

The Feast of Passover (Day 8 of 10)

Biblical Prophecy Fulfilled Timeline of Events

Scripture Context

The Passover Overview Our Passover Lamb

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“Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel, and said to them, ‘Go and take for yourselves lambs according to your families, and slay the Passover lamb. And you shall take a bunch of hyssop and dip it in the blood which is in the basin, and apply some of the blood that is in the basin to the lintel and the two doorposts; and none of you shall go outside the door of his house until morning.’” Exodus 12:21-22

On the seventh day:

Tuesday Daytime (Abib/Nisan 13th) – 3rd day of the week

- Judas consorts with the Jewish leaders and is paid thirty pieces of silver.¹
- Jesus spends the day with His disciples but does not return to Jerusalem.

Tuesday Nighttime (Abib/Nisan 14th) – 4th day of the week – The Lord’s Passover

- In the Garden of Gethsemane.²

Waiting For Him

Matthew 26:36-46, Mark 14:32-42, Luke 22:39-46 and John 18:1

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AD 31, April 22nd, Tuesday Evening (Abib/Nisan 14th) [4th day of the week]

And they came to a place named Gethsemane;³ and He said to His disciples, **“Sit here until I have prayed.”** And He took with Him Peter and James and John, and began to be very distressed and troubled. And He said to them, “My soul is deeply grieved to the point of death; **remain here and keep watch.**” And He went a little beyond them, and fell to the ground, and began to pray that if it were possible, the hour might pass Him by. And He was saying, “Abba! Father! All things are possible for Thee; remove this cup from Me; yet not what I will, but what Thou wilt.” And He came and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, “Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep watch for one hour? **Keep watching and praying,** that you may not come into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.” He went away again a second time and prayed, saying, “My Father, if this cannot pass away unless I drink it, Thy will be done.” And again He came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to answer Him. And He withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, and He knelt down and began to pray, saying, “Father, if Thou art willing, remove this cup from Me; yet not My will, but Thine be done.” Now an angel from heaven appeared to Him, strengthening Him. And being in agony He was praying very fervently; and His sweat became like drops of blood, falling down upon the ground. And when He rose from prayer, He came the third time to the disciples and found them sleeping from sorrow, and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough; **Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation;** the hour has come; behold, the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners. **Arise, let us be going;** behold, the one who betrays Me is at hand!”

¹ Thirty shekels. This amount is equivalent to 120 day’s wages. The prophecy concerning this payment and its use is found at Zechariah 11:12-13. *I said to them, “If it is good in your sight, give me my wages; but if not, never mind!” So they weighed out thirty shekels of silver as my wages. Then the LORD said to me, “Throw it to the potter, that magnificent price at which I was valued by them.” So I took the thirty shekels of silver and threw them to the potter in the house of the LORD.*

² **Gethsemane** means, “Oil press”. The garden itself lies at the foot of the Mount of Olives directly across the Kidron Valley from the Eastern (Golden) Gate of the Temple.

³ **Gethsemane** is a Greek word meaning “oil press.” The oil press was located in a cave that was situated at the north end of the grove of olive trees. Caves were especially suited for the preparation and storage of oil because they were warm in the winter and cool in the summer.



- Judas betrays Jesus.

Jesus Is Betrayed and Arrested Matthew 26:47-56, Mark 14:43-52, Luke 22:47-53 and John 18:2-11

