

Scrovegni (Arena) Chapel

February 26, 2025

I. Introduction

II. Giotto di Bondone (1267-1337)

- A. Cimabue discover
- B. Fly on a painting
- C. Pope Benedict XI
- D. Ugly
- E. Break from Byzantine style

III. Scrovegni (Arena) Chapel

- A. Enrico Scrovegni (d. 1336)
- B. Land for chapel
- C. Commission Giotto (1303)
- D. Statistics
 - 1. 37 scenes in 3 tiers
 - 2. 40 collaborators 625 days

IV. View

- A. "Nativity"
- B. "Adoration of the Magi"

V. Read and view

- A. "Arrest of Jesus"
- B. "Crucifixion"

VI Lessons

VII. Questions and comments

VIII. Prayer

Mark 14:43-47

Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived, and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. ⁴⁴ Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard." ⁴⁵ So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, "Rabbi!" and kissed him. ⁴⁶ Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. ⁴⁷ But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear

John 19:17-19, 23-37

So they took Jesus, and carrying the cross by himself he went out to what is called the Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. ¹⁸ There they crucified him and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. ¹⁹ Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth,^[e] the King of the Jews.” . . .

When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. ²⁴ So they said to one another, “Let us not tear it but cast lots for it to see who will get it.” This was to fulfill what the scripture says, “They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots.” ²⁵ And that is what the soldiers did.

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, “Woman, here is your son.” ²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.