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<Text: Proceose of the Passion and Gospel of Nicodemus>

<Tranche 1>

<fol. 26v>Also will of reson and þat obeyed
and consented þer-to . as it
þs sayd by Jsaye the *prophete* .
¶ he was offred for he wolde
. Also þer was <ill></ill> on
hym . will of þe godhede . &
þat tempred þese oþeres and
yaf sentence and þat it shulde
be y+do . <gap> And for as mucche
as he was verreye man ;
as man he was put in gret
noye . ¶ And fram þe place
þat he hadde prayed in ; he
went a-yen to his disciples .
& sayde . Slepe ye now and
restep yow . And þere þey slepe
a litil while . ¶ And þulk
goode heorde Jhesus ; waked þere
a-pon þe kepyng of his blysfyl
flocke . This was signe
of gret loue . .

<fol. 27r>Jhesus sawe a ferre his aduersaries
comyng wiþ swerdes and bates
& oþere wepene . wiþ lanternes
and oþer priue light for it was
pure derk toward Mydnyght . . .
And yit he wacched noght hys
disciples til his aduersaries were

nygh hym . and þen he sayde
 to hem . ¶ A-wakeþ ye haue
 slept y-now . Loe he þat shal betray
 me . ys nygh . And ac he
 spake to his disciples ; cam þulke
 cursyd Judas þe worst marchant
 þat euere was and cussed Jhesus .
 And cause was whi he by-trayed
 hym by sygne of a cusse more
 rapere þan by eny opere þing
 when he sayde to ye Jewes whom
 so J euere kysse . he it is holdeþ
 hym . ¶ For as muche as James
 which.^[was] one of Jhesus disci
 <fol. 27v>ples . was so verreyliche y-lyche
 Jhesus ; in all men-ys sight ; þat
 me shuld not wel knowe þat
 one fram þat opere . And þerfor
 he kyssed Jhesus . for þei shulde
 sekerly take hym by þat signe
 . . It was also þe manere
 of Crist his disciples whiche
 he sent oute to receyue hem
 wiþ a cosse at here comynge
 a-yen . And þefore þis traytour
 Judas ; to putte hym oute of
 suspession . not wonynge þat
 Jhesus hadde y-knowe his attente
 . he came somewhat to-fo .
 þese armed folk / by hym self
 and clypped Jhesus ; and kyssed
 hym and sayde . ¶ hayl lord
 As ho saip J am not y-come
 wiþ þese armed folke ; but comyng
 a-fore as þogh he had
 <fol. 28r>de had no knowlech of hem .
 Then saide oure lorde to hym .
 Frend wherfor artow y-come
 Loe how pacientlyche he toke

þulke cursed traytours clyppynges
 and cosses ; whaas
 feet ; a litel a-fore . he hadde
 wesshe ; and fedde hym wiþ
 souerayne mete / þat is his
 owne fleshe and bloode . .
 Then presid þese Jewes fast
 a-pon jhesus wiþ grete haste .
 And jhesus asked hem . wham
 seche ye . And þey sayde . Jhesuc
 of Na3areth . Now was he
 Cheped Na3areth for þat he
 Was bore in þe Cite of Na3areth
 . ¶ here J am seyde Jhesus ;
 What wole ye . ¶ Tho were
 þey so sore a-dradde þat þey
 fille downe to þe grounde for
 <fol. 28v>þe miracles þat þey had y-sey of
 hym ofte a-forhonde . And þen
 þei risen vp a-yen . and Jhesus
 asked hem a-yen . Wham seche
 ye . And þei sayden . Jhesus of na3areth
 . And Jhesus sayde . Fynde
 ye me not yif ye seche me lete
 my dysciples passe . Thenne
 went hy and sette hondes on Jhesuc
 and he sayde to hem . Lyk as to
 a þef ye come a-yens me wiþ
 swerdes & battys and takeþ me .
 Petre drowe oute his swerde
 and in gret wrep he smote of
 one of here eerys whiche was
 clepud Malkus . ¶ Oure lord bad
 hym do vp his swerd and toke
 vp þe eere of þe grounde & blyssid
 it and sette it on a-yen hooler~
 þan euere it was . ¶ Then anone
 forþ-wiþ . his disciples
 <fol. 29r>passed a-way fro hym for drede

