

Passion Week—Jesus' Formal Condemnation (Friday [~4:30 am], April 3, 33)

Matthew 27:1	Mark 15:1a	Luke 22:66–71
<p>1 When the morning was come, all the chief priests and elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death:</p>	<p>1a And straightway in the morning the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council,</p>	<p>66 And as soon as it was day, the elders of the people and the chief priests and the scribes came together, and led him into their council, saying, 67 Art thou the Christ? tell us. And he said unto them, If I tell you, ye will not believe: 68 And if I also ask <i>you</i>, ye will not answer me, nor let <i>me</i> go. 69 Hereafter shall the Son of man sit on the right hand of the power of God. [Ps 110:1] 70 Then said they all, Art thou then the Son of God? And he said unto them, Ye say that I am. 71 And they said, What need we any further witness? for we ourselves have heard of his own mouth.</p>

Passion Week—Judas' Remorse and Suicide (Friday, April 3, 33)

Matthew 27:3–10

<p>3 Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, 4 Saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What <i>is that</i> to us? see thou <i>to that</i>. 5 And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself. 6 And the chief priests took the silver pieces, and said, It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood. 7 And they took counsel, and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in. 8 Wherefore that field was called, The field of blood, unto this day. 9 Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him that was valued, whom they of the children of Israel did value; 10 And gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord appointed me. [Zech 11:12–13; Jer 18:2; 19:2, 11; 32:6–9]</p>
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Passion Week—The Jews Take Jesus to Pilate (Friday, April 3, 33)

Matthew 27:2, 11–14	Mark 15:1b–5	Luke 23:1–5	John 18:28–38
<p>2 And when they had bound him, they led <i>him</i> away, and delivered him to Pontius Pilate the governor.</p>	<p>1b and bound Jesus, and carried <i>him</i> away, and delivered <i>him</i> to Pilate.</p>	<p>1 And the whole multitude of them arose, and led him unto Pilate.</p>	<p>28 Then led they Jesus from Caiaphas unto the hall of judgment: and it was early; and they themselves went not into the judgment hall, lest they should be defiled; but that they might eat the passover. 29 Pilate then went out unto them, and said, What accusation bring ye against this man? 30 They answered and said unto him, If he were not a malefactor, we would not have delivered him up unto thee. 31 Then said Pilate unto them,</p>

<p>11 And Jesus stood before the governor: and the governor asked him, saying, Art thou the King of the Jews?</p> <p>And Jesus said unto him, Thou sayest.</p> <p>12 And when he was accused of the chief priests and elders,</p>	<p>2 And Pilate asked him, Art thou the King of the Jews?</p> <p>And he answering said unto him, Thou sayest <i>it</i>.</p> <p>3 And the chief priests accused him of many things:</p>	<p>2 And they began to accuse him, saying, We found this <i>fellow</i> perverting the nation, and forbidding to give tribute to Caesar, saying that he himself is Christ a King.</p> <p>3 And Pilate asked him, saying, Art thou the King of the Jews?</p> <p>And he answered him and said, Thou sayest <i>it</i>.</p>	<p>Take ye him, and judge him according to your law. The Jews therefore said unto him, It is not lawful for us to put any man to death:</p> <p>32 That the saying of Jesus might be fulfilled, which he spake, signifying what death he should die.</p> <p>33 Then Pilate entered into the judgment hall again, and called Jesus, and said unto him, Art thou the King of the Jews?</p> <p>34 Jesus answered him, Sayest thou this thing of thyself, or did others tell it thee of me?</p> <p>35 Pilate answered, Am I a Jew? Thine own nation and the chief priests have delivered thee unto me: what hast thou done?</p> <p>36 Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.</p> <p>37 Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.</p> <p>38 Pilate saith unto him, What is truth? And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews,</p>
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<p>he answered nothing. 13 Then said Pilate unto him,</p> <p>Hearst thou not how many things they witness against thee? 14 And he answered him to never a word; insomuch that the governor marveled greatly.</p>	<p>but he answered nothing. 4 And Pilate asked him again, saying, Answerest thou nothing? behold how many things they witness against thee. 5 But Jesus yet answered nothing; so that Pilate marveled.</p>	<p>4 Then said Pilate to the chief priests and to the people, I find no fault in this man. 5 And they were the more fierce, saying, He stirreth up the people, teaching throughout all Jewry, beginning from Galilee to this place.</p>	<p>and saith unto them, I find in him no fault <i>at all</i>.</p>
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Passion Week—Pilate Sends Jesus to Herod Antipas (Friday, April 3, 33)

