Jesus again foretells to the disciples His death and resurrection, and rebukes the selfish ambition of James and John.

Matthew 20:17-28

- took the twelve disciples apart in the way, and said unto them,
- 18 Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be betrayed unto the chief priests and unto the him to death,
- 19 And shall deliver him to the Gentiles to mock, and to scourge, and to crucify him: and the third day he shall rise again.
- Zebedee's children with her sons, worshipping him, and desiring a certain thing of him.
- thou? She saith unto him, Grant that these my two sons may sit, the one on thy right hand, and the other on the left, in thy kingdom.
- 22 But Jesus answered and said, Ye to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the They say unto him, We are able.
- 23 And he saith unto them, Ye shall drink indeed of my cup, and be baptized with: but to sit on my right hand, and on my left, is not mine to give, but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared of my
- 24 And when the ten heard it, they were moved with indignation against the two brethren.
- 25 But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Ye know that the princes over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them.
- 26 But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister;
- 27 And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant:
- to be ministered unto, but to ransom for many.

Mark 10:32-45

- 17 And Jesus going up to Jerusalem 32 And they were in the way going up to 31 Jerusalem; and Jesus went before them: and they were amazed; and as they followed, they were afraid. And he took again the twelve, and began to tell them what things should happen unto him,
 - scribes, and they shall condemn 33 Saying, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be delivered unto the chief priests, and unto the scribes; and they shall condemn him to death, and shall deliver him to the Gentiles:
- 20 Then came to him the mother of 34 And they shall mock him, and shall scourge him, and shall spit upon him, and shall kill him: and the third day he shall rise again.
- 21 And he said unto her, What wilt 35 And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, come unto him, saying, Master, we would that thou shouldest do for us whatsoever we shall desire.
 - 36 And he said unto them, What would ye that I should do for you?
 - know not what ye ask. Are ye able 37 They said unto him, Grant unto us that 34 And they understood we may sit, one on thy right hand, and the other on thy left hand, in thy glory.
 - baptism that I am baptized with? 38 But Jesus said unto them, Ye know not what ye ask: can ye drink of the cup that I drink of? and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?
 - baptized with the baptism that I am 39 And they said unto him, We can. And Jesus said unto them, Ye shall indeed drink of the cup that I drink of; and with the baptism that I am baptized withal shall ye be baptized:
 - 40 But to sit on my right hand and on my left hand is not mine to give; but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared.
 - 41 And when the ten heard it, they began to be much displeased with James and John.
 - of the Gentiles exercise dominion 42 But Jesus called them to him, and saith unto them, Ye know that they which are accounted to rule over the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and their great ones exercise authority upon them.
 - 43 But so shall it not be among you: but whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister:
- 28 Even as the Son of man came not 44 And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all.
 - minister, and to give his life a 45 For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

Luke 18:31-34

- Then he took unto him the twelve, and said unto them, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of man shall be accomplished.
- 32 For he shall be delivered unto the Gentiles, and shall be mocked, and spitefully entreated, and spitted on:
- 33 And they shall scourge him, and put him to death: and the third day he shall rise again.
- none of these things: and this saying was hid from them, neither knew they the things which were spoken.

Jesus crosses the Jordan and heals the first blind man as He enters ancient Jericho.

Luke 18:35-43 ³⁵ And it came to pass, that as he was come nigh unto Jericho, a certain blind man sat by the way side begging: ³⁶ And hearing the multitude pass by, he asked what it meant. ³⁷ And they told him, that Jesus of Nazareth passeth by. ³⁸ And he cried, saying, Jesus, *thou* Son of David, have mercy on me. ³⁹ And they which went before rebuked him, that he should hold his peace: but he cried so much the more, *Thou* Son of David, have mercy on me. ⁴⁰ And Jesus stood, and commanded him to be brought unto him: and when he was come near, he asked him, ⁴¹ Saying, What wilt thou that I shall do unto thee? And he said, Lord, that I may receive my sight. ⁴² And Jesus said unto him, Receive thy sight: thy faith hath saved thee. ⁴³ And immediately he received his sight, and followed him, glorifying God: and all the people, when they saw *it*, gave praise unto God.

• Jesus leaves ancient Jericho and as He enters modern Jericho, He heals blind Bartimaeus and his companion.

Mark 10:46-52 ⁴⁶ And they came to Jericho: and as he went out of Jericho with his disciples and a great number of people, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the highway side begging. ⁴⁷ And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out, and say, Jesus, *thou* Son of David, have mercy on me. ⁴⁸ And many charged him that he should hold his peace: but he cried the more a great deal, *Thou* Son of David, have mercy on me. ⁴⁹ And Jesus stood still, and commanded him to be called. And they call the blind man, saying unto him, Be of good comfort, rise; he calleth thee. ⁵⁰ And he, casting away his garment, rose, and came to Jesus. ⁵¹ And Jesus answered and said unto him, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? The blind man said unto him, Lord, that I might receive my sight. ⁵² And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way.