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Now Judas also, who was betraying Him, knew the place; for Jesus had often met there with His disciples. Judas then, having received the Roman cohort,⁴ and officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. Jesus therefore, knowing all the things that were coming upon Him, went forth, and said to them, "Whom do you seek?" They answered Him, "Jesus the Nazarene." He said to them, "I am He." And Judas also who was betraying Him, was standing with them. When therefore He said to them, "I am He," they drew back, and fell to the ground. Again therefore He asked them, "Whom do you seek?" And they said, "Jesus the Nazarene." Jesus answered, "I told you that I am He; if therefore you seek Me, let these go their way," that the word might be fulfilled which He spoke, "Of those whom Thou hast given Me I lost not one." Now he who was betraying Him had given them a signal, saying, "Whomever I shall kiss, He is the one; seize Him, and lead Him away under guard." And immediately he went to Jesus and said, "Hail, Rabbi!" and he approached Jesus to kiss Him. But Jesus said to him, "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?" And after coming, he immediately went to Him, saying, "Rabbi!" and kissed Him. And Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you have come for." Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and seized Him. And when those who were around Him saw what was going to happen, they said, "Lord, shall we strike with the sword?" Simon Peter therefore having a sword, drew it, and struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear; and the slave's name was Malchus. But Jesus answered and said, "Stop! No more of this." And He touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword back into its place; the cup which the Father has given Me, shall I not drink it? For all those who take up the sword shall perish by the sword. Or do you think that I cannot appeal to My Father, and He will at once put at My disposal more than twelve legions of angels?⁵ How then shall the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must happen this way?" At that time Jesus said to the multitudes, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest Me as against a robber? Every day I used to sit in the temple teaching and you did not seize Me; but this hour and the power of darkness are yours. But all this has taken place that the Scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled." Then all the disciples left Him and fled. And a certain young man⁶ was following Him, wearing nothing but a linen sheet over his naked body; and they seized him. But he left the linen sheet behind, and escaped naked.

- Jesus tried before Annas.

Jesus on Trial before Annas John 18:12-27

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AD 31, April 23rd, Wednesday sometime after midnight (Abib/Nisan 14th) [4th day of the week]

So the Roman cohort and the commander, and the officers of the Jews, arrested Jesus and bound Him, and led Him to Annas⁷ first; for he was father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. Now Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was expedient for one man to die on behalf of the people. And Simon Peter was following Jesus, and so was another disciple.⁸ Now that disciple was known to the high priest, and entered with Jesus into the court of the high priest, but Peter was standing at the door outside. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the doorkeeper, and brought in Peter. The slave-girl therefore who kept the door said to Peter, "You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." Now the slaves and the officers were standing there, having made a charcoal fire, for it was cold and they were warming themselves; and Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself. The high priest therefore questioned Jesus about His disciples, and about His teaching. Jesus answered him, "I have spoken openly to the world; I always taught in synagogues, and in the temple, where all the Jews come together; and I spoke nothing in secret. Why do you question Me? Question those who have heard what I spoke to them; behold, these know what I said." And when He had said this, one of the officers standing by gave Jesus a blow, saying, "Is that the way You answer the high priest?" Jesus answered him, "If I have spoken wrongly, bear witness of the wrong; but if rightly, why do you strike Me?" Annas therefore sent Him bound to Caiaphas the high priest. Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They said therefore to him, "You are not also one of His disciples, are you?" He denied it, and said, "I am not." One of the slaves of the

⁴ **The Roman cohort** at that time consisted of about 500 armed men.

⁵ **Twelve legions of angels** based on Roman military units would be equivalent to 66,000 armed angels.

⁶ **A certain young man.** This was probably Mark, the writer of the Gospel that bears his name. It is likely that the last supper was held at his home in the upper room. Judas probably took the armed men to Mark's home first, as it was the last place in which he had seen Jesus, then to Gethsemane where Jesus spent much of His time. Mark was probably awakened from his sleep by the soldiers, wrapped a sheet about him when he went to answer the door, and then continued to follow the soldiers to Gethsemane.

⁷ **Annas.** He served as high priest from 6 AD - 15 AD. He was called the high priest even though he was not currently serving in that capacity, as the office of high priest was for life. Annas was a highly revered man in the community. Five of his sons, one grandson, and his son-in-law, Caiaphas, all served as high priests.

⁸ **Another disciple.** Probably John.

high priest, being a relative of the one whose ear Peter cut off, said, "Did I not see you in the garden with Him?" Peter therefore denied it again; and immediately a cock crowed.⁹

- Peter begins his denials of Christ.
- The cock crows the first time.¹⁰
- Jesus is tried before Caiaphas.

