

## “The Murder of Jesus”

“Herod”

**Luke 23:8-12**

August 11, 2024

Passion Week								Month of Nisan 1 <sup>st</sup> 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).	<b>Select the sacrificial lamb.</b> Exodus 12:3 “On the <b>tenth</b> 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	<b>6 Trials of Jesus</b> (3 Jewish then 3 Roman)  <b>The Passover day.</b> Jews from Judea (southern Israel) would celebrate Passover on Friday.  <b>Sacrifice the lamb.</b> Exodus 12:6 “You shall keep it until the <b>fourteenth</b> 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	Jesus’ body in the tomb Day 3.  Jesus is resurrected  Post-resurrection and appearances over the next 40 days to over 500 people	<p><b>Note 1:</b> Biblical days don’t start/end at midnight. See slide below for an explanation of Galilean and Judean start/end Sunrise/Sunset</p> <p><b>Note 2:</b> For details on what happened during the hours of Thursday and Friday see the below graphic</p>	

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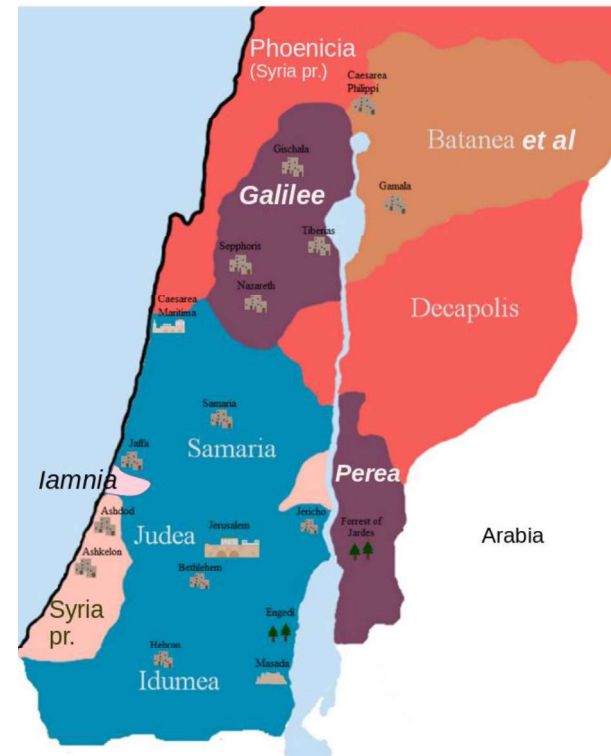
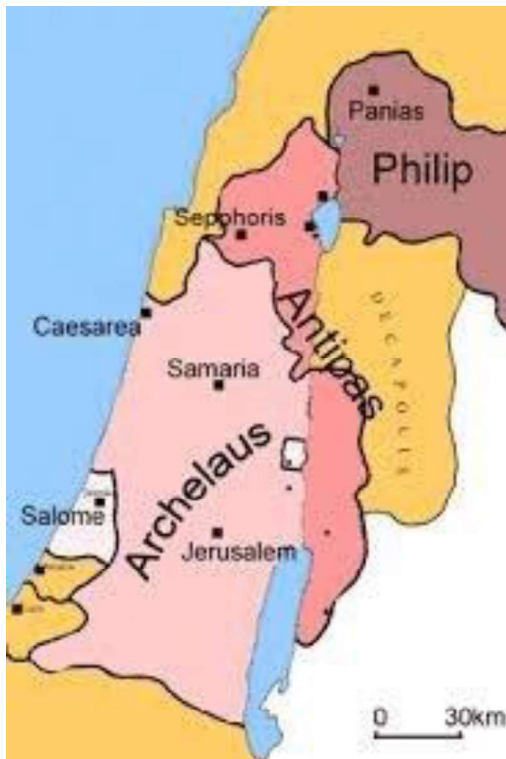
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## Christ’s 6 Trials

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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**5 reactions to the person of Christ:**

**1. Entertainment.**

- Herod was excited to see Jesus . . . but for the wrong reason.
- He hoped for a sign.
- Some people see Christ for His entertainment value.
- They want something mysterious, speculative, and debatable.
- They float around the fringes of Christianity but refuse to make a commitment.
- This should be a warning to the Church. Are your services to entertain? Some churches design it that way.
- It is not the entertainment that brings people to Christ, but rather the Word.

**1 Cor 1:22**

22 For indeed Jews ask for signs and Greeks search for wisdom;

**Rev 13:11-14**

11 Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb and he spoke as a dragon.

12 He exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence. And he makes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose fatal wound was healed.

13 He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down out of heaven to the earth in the presence of men.

14 And he deceives those who dwell on the earth because of the signs which it was given him to perform in the presence of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who had the wound of the sword and has come to life.

**Rev 16:13-14**

13 And I saw coming out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits like frogs;

14 for they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them together for the war of the great day of God, the Almighty.

**Rev 19:20**

20 And the beast was seized, and with him the false prophet who performed the signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image; these two were thrown alive into the lake of fire which burns with brimstone.

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### 2. **Intrigue.**

- Herod was intrigued by Jesus.
- Some people are fascinated by Jesus.
- They study, write books and articles, produce documentaries, etc.

*“Investigating the Historical Jesus”*

*“Rabbi Jesus”*

*“In the Kingdom of God”*

*“Did Jesus Die?”*

*“Searching for the Historical Jesus?”*

*“Jesus and His Jewish Influences”*

- So they research, ask questions, but their heart isn't right.
- Here Herod questions Jesus.
- Jesus does not answer. Herod had murdered Jesus' cousin, John the Baptist. What more needs to be said? Herod had a hard heart.

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### 3. **Hostility.**

- But look who butts into the conversation.
  - What are they accusing Jesus of? Same old – insurrection.
- “vehemently”** – *εὐτονῶσ* – intensely, fiercely.
- These guys are desperate. This is their big chance before Herod.
  - If it is a religious issue, Herod couldn't care less. If it is a civil issue – where is the evidence?

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### **4. Disrespect.**

- Herod finds no evidence. Jesus is completely innocent therefore let's punish Him anyway. What???
- When men, who are full of questions, receive no answer, they get irritated and angered.
- They disrespect and mock Jesus anyway.
- "Here is your "King of the Jews", Pilate."

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### **5. Alliances.**

- If anything will unite people, it is their indifference or rebellion against the Lord Jesus.
- Bitter enemies will come together to war against Christ and His kingdom.

## **Rev 19:14-19**

14 And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses.

15 From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the **nations**, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty.

16 And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."

17 Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and he cried out with a loud voice, saying to all the birds which fly in midheaven, "Come, assemble for the great supper of God,

18 so that you may eat the flesh of kings and the flesh of commanders and the flesh of mighty men and the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them and the flesh of all men, both free men and slaves, and small and great."

19 And I saw the beast and the **kings of the earth and their armies assembled** to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army.

- The whole world, at Armageddon, will unite against the Lord Jesus.

## **Application**

1. Everyday people living on planet earth today, are reacting to Christ in the same way described in this passage.
2. People want signs, they want history, they are hostile, they are disrespectful and they want others to join with them against the person of Christ.
3. The world says, "Show me and I will believe."  
Jesus says, "Believe me and I will show you."