

Welcome To Sunday Night Bible Fellowship



"We proclaim Him, warning every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man mature in Christ." Col 1:28

"The Murder of Jesus"

Part 1

Luke 22:1-6

April 28, 2024

Passion Week

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
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| Jesus arrived in Bethany yesterday (Saturday), and on Sunday the crowds visit Jesus and Lazarus in Bethany, which leaders (John 12:9-10). | 10 Select the affliction lamb (Exodus 12:3 "On the tenth of this month they are to take each one to take a lamb for themselves...") Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on a donkey colt (Matt. 21:1-11; Mark 11:7-11; John 12:1-20). | 11 Jesus curses the fig tree (Matthew 21:18-19; Mark 11:13-14). Jesus cleanses the Temple (John 8:12-14). Jesus' teaching about the Temple and the unbeliever (John 8:12-14). | 12 Withered fig tree is seen again (Mark 11:13-14). Jesus teaches at the Temple grounds, which leaders' official challenge of Christ's authority. | 13 Jesus speaks to Peter and John to prepare for the Passover meal. Note: Jews from Galilee (southern Roman) separate on Thursday after sunset. Jesus & disciples eat last supper. | 14 Early am betrayal and arrest of Jesus. 6 Trials of Jesus (3 Jews then 3 Roman). The Passover day Jews from Galilee (southern Israel) would celebrate Passover on Friday. | 15 Jesus' body in the tomb Day 2. Jewish Feast of Unleavened Bread continues for 7 days. | 16 Jesus' body in the tomb Day 3. Jesus is resurrected over the next 40 days to over 500 people. |

Note 1: Biblical days don't start/inc at midnight but at sunrise for and Judaea start/inc at sunrise/Sunset.

Note 2: For details on what happened during Passover/Day 1, and Friday see the below graphic.

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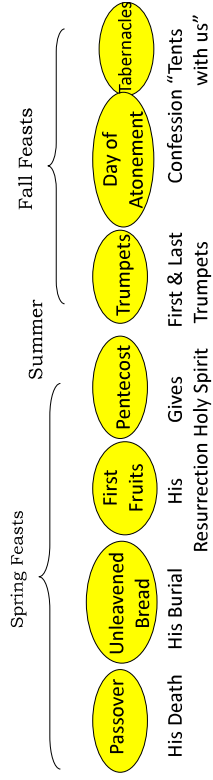
• **Passover** - a memorial that celebrated the night when the death angel passed over (Ex 12:12-14) the doors of homes marked with the blood (Ex 12:7) of a blemish free lamb (Ex 12:3-5, cf Jn 1:29, 1 Pe 1:18-19, 1 Cor 5:7).

• **Feast of Unleavened Bread** - a week long celebration that followed the day of Passover remembering Israel's exodus journey out of Egypt after the Passover. The Passover was Nisan 14 and the Unleavened Bread Nisan 15-21.

• So at this time in Jerusalem, there would be Jews who had come from all over the region for these two great feasts. Perhaps 2-2 ½ million.

7 Major Feasts of Israel

Lev. 23



“There were elaborate preparations for the Passover. Roads were repaired; bridges were made safe; wayside tombs were whitewashed lest the pilgrim should fail to see them, and so touch them and become unclean. For a month before, the story and meaning of the Passover was the subject of the teaching of every synagogue. Two days before the Passover there was in every house a ceremonial search for leaven. The householder took a candle and solemnly searched every nook and cranny in silence, and the last particle of leaven was thrown out. Every male Jew, who was of age and who lived within 15 miles of the holy city, was bound by law to attend the Passover. But it was the ambition of every Jew in every part of the world (as it is still) to come to the Passover in Jerusalem at least once in his lifetime. To this day, when Jews keep the Passover in every land they pray that they may keep it next year in Jerusalem.”

- William Barclay

“The Passover lamb was slain at the end of the 14th between 3:00 to 5:00 in the afternoon. As many as a quarter of a million lambs were slain at this time. Where did all the thousands of gallons of blood from these slain lambs go? How did they get rid of it? The answer is there was a drain at the base of the altar where it flowed (Leviticus 1:11, 13; 4:7, 18, 25, 30, 34). Huge amounts of water were poured into the altar's drainage system to flush the blood of these lambs. The Temple Mount was on a hill with a flat limestone surface. The drains emptied the blood into the Brook Kidron in the Kidron Valley that was below the Temple. Normally, this valley was dry throughout the year, but with the spring rains that came at Passover, the valley was turned into a flowing brook of water that would become a crimson stream as the blood of the lambs flowed into the water.”

