

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 10

“Pilate”

Luke 23:1-7

July 28, 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
<p>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).</p>	<p>Select the sacrificial lamb. <i>Exodus 12:3 "On the <u>tenth</u> of this month they are each one to take a lamb for themselves..."</i></p> <p>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)</p> <p>Jesus visits the temple, looked around, and heals many</p> <p>Jesus returns to Bethany for the evening</p>	<p>Jesus curses the Fig Tree (divine judgment re: Israel)</p> <p>Jesus cleanses the Temple again, He overturned tables, seats, and prevented people from using the temple as a shortcut</p> <p>Jesus' conversation with Greeks (John 12:20-36)</p> <p>God the Father audibly speaks, and everyone hears (John 12:28-33)</p> <p>Jesus talks about His coming death and the unbelief of the Jews</p>	<p>Withered Fig tree is seen again (Mark 11)</p> <p>Jesus teaches all day in the Temple grounds.</p> <p>Jewish leaders official challenge of Christ's authority</p> <p>Jesus tells parables to the chief priests, scribes and Pharisees on the Temple grounds</p> <p>Jewish leaders plot to kill Him</p> <p>Jesus teaches the Olivet Discourse to the Disciples See chapters Matthew 21-25; Mark 11-13; Luke 19-21; John 12</p>	<p>Jesus sends Peter and John to prepare for the Passover meal. Note: <i>Jews from Galilee (northern Israel) celebrate Passover on Thursday after sunset.</i></p> <p>Jesus & disciples Last Supper</p> <p>The Upper Room Discourse and Jesus High Priestly Prayer</p> <p>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</p>	<p>Early am betrayal and arrest of Jesus</p> <p>6 Trials of Jesus (3 Jewish then 3 Roman)</p> <p>The Passover day. <i>Jews from Judea (southern Israel) would celebrate Passover on Friday.</i></p> <p>Sacrifice the lamb. <i>Exodus 12:6 "You shall keep it until the <u>fourteenth day...to kill it at twilight</u>" and Deut 16:6</i></p> <p>Jesus is crucified. Jesus' body put in Joseph's tomb before sunset. Day 1.</p>	<p>Jesus' body in the tomb Day 2.</p> <p>Jewish Feast of Unleavened bread continues for 7 days</p>	<p>Jesus' body in the tomb Day 3.</p> <p>Jesus is resurrected</p> <p>Post-resurrection and appearances over the next 40 days to over 500 people</p>



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

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Mark 14:55-60

55 Now the chief priests and the whole Council kept trying to obtain testimony against Jesus to put Him to death, and they were not finding any.

56 For many were giving false testimony against Him, but their testimony was not consistent.

57 Some stood up and began to give false testimony against Him, saying,

58 "We heard Him say, 'I will destroy this temple made with hands, and in three days I will build another made without hands.'"

59 Not even in this respect was their testimony consistent.

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 7. The purpose of the trials is to find Jesus guilty and put Him to death.
 8. Peter denies knowing Christ 3 times.
 9. The third trial by Jewish leaders extracts from Jesus the blasphemous statement they wanted out of Jesus and can now seek His death.
 10. Judas realizes what he has done and ends his life.

Matt 27:1-5

- 1 Now when morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus to put Him to death;
- 2 and they bound Him, and led Him away and delivered Him to Pilate the governor.
- 3 Then when Judas, who had betrayed Him, saw that He had been condemned, he felt remorse and returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders,
- 4 saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." But they said, "What is that to us? See to that yourself!"
- 5 And he threw the pieces of silver into the temple sanctuary and departed; and he went away and hanged himself.

Acts 1:16-18

- 16 "Brethren, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit foretold by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus.
- 17 "For he was counted among us and received his share in this ministry."
- 18 (Now this man acquired a field with the price of his wickedness, and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his intestines gushed out.

Christ's 6 Trials

Religious or Civil	Order	Scripture	Judge	Ruling
Religious-Jewish	1	John 18:12-14	Annas	Ok given to kill Jesus
Religious-Jewish	2	Matt. 26:57-68	Caiaphas	Blasphemy
Religious-Jewish	3	Matt. 27:1-2	Sanhedrin	Death sentence
Civil-Roman	4	John 18:28-38a	Pilate	No guilty
Civil-Roman	5	Luke 23:6-12	Herod	Not guilty
Civil-Roman	6	John 18:38b-19:16	Pilate	Not guilty but Jesus turned over to Jews

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- **Pilate** – Pontius Pilate was the Roman governor of Judea from A.D. 26-36, serving under Emperor Tiberius. His position as governor included being judge as well.
- Pilate had previously 3 major run-ins with the Jews, all involving his hanging images of the emperor all over Jerusalem and coins minted with Roman images on them.
- Because of these incidents, he was nearly replaced and had to back down lest he lose his position and his job.

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- The Jews bring 3 accusations before Pilate concerning Jesus:
 1. Misleading our nation.
 2. Forbidding to pay taxes to Caesar.
 3. Jesus claims to be a King.
- **Lies! Lies! Lies!**
- The 3 trials of the Jews produced nothing which Rome would condemn Jesus over. They must come up with something else. They wanted to paint Him as a "insurrectionist."
 1. **Misleading our nation.** Maybe that could end in trouble for Rome. Very general. No evidence.
 2. **Forbidding to pay taxes.**

Matt 22:19-21

19 "Show Me the coin used for the poll-tax." And they brought Him a denarius.

20 And He said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?"

21 They said to Him, "Caesar's." Then He said to them, "Then render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's; and to God the things that are God's."

3. **Claims to be King.**

John 18:36

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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- Pilate knows this kingship only applies to the Jews. No threat.
- Jesus is a King but not an earthly King.