Jesus on Trial before Caiaphas

Matthew 26:57-66, Mark 14:53-64 and Luke 22:54-55

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And those who had seized Jesus led Him away to Caiaphas, the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were gathered together. But Peter also was following Him at a distance as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and entered in, and sat down with the officers to see the outcome. Now the chief priests and the whole Council¹¹ kept trying to obtain testimony against Jesus to put Him to death; and they were not finding any. For many were giving false testimony against Him, and yet their testimony was not consistent. And some stood up and began to give false testimony¹² against Him, saying, "We heard Him say, 'I will destroy this temple made with hands, and in three days I will build another made without hands.'" And not even in this respect was their testimony consistent. And the high priest stood up and came forward and questioned Jesus, saying, "Do You make no answer? What is it that these men are testifying against You?" But Jesus kept silent. And the high priest said to Him, "I adjure You by the living God, that You tell us whether You are the Christ, the Son of God." Jesus said to him, "You have said it yourself;¹³ I am; nevertheless I tell you, hereafter you shall see THE SON OF MAN SITTING AT THE RIGHT HAND OF POWER, and COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF HEAVEN."¹⁴ Then the high priest tore his robes, saying, "He has blasphemed! What further need do we have of witnesses? Behold, you have now heard the blasphemy; what do you think?" They answered and said, "He is deserving of death!"

- Peter denies the Lord the third time.

Peter's Denials

Matthew 26:67-75, Mark 14:65-72 and Luke 22:56-65

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AD 31, April 23rd, Wednesday morning about 4:30 AM (Abib/Nisan 14th) [4th day of the week]

And as Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came, and seeing Peter warming himself, she looked at him, and said, "You, too, were with Jesus the Nazarene." But he denied it, saying, "I neither know nor understand what you are talking about." And he went out onto the porch. And when he had gone out to the gateway, another servant-girl saw him and said to those who were there, "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth." And again he denied it with an oath, "I do not know the man." And after a little while the bystanders were again saying to Peter, "Surely you are one of them, for you are a Galilean too." But he began to curse and swear, "I do not know this man you are talking about!" And immediately a cock crowed a second time.¹⁵ And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered how Jesus had made the remark to him, "Before a cock crows twice, you will deny Me three times." And he began to weep. And the men who were holding Jesus in custody were mocking Him, and beating Him, and they blindfolded Him and were asking Him, saying, "Prophecy, who is the one who hit You?" And they were saying many other things against Him, blaspheming.

- The cock crows the second time.¹⁶
- Jesus is tried before the Sanhedrin.

Jesus on Trial before the Sanhedrin

Matthew 27:1-2, Mark 15:1 and Luke 22:66-23:1

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AD 31, April 23rd, Wednesday morning about 5:00 AM (Abib/Nisan 14th) [4th day of the week]

And when it was day, the Council of elders of the people assembled, both chief priests and scribes, and they led Him away to their council chamber, saying, "If You are the Christ, tell us." But He said to them, "If I tell you, you

⁹ A cock crowed. The third of the Roman night watches known as "cock-crowing" ended at 3:00 AM.

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¹¹ Council. The Sanhedrin, a group of people composed of the leadership of the community, who passed judgment on legal matters.

¹² False testimony. What Jesus actually said occurred during his first cleansing of the temple at Passover in 28 AD and is quoted in John 2:19, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

¹³ You have said it yourself. A positive affirmation to a statement such as, "Yes!" or "You said it!"

¹⁴ Psalm 110:1 and Daniel 7:13

¹⁵ A cock crowed a second time. This was generally reckoned to be 4:30 AM.

¹⁶ This was generally reckoned to be around 4:30 am.

will not believe; and if I ask a question, you will not answer. But from now on THE SON OF MAN WILL BE SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND of the power OF GOD."¹⁷ And they all said, "Are You the Son of God, then?" And He said to them, "Yes, I am." And they said, "What further need do we have of testimony? For we have heard it ourselves from His own mouth." Now when morning had come, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put Him to death; and they bound Him, and led Him away, and delivered Him up to Pilate the governor.

Wednesday Daytime (Abib/Nisan 14th) – 4th day of the week

- Judas hangs himself.