of þe Jewes ; alle saue Petre &
 Johan ; Thei loued hym so muche
 þat þei wold not go fro hym
 There Jhesus suffred þese Jewes
 to take hym and to
 bynde hym . And as wode þeues
 þei ladde hym as for a trespassour
 and man vn-myghty . to
 defende hym sylf . ¶ Jhesus toke
 gret compassion for his dysciples
 fleyng a-way fro hym
 ¶ And þei ful of sorwe wepyng
 and syghyng as faderles chyldryn
 of gret drede went huer~
 way . And more and more encresed
 here sorwe when þey sawe
 here maystr~ and here lord
 so vyleynlyche y-drawe and as
 a meke lambe to þe deep ; by-helde
 hym how he folwed afre
 <fol. 29v>þese tyrauntes. Þulke wykked
 people lad forþ oure lord fro þulke
 brooke of Cedron by-sydes þere
 he had made his prayeres to his
 fader ; Jn ful hasti manere . hys
 hondes bounde by-hynde hym .
 and his mantell cast fro hym ;
 and in a cote onelyche & gurde
 vpon . and vesyd hym forþ wiþ
 here hondes and put hym wiþ
 here feete til þey comen to
 Jerusalem . they ladde hym
 forþ toward þe dome halle
 & presentyd hym vp to Anne
 and Cayphas whiche were ymade
 byschopes for þat yere
 and to-for opere mynystres of
 þe lawe and to-fore huge multitude
 of people y-gadred þeder

¶ And þere þei enprocured &
 broght forþ fals wytnesse a
 <fol. 30r>yens hym ; whiche dispised hym
 and spatte in his face / and blynd
 feld hym . and buffeted hym
 and sayden . A rede ho þat ys
 þat smote þe , ¶ And wiþ many
 oþere dispites . ^[þei] vexed hym
 and a-yens al þis he bare hym
 humylyche and spak no worde
 a yens hem . Seynt Johan
 hadde knowleche a forehonde of
 þe vssher and þere þorow he
 was lete Jn . And he spake
 so fayre to þe vssher þat Peter
 was lete Jn wiþ hym . It was
 cold wyntyr / and þere was strong
 fyre in þe halle . And Petre
 among oþeres drew hym þerto
 / to heete hym. ¶ And Petre
 byheld oure lord stedefastlyche ;
 and one of þe Jewes þat stode
 byside conceyued it well and
 <fol. 30v>sayde to Peter . ¶ man þow art
 leuyng wiþ þulke felawe þat
 stont yende at his dome : ¶ Peter
 wiþsoke it and sayde Nay . he was
 so sore agast . ¶ Then cam an oþere
 Jewes And bare hym an
 honde þat he was leuyng wiþ
 Jhesus . And Peter sayde Nay. eftsones
 . Then cam forþ a damysell
 a *seruant* of þe house and sayde
 to Petre . Me þenkeþ þat J haue
 y-seye þe in þe Gardeyn wiþ
 Jhesus . . And þere Petre by-gan
 to swere grete oþes and sayde
 þat he knew hym not . ¶ And
 a-none *ihesuc* cast hys eye a-syde

vpon Petre and forþ-wiþ þe
 cocke by-gan to crowe . Petre
 by-þoght hym of þe woordes
 þat Crist had sayde to hym afor
 -tyme . how he shuld forsa
 <fol. 31r>ke hym þries or þe Cocke crewe .
 And forþ he went oute and wept
 wel bytterlych for sorow and
 cam þere no more . Then þese
 maystres of þe lawe went þere
 hens / and sent forþ Jhesus in-to
 a preson þat was þere fast
 by vnder a loft . And þere ⁊ [þey] stryped
 hym sterk naked / and bonde
 hym to a pyler of stoone .
 And þere þey left men of armes
 wiþ hym for þe more . .
 seurte to kepe hym sauelyche
 whiche all þe nyght aftre trauaylled
 hym wiþ scornes and
 bysmares euere waytyng on hym .
 and sayde to him . ¶ Thou fool
 þou wendest & trowededest . þy
 self bettre and wysere þen oure
 prynces & prestes buþ . & þat
 ys þyn owen folye . Thow agh
 <fol. 31v>test not openy oonys þy mouþ
 a-yens hem . ¶ how were þou
 so hardy so for to do . But now
 þs þi wysdom . opynly y-shewed
 . Now þou stondest as it
 longeþ to suche a mysdoer to
 stonde . In certayn þow art
 worþi þe deep ; and haue it
 þow shalt . ¶ And þus all
 þat nyght now oone now anoþer
 wayted hym and repreued
 hym wiþ suche woordes
 and scoornes and held hym

þus a worke . And to alle þese
 woordes he spak nought
 but helde hym stille as he had
 be y-take as gulty and trespassyd
 in þis ; lokyng euere dounward
 to þe erþe . ¶ And þere
 he stode so y-bounde : til erlych
 in þe morwe-tyde . And in þe