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John 18:28-32

28 Then they led Jesus from Caiaphas into the Praetorium, and it was early; and they themselves did not enter into the Praetorium so that they would not be defiled, but might eat the Passover.

29 Therefore Pilate went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this Man?"

30 They answered and said to him, "If this Man were not an evildoer, we would not have delivered Him to you."

31 So Pilate said to them, "Take Him yourselves, and judge Him according to your law." The Jews said to him, "We are not permitted to put anyone to death,"

32 to fulfill the word of Jesus which He spoke, signifying by what kind of death He was about to die.

- The chief priests and the crowds are all waiting outside of the praetorium.
- On all 3 counts, Pilate finds no guilt because there is no evidence.

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- They keep the pressure on Pilate.
- The Jews now show the geographical breadth of Jesus' influence.
- "You need to stop this thing now", they are saying.

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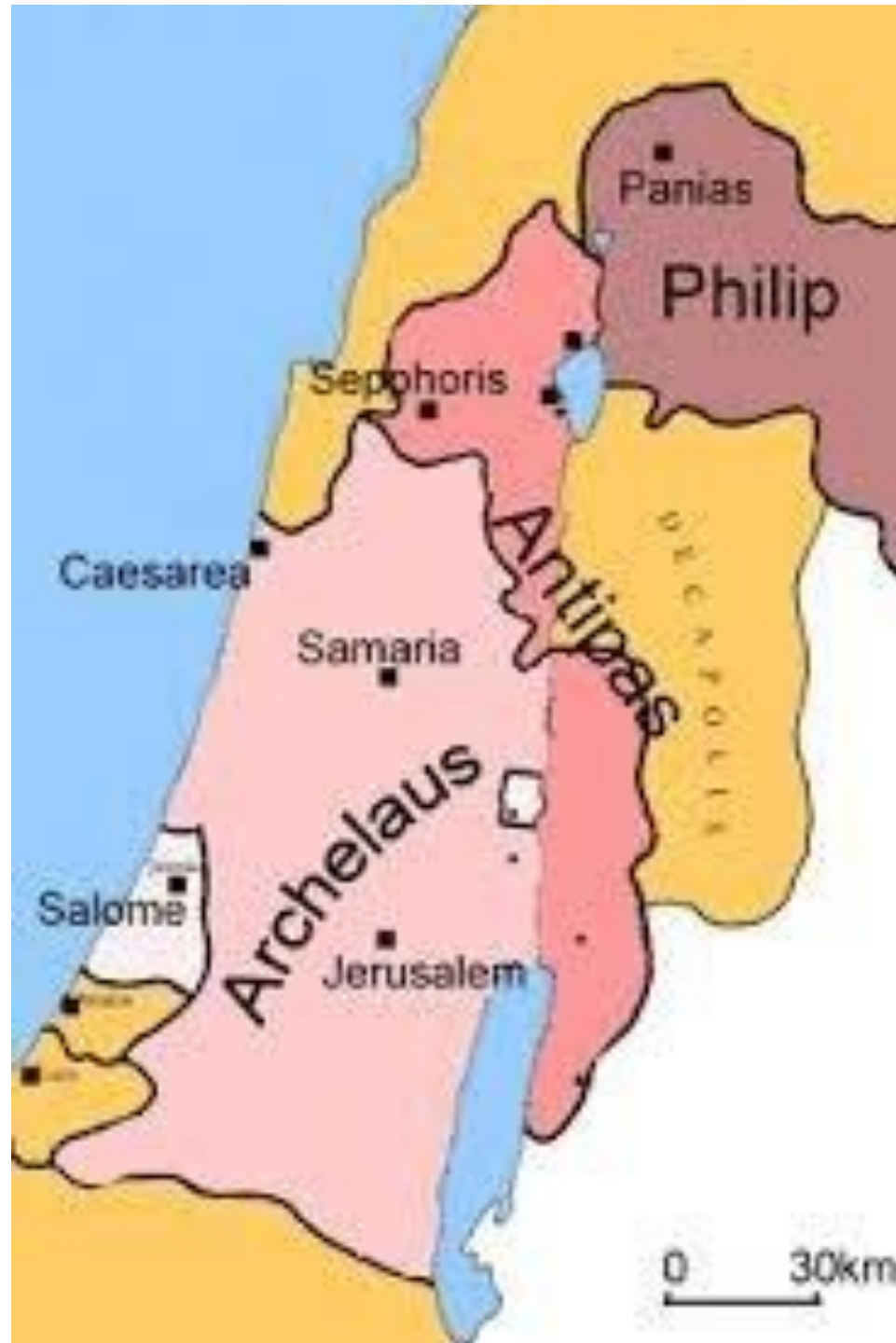
- Pilate needs a way out of this mess.
- He knows if he kills Jesus, he has killed an innocent man. If he does not kill Jesus, he will lose his position and job.
- “Maybe, just maybe there is a way out. . . . Did you say Galilee?”

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- Let's look at a map . . .





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- Jesus has now become a “hot potato” and it is time to pass Him on.
- **Note:** The providence of God has Herod in Jerusalem as a further testimony to the innocence of Jesus.
- Pilate now thinks he can wash his hands of the whole thing.

Application

1. The great question that the world faces, now and always, is, “Who is Jesus?” That question demands an answer from every living soul that has lived, is living, and will live here on planet earth.
2. If you do not answer that question with the truth, you must fabricate lies to escape who He really is.
3. The evidence is there, but a hard heart will only ignore it and move on. Evidence does demand a verdict.
4. At the Great White Throne Judgment unbelievers will know the truth but it will be too late. What remains is the degree of punishment from the books opened.