

Crucifixion Exercise For *The Dream of the Rood*.

Which versions (if any) did the author of *The Dream of the Rood* consult as he wrote his poem? The gospels gain firm canonical status in the 300s and 400s AD, but not all medieval writers had access to all four gospels. After comparing the four gospel accounts below, run down the list and see which details appear in *The Dream of the Rood*. If *The Dream* doesn't mention this detail, just write "N/A" or "Not Applicable." Finally, what new details has the *Dream of the Rood* poet added? Make a list below and try to explain why he would have made those particular changes.

	Matthew 27:11 et passim	Mark 15:16 et passim	Luke 23:12 et passim	John 19 et passim	<i>Dream of the Rood</i>
What color is given for Christ's Robe?					
Is the robe placed on Christ during the trial with Pilate or after Pilate delivers him for execution?					
What hour is Christ crucified? (third hour, sixth hour, or after sixth hour)?					
Does Christ climb on the cross himself in this account?					
Message written on the top of Christ's cross?					
Is Christ naked on the cross in this account? Does he strip his clothes himself or do the guards do it?					
Is Christ fed vinegar in a sponge, vinegar mingled with gall (vomit), or wine mingled with myrrh (perfume)?					
Soldiers cast lots for all of Christ's garments or only vie for his cloak?					
Does one thief mock Christ? Or do both thieves mock Christ initially?					

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Does the sky grow dark in this account?					
What women come to watch the crucifixion?					
Are the women watching from a distance or are they watching at the foot of the cross?					
Does the earth tremble at the moment of death in this account?					
Does the crucifixion take place in Golgotha (the Hill of Skulls) or in Calvary?					
Does the Centurion state that Jesus "surely is the son of God" or does he state Jesus was merely "a righteous man"?					
Does the veil of the temple get split in two in this account?					
What is Christ's last recorded vocalization before he dies?					
Does the Ascension of Christ after the Crucifixion take place in Bethany? Or in a room in Jerusalem?					
Is the cross taken down and thrown in a pit, and buried after Christ's execution in this account?					