Luke 23:6–12

6 When Pilate heard of Galilee, he asked whether the man were a Galilean.
7 And as soon as he knew that he belonged unto Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who himself also was at Jerusalem at that time.
8 And when Herod saw Jesus, he was exceeding glad: for he was desirous to see him of a long *season*, because he had heard many things of him; and he hoped to have seen some miracle done by him.
9 Then he questioned with him in many words; but he answered him nothing.
10 And the chief priests and scribes stood and vehemently accused him.
11 And Herod with his men of war set him at nought, and mocked *him*, and arrayed him in a gorgeous robe, and sent him again to Pilate.
12 And the same day Pilate and Herod were made friends together: for before they were at enmity between themselves.

Passion Week—The Jews Compel Pilate to Crucify Jesus (Friday [~6:00 am], April 3, 33)

Matthew 27:15–26	Mark 15:6–15	Luke 23:13–25	John 18:39–19:16a
<p>15 Now at <i>that</i> feast the governor was wont to release unto the people a prisoner, whom they would. 16 And they had then a notable prisoner, called Barabbas.</p> <p>17 Therefore when they were gathered together, Pilate</p>	<p>6 Now at <i>that</i> feast he released unto them one prisoner, whomsoever they desired. 7 And there was <i>one</i> named Barabbas, <i>which lay</i> bound with them that had made insurrection with him, who had committed murder in the insurrection. 8 And the multitude crying aloud began to desire <i>him to do</i> as he had ever done unto them.</p> <p>9 But Pilate</p>	<p>19 (Who for a certain sedition made in the city, and for murder, was cast into prison.)</p> <p>13 And Pilate,</p>	<p>18:40b Now Barabbas was a robber.</p>

