














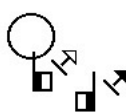











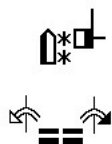

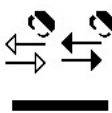
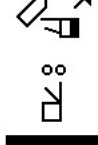

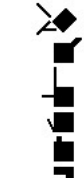
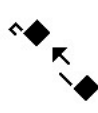
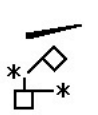
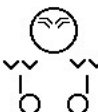

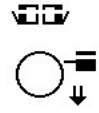
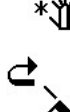

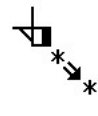

Chapter 15. Very early in the morning the leading priests, the elders, and the teachers of religious law -- the entire high council -- met to discuss their next step. They bound Jesus, led him away, and took him to Pilate, the Roman governor. Verse 2. Pilate asked Jesus, "Are you the king of the Jews?" NLT

<p>ASL signs for Verse 3: Jesus replied, "You have said it." The sequence includes a hand sign for 'I' (palm up, fingers spread), followed by a hand sign for 'you' (palm up, fingers spread, with a small circle above the hand), then a hand sign for 'said' (palm up, fingers spread, with a small circle above the hand), and finally a hand sign for 'it' (palm up, fingers spread, with a small circle above the hand).</p>	<p>ASL signs for Verse 4: Then the leading priests kept accusing him of many crimes. The sequence includes a hand sign for 'then' (palm up, fingers spread, with a small circle above the hand), followed by a hand sign for 'the' (palm up, fingers spread, with a small circle above the hand), then a hand sign for 'leading' (palm up, fingers spread, with a small circle above the hand), and finally a hand sign for 'accusing' (palm up, fingers spread, with a small circle above the hand).</p>	<p>ASL signs for Verse 5: Pilate asked him, "Aren't you going to answer them? What about all these charges they are bringing against you?" The sequence includes a hand sign for 'Pilate' (palm up, fingers spread, with a small circle above the hand), followed by a hand sign for 'asked' (palm up, fingers spread, with a small circle above the hand), then a hand sign for 'him' (palm up, fingers spread, with a small circle above the hand), and finally a hand sign for 'answer' (palm up, fingers spread, with a small circle above the hand).</p>	<p>ASL signs for Verse 6: But Jesus said nothing, much to Pilate's surprise. The sequence includes a hand sign for 'but' (palm up, fingers spread, with a small circle above the hand), followed by a hand sign for 'Jesus' (palm up, fingers spread, with a small circle above the hand), then a hand sign for 'said' (palm up, fingers spread, with a small circle above the hand), and finally a hand sign for 'nothing' (palm up, fingers spread, with a small circle above the hand).</p>
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Jesus replied, "You have said it." Verse 3. Then the leading priests kept accusing him of many crimes, Verse 4. and Pilate asked him, "Aren't you going to answer them? What about all these charges they are bringing against you?" Verse 5. But Jesus said nothing, much to Pilate's surprise. NLT

Verse 6. Now it was the governor's custom each year during the Passover celebration to release one prisoner -- anyone the people requested. Verse 7. One of the prisoners at that time was Barabbas, a revolutionary who had committed murder in an uprising. Verse 8. The crowd went to Pilate and asked him to release a prisoner as usual. NLT




























































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Verse 12. Pilate asked them, "Then what should I do with this man you call the king of the Jews?" Verse 13. They shouted back, "Crucify him!" Verse 14. "Why?" Pilate demanded. "What crime has he committed?" But the mob roared even louder, "Crucify him!"

