

# WINE AT THE CROSS MK 15:23; 35-36

## The Bible & wine:

- 2,000~ years of technological differences
- Radical geographical differences!

## I. There was wine in the Ancient World / ANE

Genesis 9:20 And Noah began *to be* an husbandman, and he planted a vineyard:Genesis 9:21 And he drank of the wine, and was drunken; and he was uncovered within his tent.

The earliest archeological sites often have vessels, of some variety, with the remnants of some kind of alcohol in them.

### All that is need is:

- Fruit with sugar
- Naturally occurring yeast
- Time
- (Het→ although this actually doesn't help)

Matthew 27:33 And when they were come unto a place called Golgotha, that is to say, a place of a skull,Matthew 27:34 They gave him vinegar to drink mingled with gall: and when he had tasted *thereof*, he would not drink.

Matthew 27:47 Some of them that stood there, when they heard *that*, said, This *man* calleth for Elias.Matthew 27:48 And straightway one of them ran, and took a sponge, and filled *it* with vinegar, and put *it* on a reed, and gave him to drink.

Mark 15:23 And they gave him to drink wine mingled with myrrh: but he received *it not*.

Mark 15:35 And some of them that stood by, when they heard *it*, said, Behold, he calleth Elias.Mark 15:36 And one ran and filled a sponge full of vinegar, and put *it* on a reed, and gave him to drink, saying, Let alone; let us see whether Elias will come to take him down.

Luke 23:36 And the soldiers also mocked him, coming to him, and offering him vinegar,Luke 23:37 And saying, If thou be the king of the Jews, save thyself.

John 19:28 After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst.John 19:29 Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar: and they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put *it* upon hyssop, and put *it* to his mouth.John 19:30 When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

## II. There were several kinds of wine in Scripture

This is a summary &/ the highlights:

Aerobic:	0-5 %	From fresh grape juice to fermented wine
----------	-------	--

Isaiah 24:7 The new wine mourneth, the vine languisheth, all the merryhearted do sigh.

Psalms 104:15 And wine *that* maketh glad the heart of man, *and* oil to make *his* face to shine, and bread *which* strengtheneth man's heart.

Hosea 2:8 For she did not know that I gave her corn, and wine, and oil, and multiplied her silver and gold, *which* they prepared for Baal.Hosea 2:9 Therefore will I return, and take away my corn in the time thereof, and my wine in the season thereof, and will recover my wool and my flax *given* to cover her nakedness.

Hosea 4:11 Whoredom and wine and new wine take away the heart.

Vinegar:	0-5 %	This is actually from the breakdown of sugar
----------	-------	--

The Roman's called this Posca: This was highly prized by the Roman Army as a mixture / mixing agent for bad water & to prevent drunkenness.

Anaerobic:	5-10%	For those wealthy enough to afford the technology and have a little luck!
------------	-------	---

<b>Diluted wine / vinegar:</b>	<b>0.1 / 2 %</b>	<b>We find this to be true in:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Jewish literature before the NT</li> <li>➤ Roman literature during the time of Christ</li> <li>➤ Christian literature after the time of Christ</li> </ul> <b><u>What was put in it?</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Wine</li> <li>➤ Or vinegar</li> <li>➤ Water</li> <li>➤ Flavors</li> </ul>
--------------------------------	------------------	--

<b>Drugged wine:</b>	<b>Doesn't matter</b>	<b>Additives were added to cause one to get drunk / drugged</b>
----------------------	-----------------------	---

<b>Strong drink:</b>	<b>0-5 % (?)</b>	<b>This was wine from fruits other than grapes. This probably was <u>not</u> beer because this drink <b>also</b> had vinegar.</b>
----------------------	------------------	---

**Numbers 6:1** And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, **Numbers 6:2** Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When either man or woman shall separate *themselves* to vow a vow of a Nazarite, to separate *themselves* unto the LORD: **Numbers 6:3** **He shall separate *himself* from wine and strong drink, and shall drink no vinegar of wine, or vinegar of strong drink, neither shall he drink any liquor of grapes, nor eat moist grapes, or dried.** **Numbers 6:4** All the days of his separation shall he eat nothing that is made of the vine tree, from the kernels even to the husk. **Numbers 6:5** All the days of the vow of his separation there shall no razor come upon his head: until the days be fulfilled, in the which he separateth *himself* unto the LORD, he shall be holy, *and* shall let the locks of the hair of his head grow. **Numbers 6:6** All the days that he separateth *himself* unto the LORD he shall come at no dead body. **Numbers 6:7** He shall not make himself unclean for his father, or for his mother, for his brother, or for his sister, when they die: because the consecration of his God *is* upon his head. **Numbers 6:8** All the days of his separation he *is* holy unto the LORD.