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<fol. 82v>and she byheld hym in hys vysage
 and in hys woundes of
 hys hondes hys feet & all hys
 body / and sought wheþer all
 hys dysshese was a-go or noo . .
 ¶ Then sayde hure sone Jhesus
 to hure al my dysshese ys ago
 . My sorwe and my deep J
 haue ouer-come and no more
 J shal fele fro þis tyme foreward
 . ¶ þen sayde she . My dere
 sone Jhesu ; J-blyssyd be þi fader
 wheche hap yelde þe to me
 a-yen ; enhansed wyrshyphed
 & preysed be hys holy name
 euere . wiþ-oute ende .. There
 þey stode and speke to-gedre
 wiþ gret ioie and oure lord
 Jhesus told hun how he hadde
 deliuered hys people oute of helle
 . And mo opere þinges he
 <fol. 83r>tolde hur~ whiche he had y-do
 þulke þre dayes a-fore-honde . .
 Marye Mawdeleyn and opere
 twey Maryes as J seyde
 a-forhonde went oute erlyche
 to þe sepulcre-ward wiþ oynementys

. . And as þey were w^toute
 þe yate of þe towne ;
 þey remembred hem of þe
 tormentys and peynes of here
 lord Jhesus . And in euery place
 where þey knewe þat any
 greuance was do to hym . þere
 þey wiþstode & knelyd a-downe
 & kyssed þe ground & sighed
 sore and seyden . . here he *turned*
 hym to þe wymmen of Jerusalem
 . . here for werynesse
 he lete falle þe crosse . . here
 þey put hym forþ wiþ her~
 feete to make hym go blyue .
 <fol. 83v>And in þis place þey spoyled
 hym : And here þey nayled
 hym to þe crosse / and þen all
 y þre bloþeryng and wepyng
 for sorow fyl a-downe and
 wyrshypped þe crosse . & kysseden
 it . . For it was yut þ^t
 tyme bloody rede of þe preciouise
 blood of oure lord . þen
 þey rysen and went in to
 þe sepulcre and sayde a monges
 hem . .Hoo shal do a-downe
 to vs þe lydde of þe Sepulcre
 . . And as þey loked
 þere toward ; þey seye þe lyd
 a-downe and an Angell þey
 sawe syttyng þer on whiche
 sayde to hem . . drede yow not
 ye secheþ Jhesus of Na3areth
 he ys a-ryse he ys not here .
 Loe here ys þe place þat þey
 <fol. 84r>put hym Inne . . But goop &
 sayþ to hys dysciples and to
 Petre þat he shall go to-for

yow and be in galile . There
 þe shul se hym as J haue for
 sayde to yow . ¶ These wymen
 þought hem bygyled in
 þat hy had hoped to haue Jhesuc
 body þere and dyde not . þey
 toke no hede to þe angells wordes
 but went a-yen to þe dyssyple
 and seyden . The body
 of oure lord Jhesus Crist ys
 bore a-way . . ¶ þenne Petre
 and Johan went toward þe
 sepulcre . and þey by-gonne
 to renne and þe wymmen runne
 aftre wiþ all here myght
 And whenne þey come toward
 þe sepulcre ; þey byhelde Jn ;
 and fonde not þere Cristes
 <fol. 84v>body but þey sawe lynen cloþes
 and þe suder<?>e . . And sore wepyng
 Petre and Johan went
 a-yen for þey myght not fynde
 ^ [hym]ne wist not were to haue
 hym but þe wymmen a-bode
 þere . byholdyng in þe sepulcre
 . and þere þey sawe
 twey angeles stondyng in
 white cloþing / wheche sayden
 to þese wymmen . . ¶ Wham seche
 ye hym þat ys lyuyng
 wiþ dede men . These wymen
 toke none hede to þe woordes
 of þese twey angeles ne no
 manere of comfort þey ne
 receyued of the sight of hem . .
 for þey sought not þe angels
 but here lord Jhesus þey sought .
 And þen Marie Jacoby & Marie
 Salome went þere hens

