

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

Matthew 27:1	Mark 15:1a	Luke 22:66–71
<p>1 Now when morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus to put Him to death;</p>	<p>1a Early in the morning the chief priests with the elders and scribes and the whole Council, immediately held a consultation;</p>	<p>66 When it was day, the Council of elders of the people assembled, both chief priests and scribes, and they led Him away to their council <i>chamber</i>, saying, 67 "If You are the Christ, tell us." But He said to them, "If I tell you, you will not believe; 68 and if I ask a question, you will not answer. 69 But from now on THE SON OF MAN WILL BE SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF the power OF GOD." [Ps 110:1] 70 And they all said, "Are You the Son of God, then?" And He said to them, "Yes, I am." 71 Then they said, "What further need do we have of testimony? For we have heard it ourselves from His own mouth."</p>

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

Matthew 27:3–10

<p>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 <i>to that</i> yourself!" 5 And he threw the pieces of silver into the temple sanctuary and departed; and he went away and hanged himself. 6 The chief priests took the pieces of silver and said, "It is not lawful to put them into the temple treasury, since it is the price of blood." 7 And they conferred together and with the money bought the Potter's Field as a burial place for strangers. 8 For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. 9 Then that which was spoken through Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled: "AND THEY TOOK THE THIRTY PIECES OF SILVER, THE PRICE OF THE ONE WHOSE PRICE HAD BEEN SET by the sons of Israel; 10 AND THEY GAVE THEM FOR THE POTTER'S FIELD, AS THE LORD DIRECTED 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 they bound Him, and led Him away and delivered Him to Pilate the governor.</p>	<p>1b and binding Jesus, they led Him away and delivered Him to Pilate.</p>	<p>1 Then the whole body of them got up and brought Him before Pilate.</p>	<p>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."</p>

<p>11 Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor questioned Him, saying, "Are You the King of the Jews?"</p> <p>And Jesus said to him, "<i>It is as you say.</i>"</p> <p>12 And while He was being accused by the chief priests and elders, He did not answer.</p>	<p>2 Pilate questioned Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?"</p> <p>And He answered him, "<i>It is as you say.</i>"</p> <p>3 The chief priests <i>began</i> to accuse Him harshly.</p>	<p>2 And they began to accuse Him, saying, "We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding to pay taxes to Caesar, and saying that He Himself is Christ, a King."</p> <p>3 So Pilate asked Him, saying, "Are You the King of the Jews?"</p> <p>And He answered him and said, "<i>It is as you say.</i>"</p>	<p>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,"</p> <p>32 to fulfill the word of Jesus which He spoke, signifying by what kind of death He was about to die.</p> <p>33 Therefore Pilate entered again into the Praetorium, and summoned Jesus and said to Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?"</p> <p>34 Jesus answered, "Are you saying this on your own initiative, or did others tell you about Me?"</p> <p>35 Pilate answered, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests delivered You to me; what have You done?"</p> <p>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."</p> <p>37 Therefore Pilate said to Him, "So You are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say <i>correctly</i> that I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice."</p> <p>38 Pilate said to Him, "What is truth?"</p> <p>And when he had said this, he went out again to the Jews</p>
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<p>13 Then Pilate said to Him, “Do You not hear how many things they testify against You?” 14 And He did not answer him with regard to even a <i>single</i> charge, so the governor was quite amazed.</p>	<p>4 Then Pilate questioned Him again, saying, “Do You not answer? See how many charges they bring against You!” 5 But Jesus made no further answer; so Pilate was amazed.</p>	<p>4 Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, “I find no guilt in this man.” 5 But they kept on insisting, saying, “He stirs up the people, teaching all over Judea, starting from Galilee even as far as this place.”</p>	<p>and said to them, “I find no guilt in Him.</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 it, he asked whether the man was a Galilean.
7 And when he learned that He belonged to Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent Him to Herod, who himself also was in Jerusalem at that time.
8 Now Herod was very glad when he saw Jesus; for he had wanted to see Him for a long time, because he had been hearing about Him and was hoping to see some sign performed by Him.
9 And he questioned Him at some length; but He answered him nothing.
10 And the chief priests and the scribes were standing there, accusing Him vehemently.
11 And Herod with his soldiers, after treating Him with contempt and mocking Him, dressed Him in a gorgeous robe and sent Him back to Pilate.
12 Now Herod and Pilate became friends with one another that very day; for before they had been enemies with each other.

