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Crucifixion

Three Jews were crucified today by the Romans. In a surprise move, Pontius Pilate released - as an act of "good will" - the man Barabbas. Instead, Jesus from Nazareth was substituted in his place. As you may recall, Jesus was most recently hailed by some as the long-awaited Messiah. Yet he had made many enemies. Some of his followers were disillusioned that he was talking non-violence against the Romans. Other leaders were upset at his ac-

tions in the Temple, where he pushed over tables and strangely released animals that were going to be sacrificed. Before he was crucified, Jesus was stripped and whipped by the Roman guards. They gambled for his clothes, and then mockingly dressed him in a royal purple robe, and crowned him with thorns. He was led out of the city, but along the way, a man from Cyrene was enlisted to help him carry his cross. At Golgotha, also known as Cal-

vary, he was crucified with two others. During the crucifixion, the sky turned unusually black - almost as if it were night. At about the same time, there was a disturbance occurring within the Temple area - priests had no comment about this at press time. Many of the followers of Jesus reportedly have disappeared. At the time of his death, only a few of his followers were present - including his mother.



Weather Forecast

- Hot, dry and windy
- All information from the Jewish Almanac



Obituary

Judas Iscariot, disappointed follower of the late Jesus of Nazareth (see article above), was found hung near the field of Acedama. Thirty pieces of silver, reportedly those of the deceased, had been found earlier in the Temple area. While the death is under investigation, authorities believe that he took his own life. Judas was the only follower of Jesus that was not from Galilee. He was in charge of the finances of Jesus and his followers, often

upset at how unconcerned Jesus was with money. Apparently, Judas thought Jesus would usher in an earthly kingdom in which he (Jesus) would be king, and Judas would be the secretary of the treasury. When this did not happen, some reports have it that Judas betrayed Jesus by setting a trap in the Garden of Gethsemane late last night. Further details are unclear at this time.

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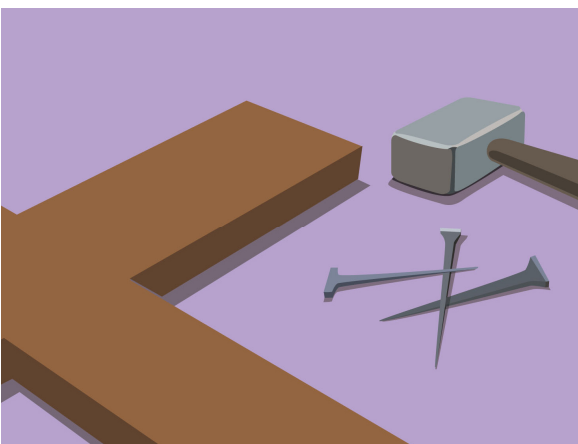
Spices needed for the proper burial rites of a friend. Aloe and myrrh preferred. Can pick up late tomorrow evening.

Lose weight fast! See Miriam at "Prunes to You."

Old rooster. Needs new home. Usually crows three times. Good with hens. See Calib.

Pilate's Wife Reported to Have Had Dream

Again, another story surrounding the former Jesus of Nazareth. Apparently, when Jesus was brought to Pilate early this morning, his wife had a dream. Aides to Mrs. Pilate report that the dream made such an impression upon her that she requested her husband "wash his hands" of anything having to do with Jesus.



Roman Reward

A reward had been offered this week by the authorities for those who followed Jesus of Nazareth. With his death today, our newspaper has been notified that the reward for his followers has been

discontinued. Leaders felt that with Jesus' death, the others would quickly vanish and no longer be a threat to either Roman political authorities or Jewish religious authorities.

Sanhedrin Meeting Last Night

A special meeting was held last night by the Sanhedrin in regards to the criminal Jesus, who was crucified today. While most members were notified of the meeting, several Pharisees that were followers of Jesus were not informed. Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus were two who complained that they received no notice of such a meeting. In spite of their objections, the man Jesus

Magi Convention News

Magi - sages - from all over the world gathered recently in Jerusalem for their annual meeting. Stressing wisdom, these seekers from many parts of the Roman empire came together to share in their vision of the future. Using astronomy and other tools, they look for a connection between celestial events and earthly

occurrences. One older Magi from Persia recalled coming to Bethlehem some 33 years ago for a special birth. He and several others were present to give gifts to the baby. Speaking through a translator, he said he has always wondered what ever happened to this "king" that was born so near Jerusalem.

