

**PALM SUNDAY & THE PASSION WEEK
(VARIOUS)**

Intro ::

[Mt. Arbel]

- “Remember, Don’t Forget”

Historical:

- **Holocaust Martyrs & HJero’s Remembrance Day**
 - Air Raid Sirens / 2mn. Silence
 - The 6M martyrs of the Holocaust
 - “to remember, and to remind others never to forget”
- **Remembrance Day for the Fallen of Israel’s Wars**
 - Remembering the debt paid by the fallen sons and daughters of Israel’s many wars
 - Air Raid Sirens / 2mn. Silence

Weekly:

- **Shabbat (Sabbath)**

Religious Festivals ::

- **Rosh Hashana ::** religious new year
 - No banging of pots and pans... (Shofar Blown)
- **Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement)**
 - Lev 16
- **Sukkot ::** (Wandering) Fall Harvest Crops
 - Pilgrimage to Jerusalem (until 70AD)
 - 7 Days
 - Camp in Tents

- **Hanukkah ::** Rededication of the Temple by Judas Maccabeus 164 BC
 - Ritual lighting of the 9 candles of the Menorah
- **Purim ::** Esther... deliverance from edict of Xerxes through Haman
 - Dress UP

[Ithamar... Miami Dolphins Costume]

“Remember, Don’t Forget”

Understood how to enjoy God!

Passover :: (Ex 12)

- 1 of 3 mandatory trips to Jerusalem
- Lamb chosen on the 10th of Nisan
- Sacrificed on the 14th of Nisan
 - Blood caught in a bowl
 - Sprinkled on the doorpost and lintel
 - Eat w/ your sandals on and loins girded (Ready to go)

Jerusalem would have been packed...

- [Super Bowl Week]

:: Closer Look at the Chronology ::

[Proportion – Holy Week – Final 24 hours]

CALENDAR SYSTEM ::

- Galilean & Pharisees Calendar :: Sunrise to Sunrise
- Judeans & Sadducees Calendar :: Sunset to Sunset
 - Jesus and the Disciples :: Being from the Galilean Region

[Perceived contradiction – synoptic gospels & John]

- Difficult to formulate a clear chronology...

Final Week :: The Passion Week :: The week of His suffering

[If you knew, would your time be intentional?]

Palm Sunday :: (Triumphal Entry)

Monday :: (Lk 19, Jn 12)

- Triumphal / Royal Entry
- Jesus Presents Himself as the Passover Lamb
- Same day the passover lamb was selected

[Hoshanna – God Save Us]

- Give us rain...
- Save Us...
 - Palm Branches
 - Sickari
- Cleansing of the Temple

Tuesday ::

- Luke 20:1-24:4 (confronted in the Temple)
 - By what authority (Lk 20)
 - Taxes (Lk 20)
- Afternoon :: Olivet Discourse (Matt 24-25)
 - Eschatological Sweep
- Prediction of His Death
- Betrayal Plan (Lk 22:3)

Wednesday ::

- Judas prepares for the betrayal

Thursday :: Preparation for the Passover

Synoptic Gospels :: Passover Meal on the Thursday night

John :: alludes to the Passover being on the 14th of Nisan (Friday)

- John 18:28

[Some suggest that the Passover was on Friday, so some would have enjoyed their passover meal on Thursday night]

Passover Meal...

- Rich symbolism
- Several stages... various cups...
 - Point to the Person and Work of Jesus Christ
- Breaking of Bread, Passing of the cup, Washing Feet
- Transition to the Garden

Friday ::

- Arrested, Trail, Sentenced to Death, Crucified, Buried!

? :: Finishes the Meal... Transitions to the Garden of Gethemene

[Olive Presses...Rented Out]

- Gethemene - "Place of the Pressing"
- Mt. of Olives

1:00am :: Agony in Prayer

- Pressed by the Reality of taking on Himself the sins of the world!
 - Matt 26:42 – "Let this cup pass from me..."

