

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 8

Luke 22:54-62

June 30, 2024

Passion Week

Month of Nisan
1st month of Hebrew Calendar.
(Exodus 12:2) (March/April)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Jesus arrived in Bethany yesterday (Saturday), and on Sunday the crowds visit Jesus and Lazarus in Bethany, which upset the Jewish leaders (John 12:9-20).	Select the sacrificial lamb. 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 11:1-11; Luke 19:29-38; John 12:9-20) Jesus visits the temple, looked around, and heals many Jesus returns to Bethany for the evening	Jesus curses the Fig Tree (divine judgment re: Israel) Jesus cleanses the Temple again, He overturned tables, seats, and prevented people from using the temple as a shortcut Jesus' conversation with Greeks (John 12:20-36) God the Father audibly speaks, and everyone hears (John 12:28-33) Jesus talks about His coming death and the unbelief of the Jews	Withered Fig tree is seen again (Mark 11) Jesus teaches all day in the Temple grounds. Jewish leaders official challenge of Christ's authority Jesus tells parables to the chief priests, scribes and Pharisees on the Temple grounds Jewish leaders plot to kill Him Jesus teaches the Olivet Discourse to the Disciples See chapters Matthew 21-25; Mark 11-13; Luke 19-21; John 12	Jesus sends Peter and John to prepare for the Passover meal. Note: Jews from Galilee (northern Israel) celebrate Passover on Thursday after sunset. Jesus & disciples Last Supper The Upper Room Discourse and Jesus High Priestly Prayer Jesus and Disciples go to Mount of Olives (Garden of Gethsemane) overnight to pray. See chapters Matthew 26; Mark 14; Luke 22; John 13-18	Early am betrayal and arrest of Jesus 6 Trials of Jesus (3 Jewish then 3 Roman) The Passover day. Jews from Judea (southern Israel) would celebrate Passover on Friday. Sacrifice the lamb. Exodus 12:6 "You shall keep it until the fourteenth day...to kill it at twilight " and Deut 16:6 Jesus is crucified. Jesus' body put in Joseph's tomb before sunset. Day 1.	Jesus' body in the tomb Day 2. Jewish Feast of Unleavened bread continues for 7 days Note 1: Biblical days don't start/end at midnight. See slide below for an explanation of Galilean and Judean start/end Sunrise/Sunset Note 2: For details on what happened during the hours of Thursday and Friday see the below graphic	Jesus' body in the tomb Day 3. Jesus is resurrected Post-resurrection and appearances over the next 40 days to over 500 people

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THE COURTYARD

- 1-3 a.m. Friday morning.
- We have already established that this arrest and subsequent trials are all a scam.
- High Priest is Annas and his son-in-law Caiaphas. They ran the Temple and all of the corrupt financial scams and practices associated with it.

John 18:12-13

12 So the Roman cohort and the commander and the officers of the Jews, arrested Jesus and bound Him,

13 and led Him to Annas first; for he was father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year.

- Peter kept his distance.
- Peter wanted to be with Jesus but was watched as a rebel to the state.