- Rob Mattoon

“The Feast of Unleavened Bread was to be observed by eating unleavened bread. In fact, no leaven or leavened bread was to be eaten and no leaven was to be seen or allowed in the home. The home was completely scoured of any kind of leaven. Exodus 13:7 “Unleavened bread shall be eaten seven days; and there shall no leavened bread be seen with thee, neither shall there be leaven seen with thee in all thy quarters.” The Feast of Unleavened Bread is a picture of our relationship and walk with God. Leaven is a type or symbol of sin in the Bible. As leaven was removed from Jewish homes, we are to remove sinful habits, actions, attitudes, and associations from our lives. We are to get the leaven of sinful living out!”

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Today we will look at 3 major players in the murder of Jesus:

1. CHIEF PRIESTS AND SCRIBES.

- Chief priests – members of the Sanhedrin.
- Annas – former high priest. Still had influence.
- Caiaphas – current high priest.
- Ran the Temple.
- Wealthy and corrupt.
- Scribes – lawyers. Interpreters of the Law. Most of them were Pharisees.

*They exerted their energies (“seeking”) to find a way to murder the Lord Jesus Christ.

*They were caught in a dilemma – How do we get rid of Jesus without inciting a riot?

*People were still hopeful that Jesus would usher in the Kingdom.

*Feared men more than they feared God.

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2. SATAN.

- Satan will do everything and anything to murder the Son of God.
- He likes big targets – Adam and Eve, which plunged the world into sin and darkness. Now Judas, who will betray the Son of God.

Matt 16:21-23

21 From that time Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised up on the third day.

22 Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This shall never happen to You."

23 But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan

*Satan wanted to keep Christ from going to the cross. When that isn't going to happen, then "let's murder Him and hope that is the end of Him."

John 12:1-7

- 1 Jesus, therefore, six days before the Passover, came to Bethany where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead.
- 2 So they made Him a supper there, and Martha was serving; but Lazarus was one of those reclining at the table with Him.
- 3 Mary then took a pound of very costly perfume of pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped His feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.
- 4 But Judas Iscariot, one of His disciples, who was intending to betray Him, said,
- 5 "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and given to poor people?"
- 6 Now he said this, not because he was concerned about the poor, but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box, he used to pilfer what was put into it.

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3. JUDAS.

- Chosen by Jesus.

Prov 16:4

4 The Lord has made everything for its own purpose,

Even the wicked for the day of evil.

- followed Jesus for 3 years. Had exposure to the truth that only few humans have had.

- was a "professor" and not a "possessor". This is nothing but phony religion.

Matt 7:21-23

21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter.

22 "Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?'

23 "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.'

Matt 26:24

24 "The Son of Man is to go, just as it is written of Him; but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man if he had not been born."

- great affection for money. He loved the power and pleasures that money could buy.

Eph 2:1-3

- 1 And you were dead in your trespasses and sins,
 - 2 in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience.
 - 3 Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.
- Judas was no innocent person here. He had a bent toward sin. A desire to get rich. Satan had his man.
 - Judas was not demon possessed, but was Satan possessed.

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- So now we have all three players together plotting the murder of Jesus – angry, hate filled chief priests, the old serpent now indwelling Judas, Satan possessed Judas.

Matt 26:14-15

14 Then one of the twelve, named Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests

15 and said, "What are you willing to give me to betray Him to you?"

And they weighed out thirty pieces of silver to him. 16 From then on he began looking for a good opportunity to betray Jesus.

Ex 21:32

- 32 "If the ox gores a male or female slave, the owner shall give his or her master thirty shekels of silver, and the ox shall be stoned.
- So Judas sold himself out for the price of a dead slave.
 - **Note:** The priests took the 30 pieces of silver from the Temple treasury fund. One major purpose of the Temple treasury was to purchase sacrifices. So unknowingly and ironically they purchased the final sacrifice for sin when they paid for Judas to deliver Him up.

Still as of old
Men by themselves are priced—
For thirty pieces Judas sold
Himself, not Christ.

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- “glad” – χαίρω - to rejoice.
- The deal was sealed. Negotiations have ended.
- Everyone is happy.
- This reveals how sick the human heart is.
- The sad thing is, they don’t know what they are doing.

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- They only thing left is how they are going to pull this thing off.
- They have a number of problems:
 1. The crowd.
 2. Roman government.
 3. Location of Jesus.
 4. Timing.
 5. Resistance.

Application

1. There are many religious people who can “talk the talk”, appear devout, hangout at church gatherings, go to Bible studies, but have no relationship to the Savior.
2. A life of misplaced affections can be an entrance for the Satanic influences of this world.
3. The love of money will deceive you and take you places that you never thought you would go.