1:30am :: A Crowd w/ Torches Cross the Kidron Valley

- **Arrest and Betrayal by Judas**

Arrest :: Garden – 8 Hours Later... The Cross (6 Trials)

- All of which were illegal
- None of which provided any credible witnesses
- None of which had any evidence
- Met during the cover of night (illegal)
- Sentenced Jesus to death, w/out the customary time to pray, reflect, and hear from further witnesses
- Never gave the opportunity to provide legal counsel

[These were not trials... Puppet Courts... Guise of Legality & Justice]

3 Jewish – Religious

[Interwoven in the First Three... Denial of Peter]

- Under the pressure of it all...
 - The Rock... Peter... Reacts in the flesh
 - Crumbles!

3 Roman – Civil (Roman)

2:00am :: Religious Trial #1 – Annas

- Annas – Former High Priest
 - Out of office for nearly 15 years
 - Elder Statesman
 - Still has some leadership Juice
 - Father in Law of the Current High Priest (Caiaphas)
- No mention of anyone being awakened
 - Set-up, Plan in Motion, They were all waiting for Him
- Jesus is Questioned **Jn 18**
 - Beginning of a night of violence
 - Trial ends with a Great Question
 - **John 18:23**²³ Jesus answered him, “If what I said is wrong, bear witness about the wrong;

but if what I said is right, why do you strike me?”

[Sinless Savior]

- **Heb 4:15** “...tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin.”

Jn 18:24 *Annas then sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.*

3:00am :: Religious Trial #2 - Caiaphas

- Caiaphas – Political/Religious Figure
 - Under control of Rome
 - Ruling Member of the Sanhedrin (Council of Elders)
 - Man of Intense Anger & Hatred of Jesus
 - He was incredibly threatened by Jesus
 - Cush Life of indulgence w/ Rome & prestige among His countryman
- **Accuse Him of Blasphemy**
 - Blaspheme – to speak disrespectfully of, slander

[Tears His Clothes, Spits on Jesus, Begin to Beat Him...]

- The Home of Caiaphas has a Pit/Cistern (*Expand*)
 - Held and Beaten for Nearly Three Hours

[Like Sharks w/ Blood in the Water!]

6:00am :: Religious Trial #3 Sanhedrin (Council of Elders)

- Ruling party of the Day
- 70 Men who sat in ultimate authority over the Jews

Lk 22

- Clear Claim to Deity
- All the Sanhedrin Needed
 - The Charge of **Blasphemy** was confirmed!

This concludes the 3 Jewish/Religious Trials

Problem :: Blasphemy was punishable by death to the Jewish World

- Rome However :: Polytheistic / Pagan
- Charges Changed from Blasphemy to Insurrection
 - Charged Jesus w/ an attempted Coup against Caesar
 - Punishable by Death in the Roman World

Now Begins the 3 Roman Trials

6:30am :: Trial #4 – Pilate

- Pilate – Roman Governor (not a Caesar)
 - Lived on the Coast of the Mediterranean
 - (Lavish Palace)
 - Opulent, Excessive
 - Military Man – Hardened after much battle
 - Jerusalem – Security Force (Military Escort)

[Odd Contrast between the Biblical & Historical Pictures]

- Scripture – Timid, Vacillating
- History – Tyrant, Anti-Semitic, Abusive
 - Philo – Jewish Philosopher in the First Century
 - Letter from Herod Agrippa to Tiberius Caesar, *“Pilate is unbending and recklessly hard. He is a man of notorious reputation, severe brutality, prejudice, savage violence, and murder.”*
 - Seems confirmed Historically – Pilate ended up banished to Gaul (NW Italy, beyond the Alps)
 - Committed Suicide

[Wonder... How this affected Him?]

Mk 15

- Pilate – saw through their accusations
 - Jesus was no threat to Him or to Rome
- He tried to dismiss the whole issue

Pilate takes Jesus aside for Private Questioning

John 18:37-38 Therefore Pilate said to Him, “So You are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say correctly 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.” Pilate said to Him, “What is truth?” And when he had said this, he went out again to the Jews and *said to them, “I find no guilt in Him.

Pilate is Torn...

- To Release Him
 - Would cause a Riot – Jewish Religious Leaders
- To Kill Him would cause attention in Rome
 - Give the Jews what they want (anti-Semitism)

Consummate Politician :: Looks for an out..... & FINDS ONE

He hears that Jesus was from the Galilee...