The Outcome of Judas Iscariot

Matthew 27:3-10

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Then when Judas, who had betrayed Him, saw that He had been condemned, he felt remorse and returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." But they said, "What is that to us? See to that yourself!" And he threw the pieces of silver into the sanctuary and departed; and he went away and hanged himself. And the chief priests took the pieces of silver and said, "It is not lawful to put them into the temple treasury, since it is the price of blood." And they counseled together and with the money bought the Potter's Field as a burial place for strangers. For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood¹⁸ to this day. Then that which was spoken through Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled, saying, "AND THEY TOOK THE THIRTY PIECES OF SILVER, THE PRICE OF THE ONE WHOSE PRICE HAD BEEN SET by the sons of Israel; AND THEY GAVE THEM FOR THE POTTER'S FIELD, AS THE LORD DIRECTED ME."¹⁹

- Jesus is tried before Pilate.

Jesus on Trial before Pilate

Matthew 27:11-14, Mark 15:2-5, Luke 23:2-7 and John 18:28-38

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They led Jesus therefore from Caiaphas into the Praetorium,²⁰ and it was early; and they themselves did not enter into the Praetorium in order that they might not be defiled, but might eat the Passover. Pilate therefore went out to them, and said, "What accusation do you bring against this Man?" They answered and said to him, "If this Man were not an evildoer, we would not have delivered Him up to you." Pilate therefore said to them, "Take Him yourselves, and judge Him according to your law." The Jews said to him, "We are not permitted to put anyone to death," that the word of Jesus might be fulfilled, which He spoke, signifying by what kind of death He was about to die. And they began to accuse Him, saying, "We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding to pay taxes to Caesar, and saying that He Himself is Christ, a King." And while He was being accused by the chief priests and elders, He made no answer. Then Pilate said to Him, "Do You not hear how many things they testify against You?" And He did not answer him with regard to even a single charge, so that the governor was quite amazed. Pilate therefore entered again into the Praetorium, and summoned Jesus, and said to Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Are you saying this on your own initiative, or did others tell you about Me?" Pilate answered, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests delivered You up to me; what have You done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would be fighting, that I might not be delivered up to the Jews; but as it is, My kingdom is not of this realm." Pilate therefore said to Him, "So You are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say correctly that I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice." Pilate said to Him, "What is truth?" And when he had said this, he went out again to the Jews, and said to them, "I find no guilt in Him. But they kept on insisting, saying, "He stirs up the people, teaching all over Judea, starting from Galilee, even as far as this place." But when Pilate heard it, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that He belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent Him to Herod,²¹ who himself also was in Jerusalem at that time.

- Jesus is tried before Herod Antipas.

Jesus on Trial before Herod

Luke 23:8-12

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¹⁷ Psalm 110:1

¹⁸ Field of Blood. The Hebrew word is Haceldama.

¹⁹ Zechariah 11:12-13. Although this quotation is from Zechariah, Jeremiah actually prophesied while standing in the potter's field. (Jeremiah 19)

²⁰ Praetorium. The headquarters building of Pontius Pilate.

²¹ Herod. Herod Antipas.

Now Herod was very glad when he saw Jesus; for he had wanted to see Him for a long time, because he had been hearing about Him and was hoping to see some sign performed by Him. And he questioned Him at some length; but He answered him nothing. And the chief priests and the scribes were standing there, accusing Him vehemently. And Herod with his soldiers, after treating Him with contempt and mocking Him, dressed Him in a gorgeous robe and sent Him back to Pilate. Now Herod and Pilate became friends with one another that very day; for before they had been at enmity with each other.

- Pilate sentences Jesus.

