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Calvary and Golgotha, where Jesus was Crucified.

Calvary (also called Golgotha) refers to the hill upon which Jesus was crucified. In early writings is referred to as a hill resembling a skullcap, the fathers of old called its name, "The skull-pan of a head." It is located very near to a gate into Jerusalem. In Matthew, Mark, Luke and John it is described as a place near enough to the city gate that those coming in and out could read the inscription "Jesus of Nazareth the King of the Jews."

- **Luke 27:33:** When they came to a place called Golgotha (which means place of a skull).
- **Mark 14:32:** They went to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." (Mark 14:32).
- **Luke 15:22:** They brought him to the place called Golgotha (which means place of a skull).
- **Luke 23:33:** When they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left.
- **John 19:17:** He went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha.

Following is some of the reasons given for the name, "The Skull."

- The location was a place of public execution, and the name refers to abandoned skulls that would be found there.
- The location was near a cemetery, and the name refers to the bones buried there.
- It is said by some, Goliath's skull was buried here.

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In the book of Revelation, we read:

- **Revelation 11:8:** and their (the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth) (v4) dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city that symbolically is called Sodom and Egypt, where their Lord was crucified.

Some commentators equate the great city that is symbolically called Sodom and Egypt, where their Lord was crucified to the following:

- The great city Babylon spoken of in Revelation chapter seventeen.
- Babylon as a symbolical way of writing the name of Rome, and therefore take the great city that is symbolically called Sodom and Egypt, to signify the great city of Rome spoken of in Revelation chapter eleven.

However, all surviving Christian literature from the first century that has anything to say on the issue associates Jesus' crucifixion with Jerusalem, not Rome. It would be likened to Sodom and Egypt, because its chief priests, Pharisees and scribes were prideful, hypocritical, and plotting to kill Israel's Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ.

- **Luke 23:7:** When he learned that he belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him over to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time.
- **Luke 23:28:** Jesus said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children.

- **John 19:20:** Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek.
- **Acts 4:27:** Truly in this city (Jerusalem) there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel.

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