

## “The Murder of Jesus”

### Part 7

Luke 22:47-53

June 16, 2024

Passion Week							
1 <sup>st</sup> month of Hebrew Calendar. (Exodus 12:2) (March/April)							
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
9 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 <b>special lamb</b> (Exodus 12:3 "On the tenth of this month they are each one to take a lamb for themselves...") Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on a donkey colt (a.k.a. Palm Monday/John 12:12) also see Matt. 21:1-11; Mark 11:29-32; John 12:29-30)	11 Jesus curses the Fig tree (divine judgment) (see: Mark) Jesus cleanses the Temple again, He is confronted and prevented people from using the temple as a shortcut Jesus' conversation with High Priests (John 12:30-36)	12 Withdrew Fig tree is seen again (Mark 11) Jesus teaches at Temple grounds. Jesus cleanses the Temple again, He is confronted and prevented people from using the temple as a shortcut Jesus' parables to the chief priests, scribes and Pharisees on the Temple grounds (John 12:30-36)	13 Jesus sends Peter and John to prepare for the Passover meal. Note: Jews from Galilee (southern Israel) would celebrate Passover on Friday. The Upper Room Discourse and Jesus High Priestly Prayer	14 Sabbath 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. Jesus & disciples last supper	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 Post-resurrection appearances over the next 40 days to over 500 people
<p><b>Note 1:</b> Biblical days don't start/inc in midnight but start at sunrise for and Judaea start/inc at Sunrise/Sunset</p> <p><b>Note 2:</b> For details on what happened on and Friday see the below graphic.</p>							

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- Jesus was still speaking in the garden with the disciples.

“crowd” –

**Matt 26:47**

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**Mark 15:1**

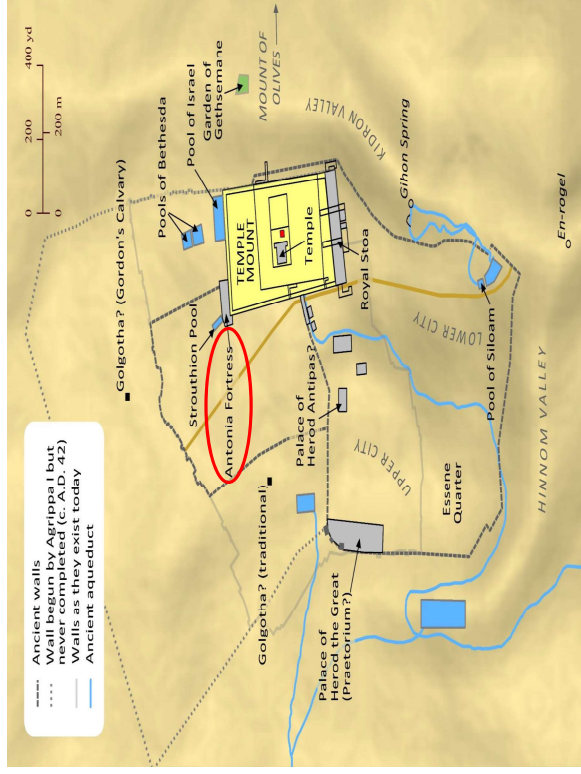
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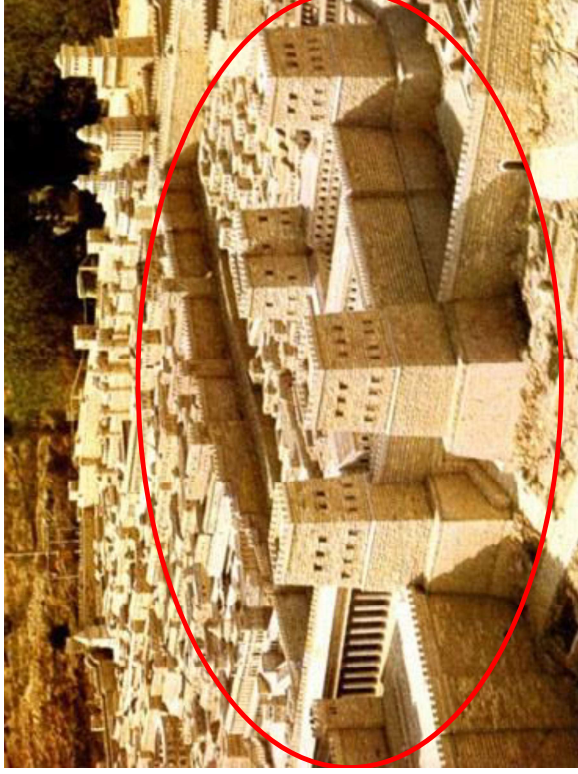
**John 18:3**

3 Judas then, having received the Roman cohort and officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, came there with lanterns and torches and weapons.

They had to get permission from Pilate, the governor.

- Roman cohort = 1/10 of a legion. Legion = 6,000 men. Cohort = 600 men.
- Officers – temple police. (Jews)
- Chief priests, elders (Sanhedrin = 70), scribes, Pharisees.
- Probably about 1,000 men.





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- Judas knew exactly where to find Jesus -

### **John 18:2**

2 Now Judas also, who was betraying Him, knew the place, for Jesus had often met there with His disciples.

- They thought this was an ideal time to arrest Jesus – alone with His 11 disciples. No crowds.
- Judas is out in front leading them.
- He has 1 thing on his mind – the money. "Jesus has failed at His mission, so I'll get what I can."
- Why 1,000 men needed? Miracles and power displayed –

### **John 18:5,6**

5 They answered Him, "Jesus the Nazarene." He said to them, "I am He." And Judas also, who was betraying Him, was standing with them.