<p>said unto them,</p> <p>Whom will ye that I release unto you? Barabbas, or Jesus which is called Christ? 18 For he knew that for envy they had delivered him. 19 When he was set down on the judgment seat, his wife sent unto him, saying, Have thou nothing to do with that just man: for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him. 20 But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitude that they should ask Barabbas, and destroy Jesus. 21 The governor answered and said unto them, Whether of the twain will ye that I release unto you? They said,</p> <p>Barabbas. 22 Pilate saith unto them, What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ? <i>They</i> all say unto him, Let him be crucified. 23 And the governor said,</p> <p>Why, what evil hath he done?</p>	<p>answered them, saying,</p> <p>Will ye that I release unto you the King of the Jews? 10 For he knew that the chief priests had delivered him for envy.</p> <p>11 But the chief priests moved the people, that he should rather release Barabbas unto them.</p> <p>12 And Pilate answered and said again unto them,</p> <p>What will ye then that I shall do <i>unto him</i> whom ye call the King of the Jews? 13 And they cried out again, Crucify him. 14 Then Pilate said unto them,</p> <p>Why, what evil hath he done?</p>	<p>when he had called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, 14 Said unto them, Ye have brought this man unto me, as one that perverteth the people: and, behold, I, having examined <i>him</i> before you, have found no fault in this man touching those things whereof ye accuse him: 15 No, nor yet Herod: for I sent you to him; and, lo, nothing worthy of death is done unto him. 16 I will therefore chastise him, and release <i>him</i>. 17 (For of necessity he must release one unto them at the feast.)</p> <p>18 And they cried out all at once, saying, Away with this <i>man</i>, and release unto us Barabbas: 20 Pilate therefore, willing to release Jesus, spake again to them.</p> <p>21 But they cried, saying, Crucify <i>him</i>, crucify him. 22 And he said unto them the third time, Why, what evil hath he done?</p>	<p>39 But ye have a custom, that I should release unto you one at the passover: will ye therefore that I release unto you the King of the Jews?</p> <p>40a Then cried they all again, saying, Not this man, but Barabbas.</p>
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<p>But they cried out the more, saying, Let him be crucified.</p>	<p>And they cried out the more exceedingly, Crucify him.</p>	<p>I have found no cause of death in him: I will therefore chastise him, and let <i>him</i> go.</p> <p>23 And they were instant with loud voices, requiring that he might be crucified.</p>	<p>19:1 Then Pilate therefore took Jesus, and scourged <i>him</i>. 2 And the soldiers platted a crown of thorns, and put <i>it</i> on his head, and they put on him a purple robe, 3 And said, Hail, King of the Jews! and they smote him with their hands. 4 Pilate therefore went forth again, and saith unto them, Behold, I bring him forth to you, that ye may know that I find no fault in him. 5 Then came Jesus forth, wearing the crown of thorns, and the purple robe. And <i>Pilate</i> saith unto them, Behold the man! 6 When the chief priests therefore and officers saw him, they cried out, saying, Crucify <i>him</i>, crucify <i>him</i>. <i>Pilate</i> saith unto them, Take ye him, and crucify <i>him</i>: for I find no fault in him. 7 The Jews answered him, We have a law, and by our law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God. 8 When <i>Pilate</i> therefore heard that saying, he was the more afraid; 9 And went again into the judgment hall, and saith unto Jesus, Whence art thou? But Jesus gave him no answer. 10 Then saith <i>Pilate</i> unto him, Speakest thou not unto me? knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee? 11 Jesus answered, Thou couldest have no power <i>at all</i> against me, except it were given thee from above: therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin. 12 And from thenceforth <i>Pilate</i> sought to release him: but the Jews cried out, saying, If thou let this man go, thou</p>
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<p>24 When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but <i>that</i> rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed <i>his</i> hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye <i>to it</i>.</p> <p>25 Then answered all the people, and said, His blood <i>be</i> on us, and on our children.</p> <p>26 Then released he Barabbas unto them:</p> <p>and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered <i>him</i> to be crucified.</p>	<p>15 And so Pilate, willing to content the people,</p> <p>released Barabbas unto them,</p> <p>and delivered Jesus, when he had scourged <i>him</i>, to be crucified.</p>	<p>And the voices of them and of the chief priests prevailed.</p> <p>24 And Pilate gave sentence that it should be as they required.</p> <p>25 And he released unto them him that for sedition and murder was cast into prison, whom they had desired; but he delivered Jesus to their will.</p>	<p>art not Caesar's friend: whosoever maketh himself a king speaketh against Caesar.</p> <p>13 When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus forth, and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called the Pavement, but in the Hebrew, Gabbatha.</p> <p>14 And it was the preparation of the passover, and about the sixth hour: and he saith unto the Jews, Behold your King!</p> <p>15 But they cried out, Away with <i>him</i>, away with <i>him</i>, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priests answered, We have no king but Caesar.</p> <p>16a Then delivered he him therefore unto them to be crucified.</p>
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Chronological Notes

- 1) John's mention of the "sixth hour" (John 19:14) has led to a discussion of whether John is at odds with the Synoptic Gospels which state that Jesus was on the cross at the sixth hour (Matt 27:45; Mark 15:33; Luke 23:44).¹ The key to understanding the Gospels' time indications is to understand notations of time in the ancient world.² John used Roman reckoning, starting at midnight, whereas the Synoptic Gospels used Jewish reckoning, starting at dawn (about 6:00 am). Thus it was most likely about 6:00 am—not noon—that Jesus was handed over to be crucified. Between then and noon (the sixth hour of the Synoptic Gospels) Jesus was led away, nailed to the cross (Mark's "third hour"; i.e., 9:00 am) and crucified.

¹ Jack Finegan, *Handbook of Biblical Chronology*, Rev. Ed., (Hendrickson Publishers, 1998): 358–59.

² Andrew E. Steinmann, *From Abraham to Paul*, 293–97. See also Henry J. Cadbury, "Some Lukan Expressions of Time: (Lexical Notes on Luke-Acts VII)," *Journal of Biblical Literature* 82/3 (Sep 1963): 272–78 and Johnny V. Miller, "The Time of the Crucifixion," *JETS* 26/2 (June 1983): 157–166. Note that Steinmann disagrees with Miller's conclusion; see p. 295 of *From Abraham to Paul*).