

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

1st month of Nisan
(Exodus 12:2) (March/April)

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
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| Jesus arrived in Bethany yesterday (Saturday), and on Sunday the crowds visit Jesus and Lazarus in Bethany, which leaders (John 12:9-10). | Jesus cleanses the Temple again, he scolded the people and prevented them from using the temple as a shortcut conversation with God (John 12:20-36) | Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on a donkey colt (Matt. 21:1-11; Mark 11:9-11; John 12:9-20) | Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on a donkey colt (Matt. 21:1-11; Mark 11:9-11; John 12:9-20) | Jesus cleanses the Temple again, he scolded the people and prevented them from using the temple as a shortcut conversation with God (John 12:20-36) | Jesus cleanses the Temple again, he scolded the people and prevented them from using the temple as a shortcut conversation with God (John 12:20-36) | Jesus cleanses the Temple again, he scolded the people and prevented them from using the temple as a shortcut conversation with God (John 12:20-36) | Jesus cleanses the Temple again, he scolded the people and prevented them from using the temple as a shortcut conversation with God (John 12:20-36) |
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Christ's 6 Trials

| Religious or Civil | Order | Scripture | Judge | Ruling |
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| Religious-Jewish | 1 | John 18:12-14 | Annas | Ok given to kill Jesus |
| Religious-Jewish | 2 | Matt. 26:57-68 | Caiphas | 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.

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.

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"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**" κοιτων – 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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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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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 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!"

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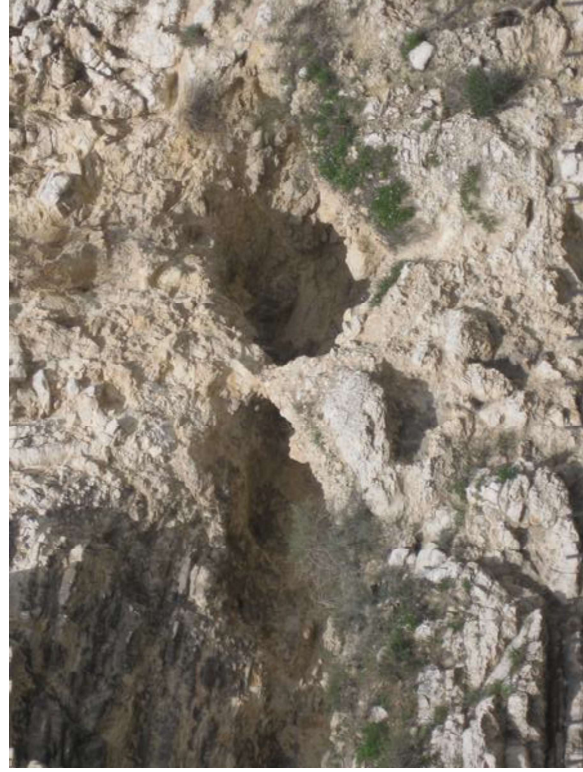
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- **Green tree** = Jesus – full of life, fruitful, all that is good.
- **Dry tree** = Israel – dead, unproductive, easily burns.
- If the Romans will do this to a green tree which should not be burned and is difficult to burn, what will they do to 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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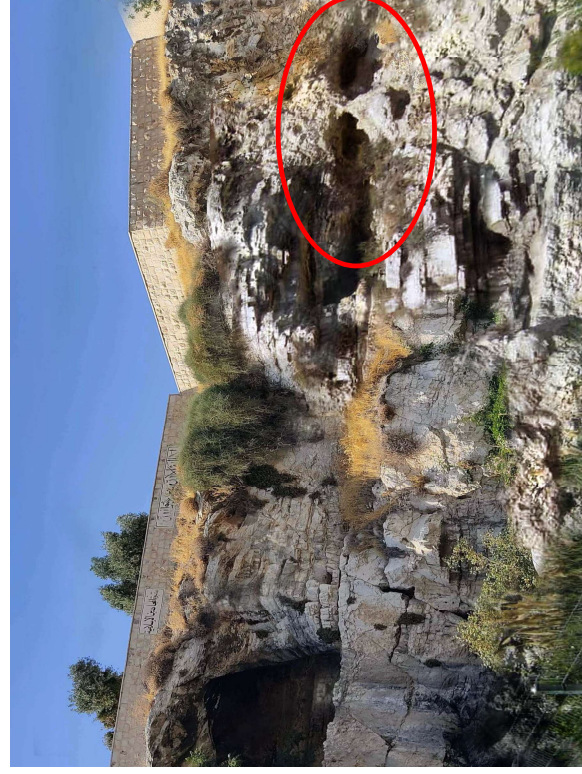
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- 2 criminals were also crucified with Christ.
- They had committed atrocities against Rome and must face execution by crucifixion.
- Jesus was innocent of any crime.
- Jesus placed in the middle to symbolically show He was just like the other criminals.

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.