The Triumph Of Christ

MOTORY

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Two kinds of triumphs:

1. Honored the military victories of a general who defeated a foreign enemy.

At least 5,000 enemy troops

Returned army to Rome for retirement.

2. Celebrated ascendancy of a new emperor to a divine status.

No other ceremony in pagan history where god and man stood so close to each other.

First act of the day performed by the elite troops of

the emperor: Praetorian Guard

- ✓ Clothed in purple robe
- ✓ Usually a laurel crown of gold
- ✓ Emperor's face painted crimson
- ✓ Soldiers bow and declare their allegiance

"Hail, Caesar/Lord"



The procession lined up outside the city.

- ✓ Heralds would announce the entrance of the triumphator
- ✓ At the front: condemned enemies, slaves, bearers of placards.
- ✓ Emperor came near the end of the procession led rather than leading the procession.



- A key role was played by a bull or bulls.
- ✓ A white bull was crowned and draped in ceremonial garments like the emperor
- **✓** This animal represented the gods.
- ✓ Lector walked behind with ax



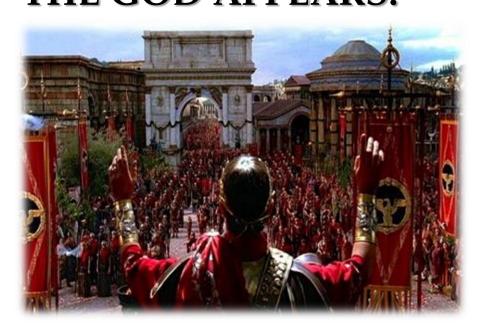
Triumphs ended at a historical spot, the Temple of Jupiter Capitolinus, perched on the crest of the

Capitoline Hill, Rome

- ✓ The bull is sacrificed
- ✓ The emperor lives



Nero needed a triumph to finalize his deity. Emperors presented to the masses with two officials who stood, one on the right and one on the left. TRIUMPH ~ THE GOD APPEARS!



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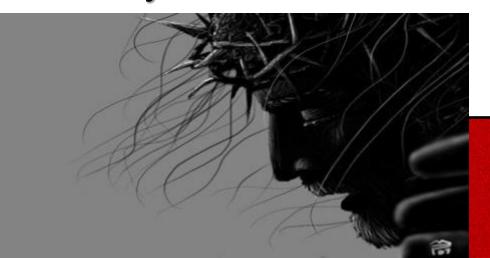
- Praetorian guard mocks Jesus; clothe him in purple; crown of thorns; Hail King
- Vv 19-20 Crimson face; led out to his death
- V 21 Simon compelled to carry cross; Jesus went outside the gate to end his triumph; Hebrews 13:12 (p 1385)

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- V 22 They brought him to the place Golgotha, which is translated, Place of a skull
- Vv 23-26 Inscription Jesus bore; cup of wine he refused
- Vv 27-28 One on the right; one on the left
- Vv 37, 39 Truly this man was the Son of God



FOR TO THIS END CHRIST DIED AND ROSE AND LIVED AGAIN, THAT HE MIGHT BE LORD OF BOTH THE DEAD AND THE LIVING.

ROMANS 14:9 (P 1307)