Pilate Sentences Jesus

Matthew 27:15-25, Mark 15:6-14, Luke 23:13-25 and John 18:39-40

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And Pilate summoned the chief priests and the rulers and the people, and said to them, "You brought this man to me as one who incites the people to rebellion, and behold, having examined Him before you, I have found no guilt in this man regarding the charges which you make against Him. No, nor has Herod, for he sent Him back to us; and behold, nothing deserving death has been done by Him. I will therefore punish Him and release Him." Now at the feast he used to release for them any one prisoner whom they requested. And the man named Barabbas²² had been imprisoned with the insurrectionists who had committed murder in the insurrection. And the multitude went up and began asking him to do as he had been accustomed to do for them. When therefore they were gathered together, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you? Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" For he knew that because of envy they had delivered Him up. And while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent to him, saying, "Have nothing to do with that righteous Man; for last night I suffered greatly in a dream because of Him." But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the multitudes to ask for Barabbas, and to put Jesus to death. But the governor answered and said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said, "Let Him be crucified!" And he said, "Why, what evil has He done?" But they kept shouting all the more, saying, "Let Him be crucified!" And Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again, but they kept on calling out, saying, "Crucify, crucify Him!" And he said to them the third time, "Why, what evil has this man done? I have found in Him no guilt demanding death; I will therefore punish Him and release Him." But they were insistent, with loud voices asking that He be crucified. And their voices began to prevail. And when Pilate saw that he was accomplishing nothing, but rather that a riot was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the multitude, saying, "I am innocent of this Man's blood; see to that yourselves." And all the people answered and said, "His blood be on us and on our children!" And Pilate pronounced sentence that their demand should be granted. And he released the man they were asking for who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, but he delivered Jesus to their will.

Jesus Is Mocked As King

Matthew 27:27-31, Mark 15:15-20 and John 19:1-16

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Then Pilate therefore took Jesus, and scourged Him. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole Roman cohort around Him. And they stripped Him, and put a scarlet robe on Him. And after weaving a crown of thorns, they put it on His head, and a reed in His right hand; and they knelt down before Him and mocked Him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they spat on Him, and took the reed and began to beat Him on the head. And Pilate came out again, and said to them, "Behold, I am bringing Him out to you, that you may know that I find no guilt in Him." Jesus therefore came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. And Pilate said to them, "Behold, the Man!" When therefore the chief priests and the officers saw Him, they cried out, saying, "Crucify, crucify!" Pilate said to them, "Take Him yourselves, and crucify Him, for I find no guilt in Him." The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and by that law He ought to die because He made Himself out to be the Son of God." When Pilate therefore heard this statement, he was the more afraid; and he entered into the Praetorium again, and said to Jesus, "Where are You from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. Pilate therefore said to Him, "You do not speak to me? Do You not know that I have authority to release You, and I have authority to crucify You?" Jesus answered, "You would have no authority over Me, unless it had been given you from above; for this reason he who delivered Me up to you has the greater sin." As a result of this Pilate made efforts to release Him, but the Jews cried out, saying, "If you release this Man, you are no friend of Caesar; everyone who makes himself out to be a king opposes Caesar." When Pilate therefore heard these words, he brought Jesus out, and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Pavement, but in Hebrew, Gabbatha. Now it was the day of preparation for the Passover; it was about the sixth hour.²³ And he said to the Jews, "Behold, your King!" They therefore cried out, "Away with Him, away with Him, crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests

²² Barabbas is a Hebrew name meaning, "Son of the father."

²³ About the sixth hour. According to Roman time the sixth hour was 6 AM.

answered, "We have no king but Caesar." So he then delivered Him to them to be crucified. And after they had mocked Him, they took the purple off Him, and put His garments on Him. And they led Him out to crucify Him.

On the Way to the Cross

Matthew 27:32, Mark 15:21-23, Luke 23:26-31 and John 19:17

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And they pressed into service a passer-by coming from the country, Simon of Cyrene²⁴ (the father of Alexander and Rufus), to bear His cross. And there were following Him a great multitude of the people, and of women who were mourning and lamenting Him. But Jesus turning to them said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, stop weeping for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' Then they will begin TO SAY TO THE MOUNTAINS, 'FALL ON US,' AND TO THE HILLS, 'COVER US.'²⁵ "For if they do these things in the green tree, what will happen in the dry?" And they brought Him to the place Golgotha,²⁶ which is translated, Place of a Skull. And they tried to give Him wine mixed with myrrh;²⁷ but He did not take it.