<fol. 85r>and Marie Mawdeleyne for sorwe
 wüst not whate to do . She
 stode styll at þe sepulcre sore
 wepyng and eft-sones she
 byhelde a-yen in to þe sepulcre
 and sawe þulke twey angelles
 þere syttyng and sayde
 to hure . . womman why wepst .
 wham sechest . þen sayde she . .
 They haue bore a-way mylord
 . . And j wote neuere where
 þey haue putte hym . . She
 putte no þing hure þought
 ne toke non hede to þe angels
 woordes . . For hure þought &
 here mynde was not þere as
 she was hure silf but euere
 it was holyche in hure goode
 maystre Jhesus . . She cowde not
 þen þenke speke ne heer~ noþing
 but of hym . . when þ^t
 <fol. 85v>she þus had J-wept and for
 þoght of here dere lorde .^[3ho] toke
 none hede to þe angeles wordes
 . oure swete lorde of hey
 pyte þat he hadde in hur~
 he myght no lengere a-byde
 but as he satte wiþ hys moder
 he knewe what doel Maudeleyn@
 made for hym and sayde to
 hys moder <gap> þat he wold
 go / and conforte mawdeleyn .
 And oure lady was glad þerof
 and sayde . My blyssyd
 sone go in pees and conforte
 hur / For she loueþ þe
 mucche and gret sorwe haþ
 take for þi deef . . But my
 blyssyd sone haue mynde

to come to me a-yen . And
 þere she clypped hym in hure
 armes and eft lete hym
 <fol. 86r> passe . . ¶ Jhesus at þe sonne
 a rysyng came to þe sepulcre
 . Þere as Mawdeleyne was
 and sayde to hur . . womman
 why wepest . . And she knewe
 hym not and sayde . Syre
 yif þou hast ladde my
 lorde Jhesus a-way / tell me
 þe soþe J pray þe wher . .
 he ys þat J myght haue hym
 and take hym a-way with
 me . . Then Jhesus nempned
 hure name and sayde Marye . .
 She a-noue knewe the voyse
 of hure lorde ; and sayde w^t
 gret ioie ~~and sayde~~ ¶ maystre
 lorde . / . / ye buþ þulke þ^t
 J sought . A lord longe tyme
 hastow hudde þe fro me .
 and rennyng and fallyng
 a-downe to hys feete she
 <fol. 86v> wold haue kyssed hym . . And
 oure lorde sayde . . Marye touche
 me not . J styed not yut
 to my fadyr . . But go and
 saye to my breþeren þat J
 assende to my fader & yowres
 my god and yowr~ god
 Seyde J not to þe þat J shulde
 aryse þe þryde day / þerfor
 wherto soughtyst yow //
 me in þe sepulcre . . ¶ þen
 sayde she to hym . Lord myn
 hert was so replete of the
 byttre passion of yow and
 of yowre deep þat J foryate

all manere of þinges . &
 þoght onely in yowre dede
 body lyggyng in þe sepulcre .
 ¶ Blyssyd be þow lord which
 woldest fouchsaf to ryse fro
 deþ to lyue & for to come to
 <fol. 87r>vs . and þere þei stode boþe y-fere
 and spaken to-gedres a grete
 while and at þe last oure
 lord Jhesus seyde to hur~ J must
 go and visite oþere folk . . þen
 sayde Mawdeleyn to hym . Goode
 lord for-yete me not Haue
 mynde of þe goodnesse þat þ^u
 hast do to me . . Thenne sayde
 oure lorde . . Marie drede the
 not ; but be stedefast and feiþful
 . . And J wol be alway w^t
 þe . . And oure lord blyssyd hur~
 and went fro hur ~ . . She ran
 as fast as she myght renne
 to hur~ felawes . & tolde all
 þis to hem . And þere þei made
 gret ioie of hys arysyng / /
 but neuere-þelater þese oþere
 twey wymmen Marie Jacobe
 and Marie Salome were well
 <fol. 87v>sory þat þey ne hadde a-byde
 wiþ Mawdeleyne þay þei myȝt
 haue spoke wiþ here lord as
 wel as Mawdeleyne dyde . .
 Thenne Mawdeleyn and þese
 oþere wymmen went toward
 þe Cite And by þe way þedyrward
 ; oure lorde of hys
 grete goodnesse appered to //
 hem & sayde ; Hayll . . And þereof
 þey made gret ioie . And
 oure lord humylyche spak to



to hem & confortd hem & sayde
. . Goyþ and telleþ to my
breþeren my dysciples . þat J
woll go in to galilee and þere
þey shul see me . . Then he
knowere and serchere of all
men hertys / whiche yeueth
heye reward to all men afr~
here goode wyll & wel wyr
<fol. 88r>chyng . by þenkyng in þe fore
dede þat Joseph of Aramathie
had y-do for hym atte hys buryeng
; he went to þe prison
þere as Joseph was . and reysed
. / . þe stonen house oute
fro þe erþe vp in to þe eyre