6 So when He said to them, "I am He," they drew back and fell to the ground.

- On what grounds are they arresting Jesus?

"There's no reason to arrest Him. He's committed no crime. He committed no crime against God; He committed no crime against Judaism; He committed no crime against Caesar. There is no crime; He broke no law."

- Jews did not have the right to put anyone to death. Must appeal to Rome to do that.
- So the Jews had to convince Pilate that Jesus was a threat to Caesar and the Roman Empire.
- A kiss would normally be given to a friend. Very common in that culture.

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- Jesus gives Judas 1 more opportunity. He is trying to get Judas to realize what he is doing.

- Judas has this all planned out –

### **Matt 26:48-50**

48 Now he who was betraying Him gave them a sign, saying, "Whomever I kiss, He is the one; seize Him."

49 Immediately Judas went to Jesus and said, "Hail, Rabbi!" and kissed Him.

50 And Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you have come for."

### **Prov 27:6**

6 Faithful are the wounds of a friend,

But deceitful are the kisses of an enemy.

**49 When those who were around Him saw what was going to happen, they said, "Lord, shall we strike with the sword?"**

- So panic sets in among the disciples.
- Remember, the 11 disciples had 2 swords in total (vss. 36-38).
- Only to be used for defense. (cut wood, protect from robbers and animals)
- So this really makes no sense:
  - 2 men with 2 swords are hardly a match for 1,000 armed Roman soldiers, Jewish temple police, etc.

However -

- If they trust Jesus for their power, then there is no need to use the swords.

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- We know who the "one" is – Peter.

## **John 18:10**

10 Simon Peter then, 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.

- Peter's motto was always "Ready, fire, aim." "Shoot first, ask questions later."
- Peter was going for the head, no doubt. Not the best aim. Remember he is used to working with nets not swords.
- So now you have an ear laying on the ground, blood streaming down the side of Malchus' face, 1,000 angry men, most of whom are fully armed in one way or another. It doesn't look good.

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### **John 18:11**

11 So Jesus said to Peter, "Put the sword into the sheath; the cup which the Father has given Me, shall I not drink it?"

### **Matt 26:51-54**

51 And behold, one of those who were with Jesus reached and drew out his sword, and struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his ear.

52 Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place; for all those who take up the sword shall perish by the sword."

53 "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?"

54 "How then will the Scriptures be fulfilled, which say that it must happen this way?"

### **John 18:33**

36 Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would be fighting so that I would not be handed over to the Jews; but as it is, My kingdom is not of this realm."

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### **3. INSURRECTION.**

#### **Rom 13:1**

1 Every person is to be in **subjection to the governing authorities**. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God.

#### **Rom 13:4**

4 But if you do what is evil, be afraid; for it does not bear the sword for nothing; for it is a minister of God, an avenger who brings wrath on the one who practices evil.

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#### **4. LAWLESSNESS.**

#### **2 Thess 2:3,8**

3 Let no one in any way deceive you, for it will not come unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed,

8 Then that lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming;

#### **1 John 3:4**

4 Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness.

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- Peter, by his conduct, is promoting 4 unbiblical actions :

### **1. BEING PHYSICAL AND COMBATIVE.**

#### **Eph 6:12,17**

12 For our struggle is **not against flesh and blood**, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.

17 And take THE HELMET OF SALVATION, and **the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God**.

- *Look at Pentecost. Peter learned to use the sword of the Spirit.*

#### **2 Cor 10:4**

4 for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.

### **2. VIOLENCE.**

#### **1 Tim 2:1,2**

1 First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men,

2 for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a **tranquil and quiet life** in all godliness and dignity.

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- Jesus says this makes no sense. You treat me (innocent of any crime) the same you would a robber (guilty of a crime.)
- Again, what has Jesus done? NOTHING!
- This is not about breaking any law. It is about exposing a false religious system, built on the sand of man's flesh, and promoted by a bunch of self-righteous, proud, hypocritical, greedy, legalists.

**53 "While I was with you daily in the temple, you did not lay hands on Me; but this hour and the power of darkness are yours."**

- "Why didn't you arrest me earlier in the week? Think about it."
- "Like on Tuesday when I drove the Jewish crooks out of the Temple?"
- "What about all of the teaching I did in the Temple during the week? If I am so evil, so bad, such a law-breaker, why didn't you arrest me then?"
- They couldn't because God is sovereign over this whole thing and all of the events. But that wasn't their hour.
- "NOW is your hour. This is Satan's hour. This hour belongs to the power of darkness, and God, who is still in control, has ordained that it is time for all of this to happen."
- They think they are doing God's will by murdering Jesus.
- It is all playing right into the hand of God and His plan of salvation.

## **Application**

1. "Each of us must decide whether we will go through life pretending, like Judas; or fighting, like Peter; or yielding to God's perfect will, like Jesus. Will it be the kiss, the sword, or the cup?" - Warren Wiersbe
2. In a society that is increasingly becoming more violent and lawless, believers need to find themselves upholding the truth of God's Word and apply that truth to the world that surrounds us, including law enforcement, government, and politics.
3. False religion, evolution, and gender perversion all suffer from the same fallen, blinded, perverted thinking of man which is illogical and irrational.