- **So He Sends Him to Herod Antipas**

7:00am :: Trial #5 Herod

- Same guy who killed JTB for confronting Him for his Immorality

Luke 23:8-12 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. And

he questioned Him at some length; but He answered him nothing. And the chief priests and the scribes were standing there, accusing Him vehemently. 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. Now Herod and Pilate became friends with one another that very day; for before they had been enemies with each other.

- No judgment.. simply sent Him back to Pilate

7:30am :: Trial #6 - Pilate

- He tries one more thing

Matt 27:15-26 "Release of a Prisoner"

- Barabbas or Jesus

[Crowd vs. Jewish Leaders]

- Assumed the crowd would want Jesus
- Why did He think that?

Triumphal Entry :: 4 Days Prior

- Hosannah!

Wrong Assumption!

Matt. 27& Lk 19 When Pilate saw that he was accomplishing nothing, but rather that a riot was starting...

John 19:13-16 he brought Jesus out, and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Pavement, but in Hebrew, Gabbatha. Now it was the day of preparation for the Passover; it was about the sixth hour. And he said to the Jews, "Behold, your King!" So they cried out, "Away with Him, away with Him, crucify Him!" Pilate *said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar."

...he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this Man's blood; see to that yourselves." And all the people said, "His blood shall be on us and on our children!"

... So he then handed Him over to them to be crucified.

8 – Sometime before Noon :: Crucifixion Process

- Roman Art form
- Flagellum / Scourge – 14-18 in. Wood (Like a Bat)
 - The Stump
 - Long leather things – pieces of bone, glass, metal interwoven into the leather
- Lictor – specialist in scourging
 - Oversee the scourging, make sure the accused did not die in the process
 - (Hypovolemic Shock :: extreme loss of blood & fluids. Causes the heart to not be able to pump enough blood to vital organs)
 - Unconscious – awakened by a bucket of salt water thrown on the body
 - "Half Death"
- **Matt 27** :: Mocked Him
 - Robe on Him - Towel – naked, exposed, crown of thorns on his head
 - (Stick) – Scepter

[Kings Game – Antonio's Fortress]

To The Cross ::

“Via De La Rossa” – Way of Sorrow

- Cross Beam (most likely not the entire cross)
- He carried it... heading for Golgatha (The Hill of the Skull)

Crucified before Noon ::

- Nailed to the cross
 - Hands and feet

Noon :: (Sixth Hour)

- Jesus is on the cross
- Darkness covers the earth
- SEVEN Sayings from the Cross
 - Father forgive them – Lk 23
 - Today you will be with me in paradise – Lk 23
 - Behold Your Son, Son Behold your Mother – Jn 19
 - My God, My God, Why have you forsaken me – Mk 15
 - I thirst – Jn 19
 - It is Finished – Jn 19
 - Father, Into your hands I commit my spirit – Lk 23

3:00 :: (Ninth Hour)

- **Matthew 27:46–50 (ESV)** ⁴⁶ And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, ... “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” ⁴⁷ ... ⁵⁰ And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.
- **Veil/Curtain of the Temple is Torn**
 - Access to God was granted through Christ
 - God departed from the temple... accessible everywhere
 - Torn – TOP / DOWN

Here’s where the festivals come in to play...

Jesus rode into Jerusalem on the 10th of Nisan (Monday)

- The same day the Passover Lamb was selected

The Passover meal was prepared by the disciples Thursday and eaten that evening

The Jewish Calendar :: marked Passover as beginning on Sunrise that Friday (Nisan 14)

- Therefore the Religious Leaders would not allow themselves to be defiled on Friday before they ate the Passover meal

Their calendar would represent the sacrifice of the Passover lamb as being the afternoon of Friday Nisan 14

- The crucifixion of Jesus would have been at approx. 3:00 on Nisan 14
 - Ex 12 (twilight) between 3-6
 - The same time

[Shofar Blown]

By 6:00 :: Joseph & Nicodemus Bury Jesus

- **To be home for Shabbat – Sabbath**
- **Lk 23 – they rested on the sabbath**

Why? – Finish the Story Next Week!