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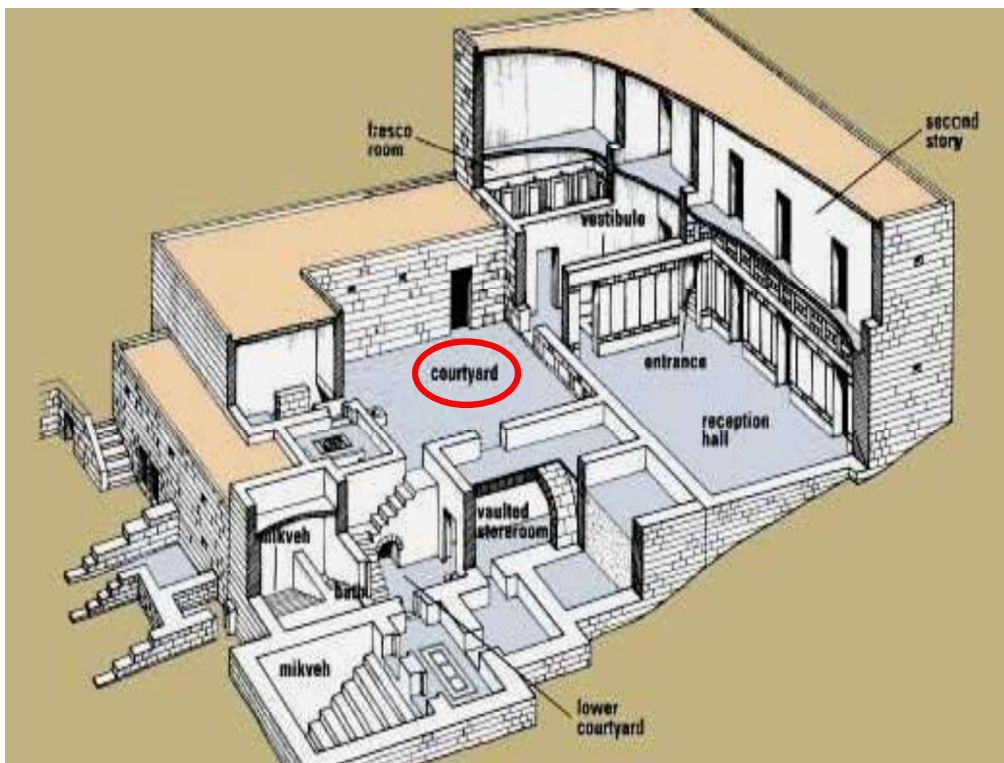
31 "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has demanded permission to sift you like wheat;

32 but I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned again, strengthen your brothers."

33 But he said to Him, "Lord, with You I am ready to go both to prison and to death!"

34 And He said, "I say to you, Peter, the rooster will not crow today until you have denied three times that you know Me."





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How did Peter get into the courtyard?

John 18:15-16

15 Simon Peter was following Jesus, and so was another disciple. Now that disciple was known to the high priest, and entered with Jesus into the court of the high priest,
16 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 Peter in.

- This is not Peter “hanging out with the world” as some suggest.
- Peter and John are the only disciples to be found.
- Here is the difference between Judas and Peter. Peter is persevering with his faith. That is how a for-real disciple is identified.

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DENIAL # 1

- No doubt there was discussion around the fire.
- This girl recognizes Peter. Stares at him. Do you think Peter sensed he was being stared at?
- This is guilt by association.
- Peter flat-out denies it. No “ifs, ands, or buts.” No hesitation.
- The temptation was too great. Peter had failed to pray in the garden.
- Now fear sets in.

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DENIAL #2

- Here is another who recognizes Peter as a follower.

"man" – **ανθρωπος** – used here to emphatically deny any association.

- I can imagine Peter is feeling the heat. Things are starting to close in on him.
- No hesitation here.

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DENIAL #3

- **"hour"** – Peter has had time to think. Would he change direction and start affirming his relationship with Jesus?
- This man is identifying Peter, not by his appearance, but by his accent.
- Peter explodes at this point. The pressure has reached its limit. He would not change direction.

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Matt 26:74

74 Then he began to curse and swear, "I do not know the man!" And immediately a rooster crowed.

- Peter lost it at this point. But the evidence is all there.
- Peter fulfilled Jesus' prophecy at this point.
- Even while Peter is still speaking, the rooster crows.
- The Word of the Lord is always true. It knows and reads us perfectly.

Heb 4:12

12 For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

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THE LOOK

- Oh my! 1 final gaze at Peter, but this time it is not from an accuser but from the Lord Jesus Himself.

εμβλεπω – to fix your gaze on something, look on intently.

- **Note:** The timing of the Lord turning His head. It's the "turning of the head and the gaze" that is so powerful.
- What was in this "look"?
 1. Conviction.
 2. Compassion.
 3. Confirmation.

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- Peter was overcome with conviction and emotion.
- He had to get away by himself.

“bitterly” – **πικρως** - used of pungent food, bitter, reaction may be violent.

- When pride falls, it is very painful.

Application

1. How strong are your convictions?
2. Do not doubt the truthfulness of God’s Word.
3. Do not underestimate the power of prayer over future temptation.
4. Every time we fail in our walk with the Lord, 2 things happen:
 1. God reminds us of the weakness of our flesh.
 2. God reminds us of His grace that restores us.