

# *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”***

***“Simon, The Crowd, Mourning Women, Criminals”***

***Luke 23:26-33***

September 8, 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
<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><b>Select the sacrificial lamb.</b> <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 &amp; 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><b>6 Trials of Jesus</b> (3 Jewish then 3 Roman)</p> <p><b>The Passover day.</b> <i>Jews from Judea (southern Israel) would celebrate Passover on Friday.</i></p> <p><b>Sacrifice the lamb.</b> <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

# 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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## **Matt 27:26**

26 Then he released Barabbas for them; but after having Jesus **scourged**, he handed Him over to be crucified.

## **John 19:1**

19 Pilate then took Jesus and **scourged** Him.

“Scourging was a legal preliminary to every Roman execution, and only women and Roman senators or soldiers (except in cases of desertion) were exempt. The goal of the scourging was to weaken the victim to a state just short of collapse and death. As the Roman soldiers repeatedly struck the victim’s back with full force, the iron balls would cause deep contusions, and the leather thongs and sheep bones would cut into the skin and tissues. Then, as the flogging continued, the lacerations would tear into the underlying skeletal muscles and produce quivering ribbons of bleeding flesh. Pain and blood loss generally set the stage for circulatory shock. The extent of blood loss may well have determined how long the victim would survive the cross.”

- William Edwards

- The gospels do not elaborate on the suffering of Jesus.
- They focus on the significance of His death.
- We do not want to emphasize His suffering but on what His death accomplished.
- Self-righteous, man-made religion wants to focus on His suffering and our need to suffer along with Jesus. It becomes a work to obtain salvation.



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Black Sea

ITALY

THRACE

MACEDONIA  
Thessalonica  
Philippi

EPIRUS

BITHYNIA

PONTUS

GALATIA

CAPPADOCIA

SICILY

Syracuse

ACHAIA

Corinth

Ephesus

ASIA

Troas

Colossae

Iconium

LYCIA

TAURUS MOUNTAINS

CILICIA

Antioch

RHODES

CRETE

CYPRUS

Paphos

SYRIA

Mediterranean Sea

AFRICA

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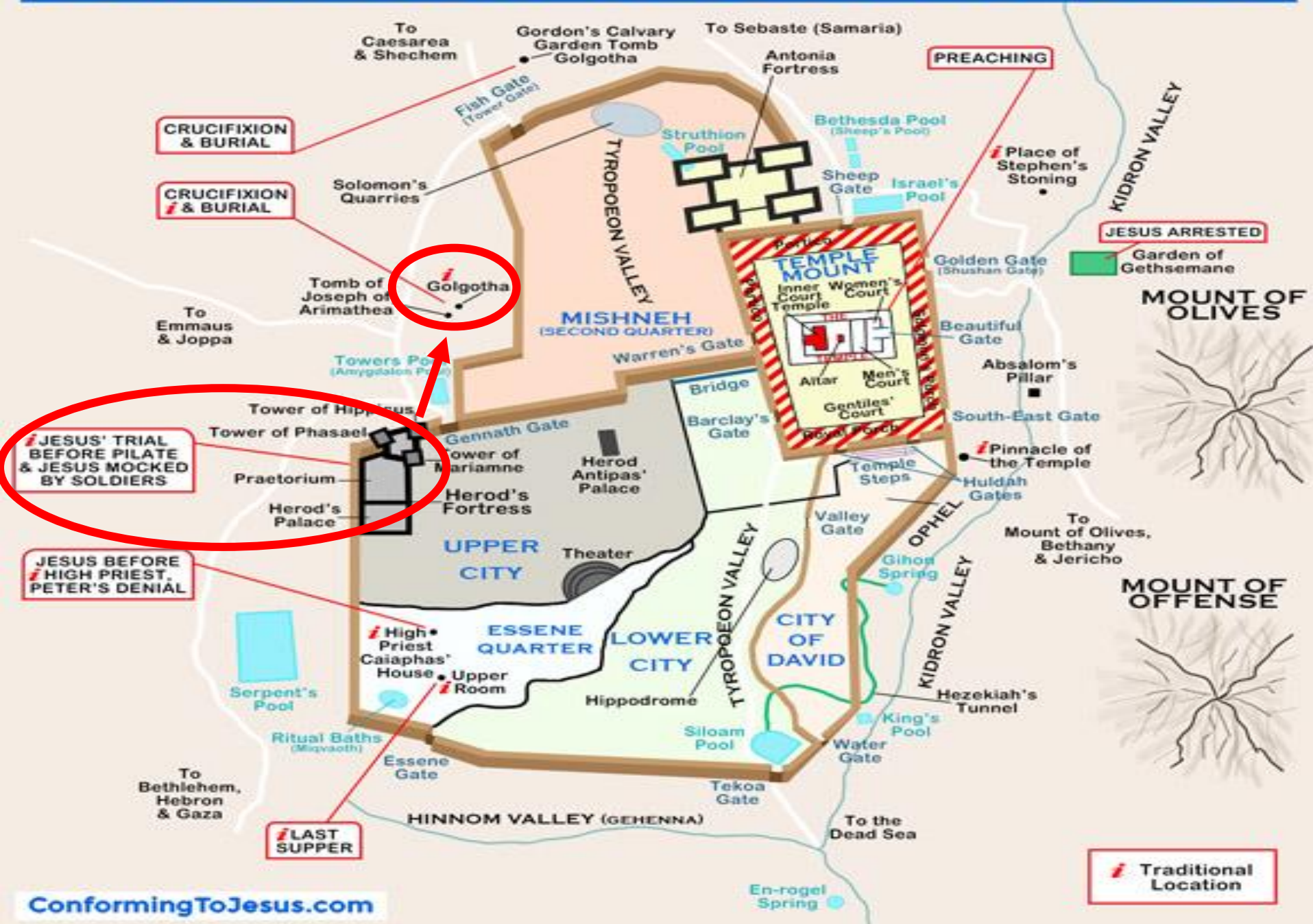
- 9 But some men from what was called the Synagogue of the Freedmen, including both Cyrenians and Alexandrians,

- knew nothing of Jesus or what was going on.