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 18:39–19:16

<p>15 Now at <i>the</i> feast the governor was accustomed to release for the people <i>any</i> one prisoner whom they wanted. 16 At that time they were holding a notorious prisoner, called Barabbas. 17 So when the people gathered together, Pilate said to them,</p>	<p>6 Now at <i>the</i> feast he used to release for them <i>any</i> one prisoner whom they requested. 7 The man named Barabbas had been imprisoned with the insurrectionists who had committed murder in the insurrection. 8 The crowd went up and began asking him <i>to do</i> as he had been accustomed to do for them. 9 Pilate answered them, saying,</p>	<p>19 (He was one who had been thrown into prison for an insurrection made in the city, and for murder.) 13 Pilate summoned the chief priests and the rulers and the people, 14 and said to them,</p>	<p>40b Now Barabbas was a robber.</p>
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<p>with Jesus who is called Christ?"</p> <p>They all said, "Crucify Him!" 23 And he said, "Why, what evil has He done?"</p> <p>But they kept shouting all the more, saying, "Crucify Him!"</p>	<p>with Him whom you call the King of the Jews?"</p> <p>13 They shouted back, "Crucify Him!" 14 But Pilate said to them, "Why, what evil has He done?"</p> <p>But they shouted all the more, "Crucify Him!"</p>	<p>21 but they kept on calling out, saying, "Crucify, crucify Him!" 22 And he said to them the third time, "Why, what evil has this man done? I have found in Him no guilt <i>demanding</i> death; therefore I will punish Him and release Him." 23 But they were insistent, with loud voices asking that He be crucified.</p>	<p>"Behold, the Man!" 6 So when the chief priests and the officers saw Him, they cried out saying, "Crucify, crucify!"</p> <p>Pilate said to them, "Take Him yourselves and crucify Him, for I find no guilt in Him." 7 The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and by that law He ought to die because He made Himself out <i>to be</i> the Son of God." 8 Therefore when Pilate heard this statement, he was <i>even</i> more afraid; 9 and he entered into the Praetorium again and said to Jesus, "Where are You from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. 10 So Pilate said to Him, "You do not speak to me? Do You not know that I have authority to release You, and I have authority to crucify You?" 11 Jesus answered, "You would have no authority over Me, unless it had been given you from above; for this reason he who delivered Me to you has <i>the</i> greater sin." 12 As a result of this Pilate made efforts to release Him, but the Jews cried out saying, "If you release this Man, you are no friend of Caesar; everyone who makes himself out <i>to be</i> a king opposes Caesar." 13 Therefore when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out, and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Pavement, but in Hebrew, Gabbatha. 14 Now it was the day of</p>
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<p>24 When Pilate saw that he was accomplishing nothing, but rather that a riot was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this Man's blood; see <i>to that</i> yourselves." 25 And all the people said, "His blood shall be on us and on our children!"</p>			<p>preparation for the Passover; it was about the sixth hour. And he said to the Jews, "Behold, your King!" 15 So they cried out, "Away with <i>Him</i>, away with <i>Him</i>, crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar."</p>
<p>26 Then he released Barabbas for them;</p> <p>but after having Jesus scourged, he handed Him over to be crucified.</p>	<p>15 Wishing to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas for them,</p> <p>and after having Jesus scourged, he handed Him over to be crucified.</p>	<p>And their voices <i>began</i> to prevail.</p> <p>24 And Pilate pronounced sentence that their demand be granted.</p> <p>25 And he released the man they were asking for who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder,</p> <p>but he delivered Jesus to their will.</p>	<p>16 So he</p> <p>then handed Him over to 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*).