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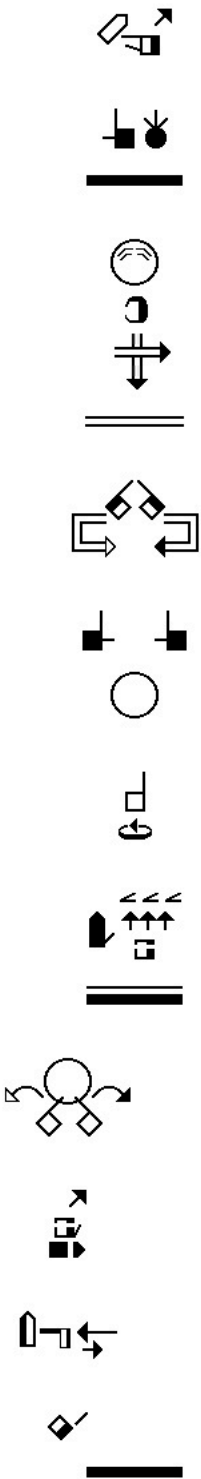
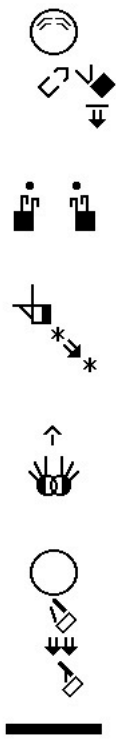
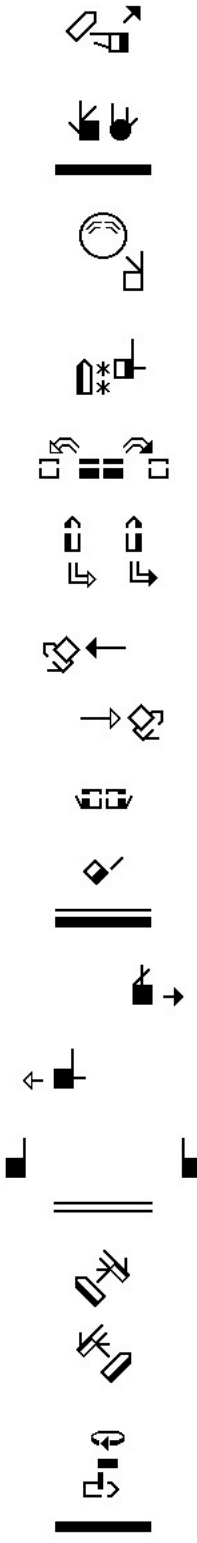
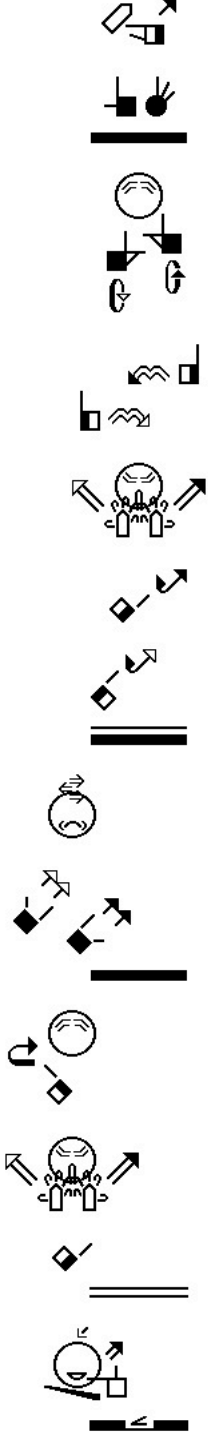
and called out the entire regiment. Verse 17. They dressed him in a purple robe, and they wove thorn branches into a crown and put it on his head. Verse 18. Then they saluted him and taunted, "Hail! King of the Jews!" NLT

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295 was coming in from the countryside just then, and the soldiers forced him to carry Jesus' cross. (Simon was the father of Alexander and Rufus.) Verse 22. And they brought Jesus to a place called Golgotha (which means "Place of the Skull"). NLT

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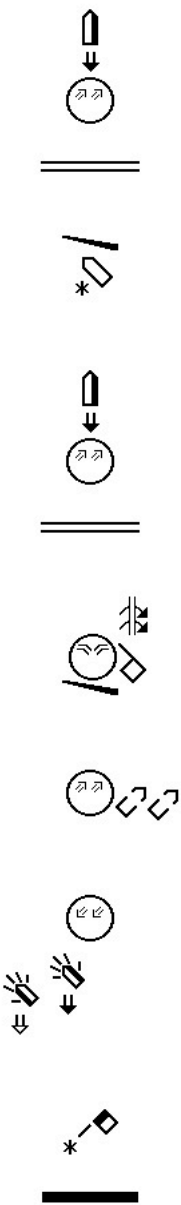
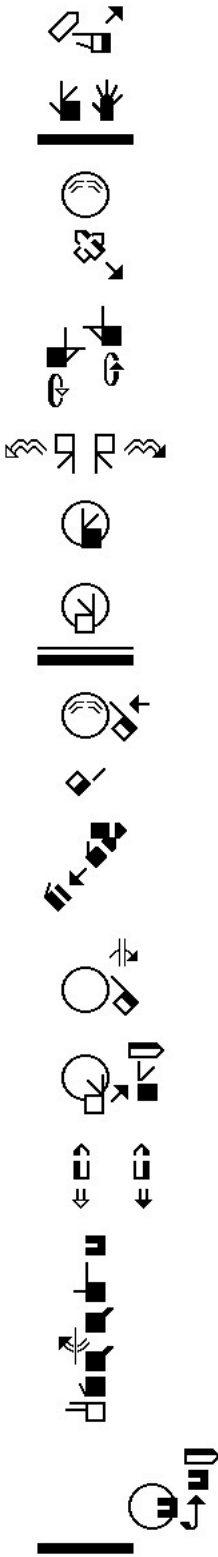
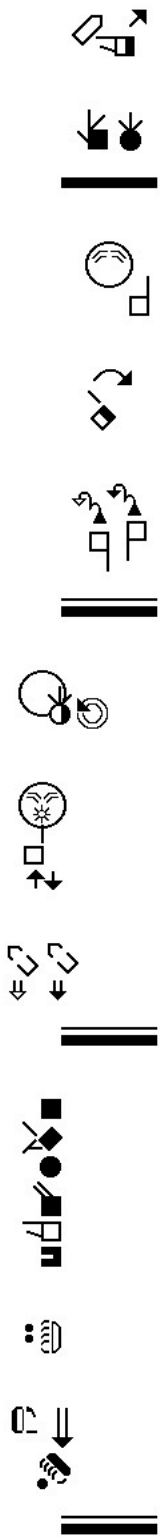
			
