

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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 afficial lamb (Exodus 12:3 "On the tenth of this month they are each one to take a lamb for a lamb for themselves...")	11 Jesus curses the fig tree (Matthew 21:18-19) and Jesus cleanses the Temple again, he rebuked the scribes and Pharisees, and prevented people from using the temple as a shortcut	12 Withered fig tree is seen again (Mark 11) Jesus teaches at the Temple grounds, Jewish leaders' official challenge of Christ's authority	13 Jesus sends Peter and John to prepare for the Passover meal. Note: Jews from Galilee (southern Israel) separate on Thursday after sunset.	14 Early am arrest of Jesus	15 Jewish Feast of Unleavened bread continues for 7 days	16 Jesus' body in the tomb Day 3. Jesus is resurrected
Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on a donkey colt (Mark 11:2-11; John 12:12-15) also see Matt. 21:1-11; Mark 11:29-32; John 12:12-15)	Jesus' conversation with Greek philosopher, a.k.a. Palm (John 12:20-26) God the Father audibly speaks, and everyone hears (John 12:28-33)	Jesus teaches the Olivet Discourse to the disciples (Matthew 23:1-35; Mark 11:13; Luke 19:11; John 12	Jesus & disciples last supper (The Upper Room Discourse and Jesus High Priestly Prayer)	Jesus is crucified. Jesus' body put in Joseph's tomb before sunset. Day 1.	The Passover day Jews from Galilee (southern Israel) would celebrate Passover on Friday.	Jesus' resurrections and appearances over the next 40 days to over 500 people	
FAITH <small>and wisdom</small>							

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

Month of Nisan

6 Trials of Jesus (3 Jews then 3 Roman)

Note 1: Biblical days don't start/inc at midnight but at sunrise for an inauguration of Sabbath and Jubilee start/enc Sunrise/Sunset

Note 2: For details on what happened on Friday see the below graphic.

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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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Luke 22:31-34

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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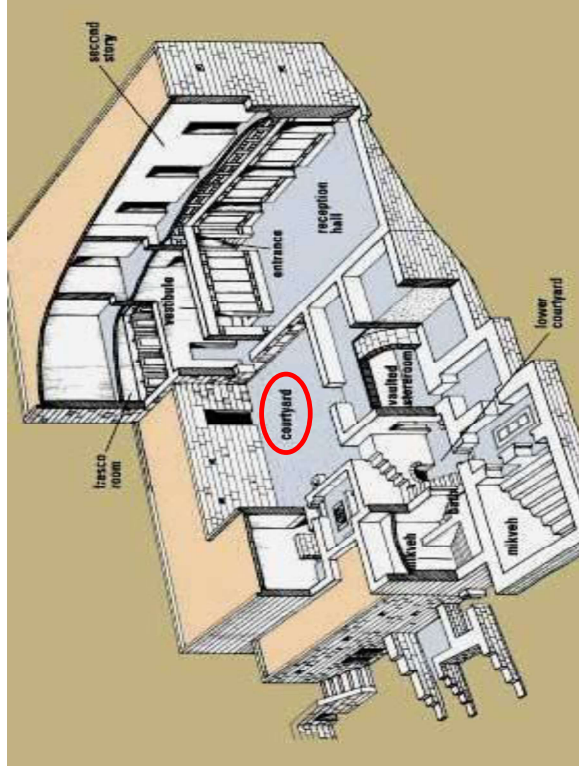
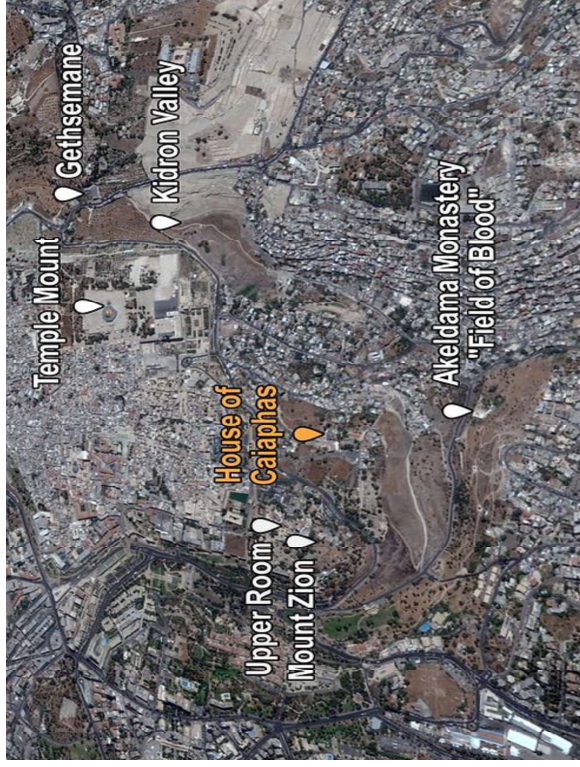
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How did Peter get into the courtyard?

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" – ἀνθρωπος – used here to emphatically deny any association.

- I can imagine Peter is feeling the heat. Things a 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.*

62 And he went out and wept bitterly.

- 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.

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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.