- Jesus is crucified at 9:00 am.²⁸

The Crucifixion

Matthew 27:33-44, Mark 15:24-32, Luke 23:44-49 and John 19:18-27

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And it was the third hour²⁹ when they crucified Him.³⁰ And they crucified two robbers with Him, one on His right and one on His left. And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "And He was numbered with transgressors."³¹ But Jesus was saying, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And Pilate wrote an inscription also, and put it on the cross. And it was written, "JESUS THE NAZARENE, THE KING OF THE JEWS." Therefore this inscription many of the Jews read, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city;³² and it was written in Hebrew, Latin, and in Greek. And so the chief priests of the Jews were saying to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews'; but that He said, 'I am King of the Jews.'" Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written." The soldiers therefore, when they had crucified Jesus, took His outer garments and made four parts, a part to every soldier and also the tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece. They said therefore to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, to decide whose it shall be;" that the Scripture might be fulfilled, "THEY DIVIDED MY OUTER GARMENTS AMONG THEM, AND FOR MY CLOTHING THEY CAST LOTS."³³ Therefore the soldiers did these things, and sitting down, they began to keep watch over Him there. And those passing by were hurling abuse at Him, wagging their heads, and saying, "You who are going to destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save Yourself! If You are the Son of God, come down from the cross." In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking Him, and saying, "He saved others; He cannot save Himself. He is the King of Israel; let Him now come down from the cross, and we shall believe in Him. HE TRUSTS IN GOD; LET HIM DELIVER Him now, IF HE TAKES PLEASURE IN HIM; for He said, 'I am the Son of God.'" And the soldiers also mocked Him, coming up to Him, offering Him sour wine, and saying, "If You are the King of

²⁴ **Cyrene.** A city in Libya.

²⁵ *Hosea 10:8*

²⁶ **Golgotha.** This place is also called Calvary from the Latin word "calvaria" which also means "bare skull". It was named this because of the shape on the hill which resembles a skull.

²⁷ **Wine mixed with myrrh (bitter gall).** This was offered to men who were being executed in order to numb their senses. It is written in Proverbs 31:6, "Give strong drink to him who is perishing, and wine to him whose life is bitter."

²⁸ The image of Jesus hanging on the cross should evoke memories of the first Passover. God through Moses commanded the Israelites to smear the blood of the Passover lamb on the lintel and doorposts of their homes. After this the Israelites were to enter through that doorway into their homes where they would be spared by the death angel that went through the land of Egypt that night killing all the first-born. As Christ hung on the cross we can clearly see the blood caused from the crown of thorns as the blood on the lintel. The blood flowing from his outstretched nail –pierced hands would have marked the doorposts. Jesus referred to this image in John 10:9 when He said, "I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out and find pasture."

²⁹ **Third hour.** This is 9:00 AM according to Hebrew reckoning.

³⁰ **Crucified Him.** The image of Jesus hanging on the cross should evoke memories of the first Passover. God through Moses commanded the Israelites to smear the blood of the Passover lamb on the lintel and doorposts of their homes. After this the Israelites were to enter through that doorway into their homes where they would be spared by the death angel that went through the land of Egypt that night killing all the first-born. As Christ hung on the cross we can clearly see the blood caused from the crown of thorns as the blood on the lintel. The blood flowing from his outstretched nail –pierced hands would have marked the doorposts. Jesus referred to this image in John 10:9 when He said, "I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out and find pasture."

³¹ *Isaiah 53:12*

³² **Near the city.** Golgotha's location is about 200 yards north of the Damascus Gate.

³³ *Psalms 22:18*

the Jews, save Yourself!" But there were standing by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas,³⁴ and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved³⁵ standing nearby, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then He said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her into his own household. And one of the criminals who were hanged there was hurling abuse at Him, saying, "Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!" But the other answered, and rebuking him said, "Do you not even fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving what we deserve for our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." And he was saying, "Jesus, remember me when You come in Your kingdom!" And He said to him, "Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise."