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Verse 26. A sign was fastened to the cross, announcing the charge against him. It read, "The King of the Jews." Verse 27. Two revolutionaries were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. (*Note: no verse 28 in NLT) Verse 29. The people passing by shouted abuse, shaking their heads in mockery. "Ha!"

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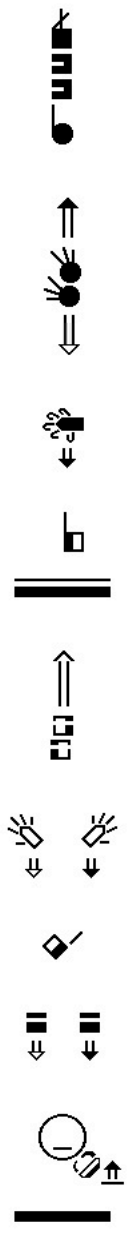
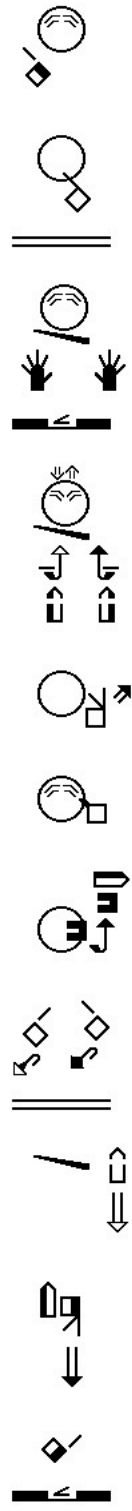
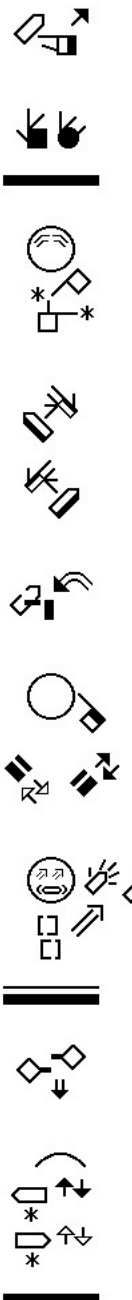

Look at you now!" they yelled at him. "You said you were going to destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days. Verse 30. Well then, save yourself and come down from the cross!" Verse 31. The leading priests and teachers of religious law also mocked Jesus. "He saved others," they scoffed, "but he can't save himself!" NLT

Verse 32. Let this Messiah, this King of Israel, come down from the cross so we can see it and believe him!" Even the men who were crucified with Jesus ridiculed him. Verse 33. At noon, darkness fell across the whole land until three o'clock. Verse 34. Then at three o'clock Jesus called out with a loud voice, NLT

			
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"Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" Verse 35. Some of the bystanders misunderstood and thought he was calling for the prophet Elijah. Verse 36. One of them ran and filled a sponge with sour wine,

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holding it up to him on a reed stick so he could drink. "Wait!" he said. "Let's see whether Elijah comes to take him down!" Verse 37. Then Jesus uttered another loud cry and breathed his last. Verse 38. And the curtain in the sanctuary of the Temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.

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Verse 41. They had been followers of Jesus and had cared for him while he was in Galilee. Many other women who had come with him to Jerusalem were also there. Verse 42. This all happened on Friday, the day of preparation, the day before the Sabbath. As evening approached,

































































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Verse 43. Joseph of Arimathea took a risk and went to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body. (Joseph was an honored member of the high council, and he was waiting for the Kingdom of God to come.) Verse 44. Pilate couldn't believe that Jesus was already dead, so

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he called for the Roman officer and asked if he had died yet. Verse 45. The officer confirmed that Jesus was dead, so Pilate told Joseph he could have the body. Verse 46. Joseph bought a long sheet of linen cloth. Then

               	               	               	               
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he took Jesus' body down from the cross, wrapped it in the cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been carved out of the rock. Then he rolled a stone in front of the entrance. Verse 47. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph saw where Jesus' body was laid.