- walks through the gate and right into this parade of people heading to calvary.

- Cross – 300 pounds. Crossbar – 75-125 pounds. The accused would carry the crossbar. Simon carried the end. Accused would be stripped naked and hands tied to the wood.

# JERUSALEM IN THE TIME OF JESUS



## **Mark 15:21**

21 They pressed into service a passer-by coming from the country, **Simon of Cyrene (the father of Alexander and Rufus)**, to bear His cross

## **Rom 16:13**

13 Greet **Rufus, a choice man in the Lord**, also his mother and mine.

## **Acts 13:1-3**

1 Now there were at Antioch, in the church that was there, prophets and teachers: Barnabas, and Simeon who was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and **Saul**.

2 While they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "**Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul** for the work to which I have called them."

3 Then, when they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.

“So when you put the story together, a stranger plucked out of the crowd by the Roman soldiers follows Jesus carrying His cross, goes to the cross, watches the event of the crucifixion of Christ, comes to faith in Christ through that rather (humanly speaking) random event, ends up going back to Cyrene, is used by God to start the church there. The church in Cyrene flourishes so much that the book of Acts says they sent out preachers, Acts chapter 11, to preach the gospel of Christ. One of their preachers ends up in the church at Antioch and commissions Paul and Barnabas to go on a missionary journey. It’s amazing that what appeared as a random act by the Roman soldiers is in fact a divine sovereign work of God. He plucks up this man, leads him to the cross, brings him to faith in Christ, sends him back to Cyrene, a church begins, apostles and preachers from that church are sent out with the gospel, Simon relocates to Rome with his sons and becomes a familiar part of the Roman church.”

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**“large crowd of people”** – not followers but the curious, those who were in sympathy.

**“women who were mourning”** – may have been professional mourners, but probably not. Not unusual for mourners to follow a person to be crucified.

**“mourning”** κοπτω – to beat one’s breast in grief, to wail.



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**“Daughters of Jerusalem”** – not the women who were at the cross. An expression for the people of Jerusalem.

## **Zech 9:9**

9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Shout in triumph, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Behold, your king is coming to you;

- Jesus wants no pity. He is not a victim.
- They need to focus on themselves.
- 40 years and judgment will fall on them.
- Weep for yourselves, judgment is coming.

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## **Luke 21:20-24**

20 "But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then recognize that her desolation is near.

21 "Then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains, and those who are in the midst of the city must leave, and those who are in the country must not enter the city;

22 because these are days of vengeance, so that all things which are written will be fulfilled.

23 "Woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days; for there will be great distress upon the land and wrath to this people;

24 and they will fall by the edge of the sword, and will be led captive into all the nations; and Jerusalem will be trampled under foot by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

- Better to have no children than have children during a time of judgment, and see them slaughtered.

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## **Hos 10:8**

8 Also the high places of Aven, the sin of Israel, will be destroyed;

Thorn and thistle will grow on their altars;

Then they will say to the mountains,

"Cover us!" And to the hills, "Fall on us!"

## **Isa 2:19**

19 Men will go into caves of the rocks  
And into holes of the ground  
Before the terror of the Lord  
And the splendor of His majesty,  
When He arises to make the earth tremble.

## **Rev 6:12-17**

12 I looked when He broke the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth made of hair, and the whole moon became like blood;

13 and the stars of the sky fell to the earth, as a fig tree casts its unripe figs when shaken by a great wind.

14 The sky was split apart like a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.

15 Then the kings of the earth and the great men and the commanders and the rich and the strong and every slave and free man hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains;

16 and they said to the mountains and to the rocks, "**Fall on us and hide us** from the presence of Him who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb;

17 for the great day of their wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"

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- **Green tree = Jesus** – full of life, fruitful, all that is good.
- **Dry tree = Israel** – dead, unproductive, easily burns.
- If the Romans will do this to a green tree which should not be burned and is difficult to burn, what will they do to a dry tree that is ripe for burning and much easier to burn?
- If the Romans will do this to the innocent, what will they do to those who are guilty?

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- Possible site in Israel . . .



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- 2 criminals were also crucified with Christ.
- They had committed atrocities against Rome and must face execution by crucifixion.
- Jesus was innocent of any crime.
- Jesus placed in the middle to symbolically show He was just like the other criminals.

# Application

1. The hidden “gems” of scripture are often missed but afford us wonderful truths when we diligently study, research, and “connect the dots”.
2. Jesus is not looking for our pity. He does not want us to see him as a victim. Rather, fearing coming judgment should drive those who are without salvation to surrender their lives to Christ.
3. You may be curious about Jesus. You may be sympathetic towards His cause or His martyrdom. Or you may be a “criminal”. Regardless, you need Christ as your Savior.