- Darkness comes over the land at noon.
- Being the true Lamb of God, Jesus dies at 3 pm on Golgotha³⁶ just as the Passover lambs are being slain.

The Death of Jesus

Matthew 27:45-56, Mark 15:33-41, Luke 23:44-49 and John 19:28-37

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AD 31, April 23rd, Wednesday at noon until 3:00 PM (Abib/Nisan 14th) [4th day of the week]

And when the sixth hour³⁷ had come, darkness fell over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour³⁸ Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "ELOI, ELOI, LAMA SABACHTHANI?" which is translated, "MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAST THOU FORSAKEN ME?" And when some of the bystanders heard it, they began saying, "Behold, He is calling for Elijah." After this, Jesus, knowing that all things had already been accomplished, in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I am thirsty."³⁹ A jar full of sour wine⁴⁰ was standing there; so they put a sponge full of the sour wine upon a branch of hyssop, and brought it up to His mouth. When Jesus therefore had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, "Father, INTO THY HANDS I COMMIT MY SPIRIT." And having said this, He breathed His last. And behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom, and the earth shook; and the rocks were split, and the tombs were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; and coming out of the tombs after His resurrection they entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now the centurion, and those who were with him keeping guard over Jesus, when they saw the earthquake and the things that were happening, became very frightened and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!" And all the multitudes who came together for this spectacle, when they observed what had happened, began to return, beating their breasts. And many women were there looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to Him, among whom was Mary Magdalene, along with Mary the mother of James⁴¹ and Joseph⁴², and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.⁴³ The Jews therefore, because it was the day of preparation, so that the bodies should not remain on the cross on the Sabbath⁴⁴ (for that Sabbath was a high day), asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. The soldiers therefore came, and broke the legs of the first man, and of the other man who was crucified with Him; but coming to Jesus, when they saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs; but one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately there came out blood and water. And he who has seen has borne witness, and his witness is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you also may believe. For these things came to pass, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, "NOT A BONE OF HIM SHALL BE BROKEN."⁴⁵ And again another Scripture says, "THEY SHALL LOOK ON HIM WHOM THEY PIERCED."⁴⁶

- Women prepare the spices before the Sabbath (Luke 23:50-56).

Jesus Is Buried

Matthew 27:57-61, Mark 15:42-47, Luke 23:50-56 and John 19:38-42

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³⁴ **Mary the wife of Clopas** is Jesus' aunt. She was married to Joseph's brother, Clopas

³⁵ **The disciple whom He loved.** John

³⁶ The term **Golgotha** means the "Place of the Skull". The place is also called Calvary from the Latin work "calvaria" which also means "bare skull". It was so named from the shape of the hill, which resembles a skull.

³⁷ **Sixth hour.** This is noon according to Hebrew reckoning.

³⁸ **Ninth hour.** This is 3:00 PM according to Hebrew reckoning.

³⁹ *Psalm 69:21*

⁴⁰ **Sour wine.** Vinegar.

⁴¹ **James.** "The less" or "son of Alphaeus".

⁴² **Joseph.** "Joses"

⁴³ **Mother of the sons of Zebedee.** "Salome"

⁴⁴ The Sabbath referred to here is not the weekly Sabbath but the Sabbath of the 1st day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread (*Mats-taw Lekn-em*), which is also the Passover of the Jews which commenced at 6:00 pm that evening.

⁴⁵ *Psalm 34:20*

⁴⁶ *Zechariah 12:10*



And behold, a man named Joseph, who was a member of the Council, a good and righteous man (he had not consented to their plan and action), a man from Arimathea, a city of the Jews, who was waiting for the kingdom of God; this man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate wondered if He was dead by this time, and summoning the centurion, he questioned him as to whether He was already dead. And ascertaining this from the centurion, he granted the body to Joseph. And Nicodemus came also, who had first come to Him by night; bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds weight. And so they took the body of Jesus, and bound it in linen wrappings with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. And Joseph took the body and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock; and he rolled a large stone against the entrance of the tomb and went away. And Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus were looking on to see where He was laid. Then they returned and prepared spices and perfumes. And on the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

