

The Passion Week of Christ

Lesson 7

The Crucifixion

1. Where did Jesus and the disciples go when they left the upper room (Math 26:36)? Which of the disciples did He separate from the rest in order to comfort Him and pray with Him (Math 26:37, 4:21)? How much comfort and help did they give Jesus (Math 26:40)? What prayer did Jesus repeatedly make (Math 26:39, 42, 44)? Take this prayer and dissect it according to the human nature and the godly nature of Christ. How distressed was Jesus in Luke 22:44?
2. List the different groups of men in “the multitude” that came with Judas (Math 26; 47; Jn 18:3). What did they carry? How did Jesus admonish Peter (Math 26:51-54)? How did Jesus admonish the crowd (Math 26:55-56)? Did they actually take Jesus against His will, or did He give Himself up freely (Math 26:53)? According to Jn 18:6, who had power over who? What was the spiritual, eternal perspective of Jesus (Math 26:56)? What act of kindness did Jesus perform in the midst of this dirty deed against Him (Luke 22:50-51)?
3. Jesus probably had three or four different trials. What informal, unofficial trial did He have first before daybreak (Luke 22:54)? Once they were organized, what was the official trial of the Jewish rulers after daybreak (Luke 22:66)? What was the original charge against Him (Mark 14:57-61)? How did Jesus respond? What was the charge they settled on (Mark 14:61-62) and how did Jesus respond? Did they treat Jesus with respect (Mark 14:65)? Since Jesus had the power of God with Him and could have had “12 legions of angels” to protect Him and proclaim His innocence, what conclusions can you draw from His allowing them to do this?
4. What prophecy of Jesus came true at this time (Math 26:69-75)? Consider that Peter was a bold, aggressive man who was determined to defend Jesus (Math 26:51) to the point of standing alone and fighting a crowd of Roman soldiers and temple guards. Do you really think Peter denied Him out of fear as is commonly portrayed? What other human character traits and emotions could have been involved considering Jesus’ harsh admonishments in Math 16:21-23, 26:31-35, 52-54? What are the pitfalls of pride (1 Cor 10:12, James 4:6)?
5. After the Sanhedrin indicted Jesus for blasphemy, who did they take him to be judged by (Mark 15:1)? Why did they have to take Jesus to the Roman governor (Jn 18:31)? Now what charge did they seek against Jesus (Luke 23:2-3)? What question did Pilate ask? What was Pilate’s initial verdict (Luke 23:4)? What “out” did Pilate jump at (Luke 23:5-7)? Therefore, where did they drag Jesus next (Luke 23:8-11)? What was the second attempt by Pilate to get out of this (Math 27:15-20)? What was the response of the crowd (Math 27:21-25)? Notice the contrast in Luke 23:25.

6. There was a large crowd in Jerusalem for the Passover week. What was the initial response of the Jerusalem crowds to Jesus the previous Sunday (Math 21:8-11)? Why hadn't the priests been able to arrest Jesus earlier in the week in broad daylight (Math 21:45-46)? Consider the psychology of a mob and the huge momentum swing in Jerusalem now that the priests had the upper hand. Do you think the majority of people tend to go with whoever seems to be in power and has all the momentum? If you were in that crowd and saw a humble, beat up, raggedy man, silent before his accusers and you felt the peer pressure of those in power, (Math 27:20) would you have thought He was the Son of God?

7. How did the Romans "prepare" Jesus for the crucifixion (Math 27:27-31)? This was probably why He hadn't enough strength to carry His cross. Who carried it for Him (Mark 15:21)? Where did they take Jesus to be crucified (Mark 15:22)? How did the soldiers divide up His clothes (Jn 19:23-24)? What prophecy did this fulfill? If the first hour is 6a.m., when did they crucify Him (Mark 15:25)?

8. Name four miracles that happened as signs while Jesus was on the cross (Luke 23:44, 45; Math 27:51-52). What was the centurion's response to this whole scene (Math 27:54)? What was the "veil" (Exodus 26:31-33)? The veil ceremonially separated the people from God so that only the _____ could go into the "Holy of Holies" (Hebrews 9:3-7). What changed at the crucifixion concerning this barrier between us and God (Heb 10:19-22)? Therefore, what is the significance of the miracle of the torn veil?

9. Who was crucified with Jesus on His right and left (Luke 23:32-33)? What did the first criminal say (v.39)? What did the second criminal say in response (v.40-41)? What request did he have for Jesus (v.42)? What was Jesus' response (v.43)? Biblical Christianity is based on the essential elements of the "gospel" of Jesus Christ. What are they (1 Cor 15:1-4; Rom 3:23-24; Eph 2:4-9)? Can you find these essential elements of the gospel in the story of the thief on the cross (Luke 23:40-43)?

10. What confusing question did Christ ask from the cross (Math 27:46)? This cry to God for help acknowledges that God willingly left Jesus to suffer and die. For the first time, Jesus was separated from the Father. According to 2 Cor 5:21, what was the significance of this "separation"?