcotic (soldiers)

- Lk 23:36 - Sour wine (soldiers)

- Jn 19:29 - Sponge fill of sour wine on hyssop (soldiers?)

#### Put on cross or tree at...

- Mk 15:25 - Third hour (9AM)

- Jn 19:14 - Sixth hour (Noon)

These are rough estimates of time. Events in the later morning were typically described as

occurring around either the third (Mt 20:3; Acts 2:15), or sixth hour (Mk 15:33; Mt 20:5; Mt 27:45; Lk 23:44; Jn 4:6; Jn 19:14; Acts 10:9).