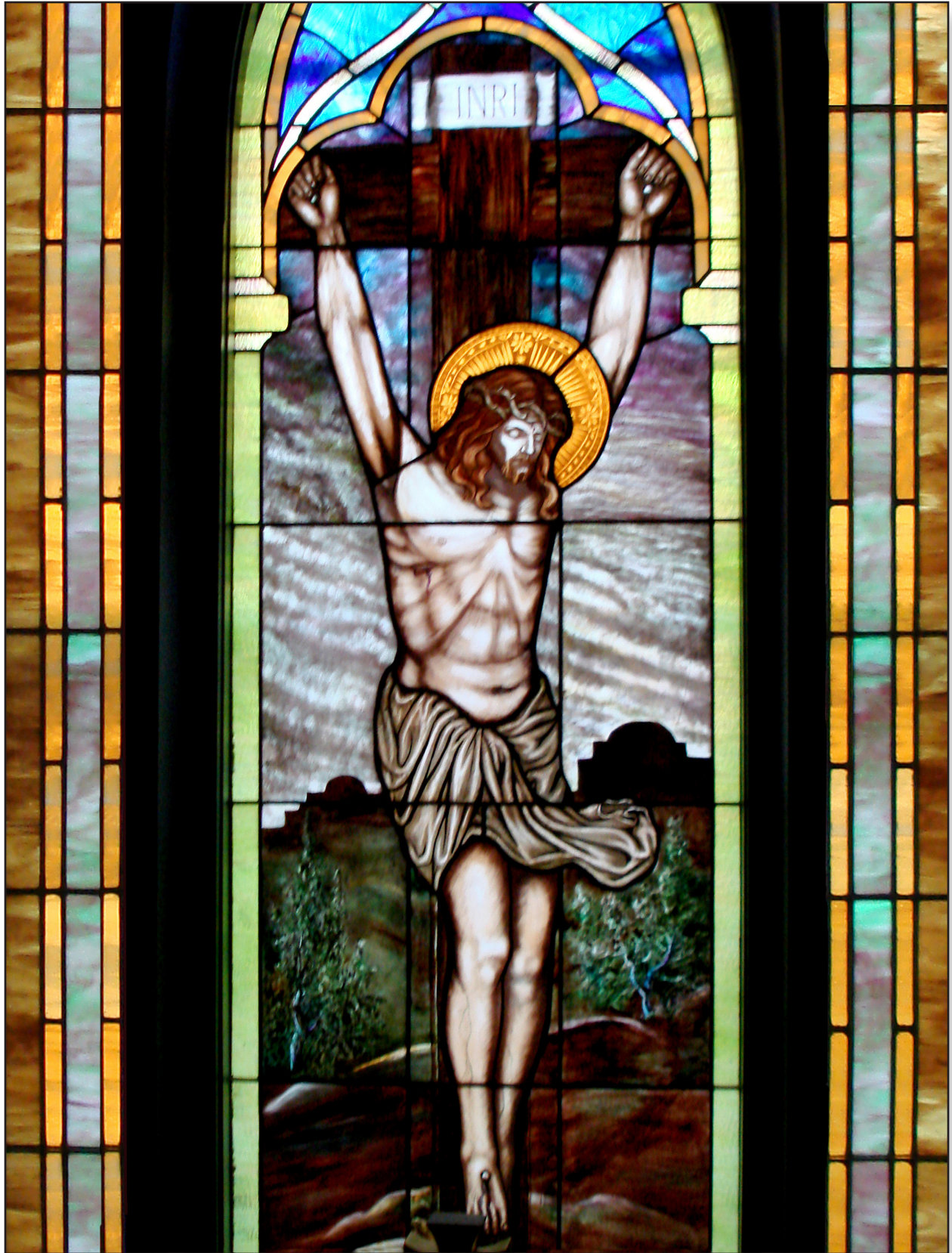


The Death of Jesus



We love Him because He first loved us. 1 John 4:19

Matthew 27:33, 35-46, 50-54 - *The Crucifixion*

33 And when they came to a place called Golgotha. **35** And when they had crucified Him, they divided His garments among them by casting lots. **36** Then they sat down and kept watch over Him there. **37** And over His head they put the charge against Him, which read, “This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.”

38 Two robbers were crucified with Him, one on the right and one on the left. **39** Those who passed by derided Him, wagging their heads **40** 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.” **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.’”

44 The robbers who were crucified with Him reviled Him in the same way. **45** Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. **46** About the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?”

50 Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up His spirit. **51** Behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. **52** The tombs also were opened. Many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, **53** and coming out of the tombs after His resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. **54** When the centurion and those who were there with Him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, “Truly this was the Son of God!”