• Jesus visits Zacchaeus, speaks the parable of the pounds, and sets out for Jerusalem.

Luke 19:1-28 ¹ And Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. ² And, behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus, which was the chief among the publicans, and he was rich. ³ And he sought to see Jesus who he was; and could not for the press, because he was little of stature. ⁴ And he ran before, and climbed up into a sycomore tree to see him: for he was to pass that way. 5 And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up, and saw him, and said unto him, Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for to day I must abide at thy house. 6 And he made haste, and came down, and received him joyfully. 7 And when they saw it, they all murmured, saying, That he was gone to be guest with a man that is a sinner. 8 And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord; Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold. 9 And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house, forsomuch as he also is a son of Abraham. 10 For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost. 11 And as they heard these things, he added and spake a parable, because he was nigh to Jerusalem, and because they thought that the kingdom of God should immediately appear. 12 He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return. 13 And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come. 14 But his citizens hated him, and sent a message after him, saying, We will not have this man to reign over us. 15 And it came to pass, that when he was returned, having received the kingdom, then he commanded these servants to be called unto him, to whom he had given the money, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading. ¹⁶ Then came the first, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained ten pounds. ¹⁷ And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities. 18 And the second came, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained five pounds. 19 And he said likewise to him, Be thou also over five cities. 20 And another came, saving, Lord, behold, here is thy pound, which I have kept laid up in a napkin: 21 For I feared thee, because thou art an austere man: thou takest up that thou layedst not down, and reapest that thou didst not sow. 22 And he saith unto him, Out of thine own mouth will I judge thee, thou wicked servant. Thou knewest that I was an austere man, taking up that I laid not down, and reaping that I did not sow: ²³ Wherefore then gavest not thou my money into the bank, that at my coming I might have required mine own with usury? ²⁴ And he said unto them that stood by, Take from him the pound, and give *it* to him that hath ten pounds. ²⁵ (And they said unto him, Lord, he hath ten pounds.) ²⁶ For I say unto you, That unto every one which hath shall be given; and from him that hath not, even that he hath shall be taken away from him. ²⁷ But those mine enemies, which would not that I should reign over them, bring hither, and slay them before me. ²⁸ And when he had thus spoken, he went before, ascending up to Jerusalem.

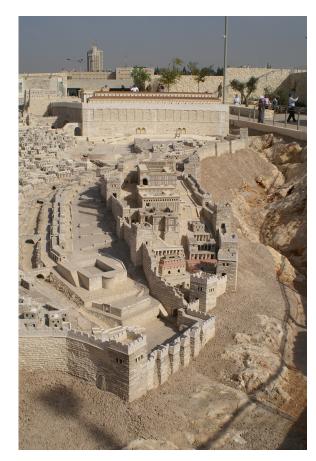
Jesus leaves modern Jericho and heals two blind men by touching their eyes.

Matthew 20:29-34 ²⁹ And as they departed from Jericho, a great multitude followed him. ³⁰ And, behold, two blind men sitting by the way side, when they heard that Jesus passed by, cried out, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, *thou* Son of David. ³¹ And the multitude rebuked them, because they should hold their peace: but they cried the more, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, *thou* Son of David. ³² And Jesus stood still, and called them, and said, What will ye that I shall do unto you? ³³ They say unto him, Lord, that our eyes may be opened. ³⁴ So Jesus had compassion *on them,* and touched their eyes: and immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed him.

• Jesus arrives at Bethany on <u>Friday</u>, near Jerusalem. Spends that night and the next day (the Sabbath) at the home of Lazarus. The meal is taken on The Sabbath (<u>Saturday</u>).

John 11:55-12:11 ⁵⁵ And the Jews' passover was nigh at hand: and many went out of the country up to Jerusalem before the passover, to purify themselves. ⁵⁶ Then sought they for Jesus, and spake among themselves, as they stood in the temple, What think ye, that he will not come to the feast? ⁵⁷ Now both the chief priests and the Pharisees had given a commandment, that, if any man knew where he were, he should shew *it*, that they might take him. ^{12:1} Then Jesus six days before the passover came to Bethany, where Lazarus was which had been dead, whom he raised from the dead. ² There they made him a supper; and Martha served: but Lazarus was one of them that sat at the table with him. ³ Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odour of the ointment. ⁴ Then saith one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's *son*, which should betray him, ⁵ Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor? ⁶ This he said, not that he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and had the bag, and bare what was put therein. ⁷ Then said Jesus, Let her alone: against the day of my burying hath she kept this. ⁸ For the poor always ye have with you; but me ye have not always. ⁹ Much people of the Jews therefore knew that he was there: and they came not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might see Lazarus also, whom he had raised from the dead. ¹⁰ But the chief priests consulted that they might put Lazarus also to death; ¹¹ Because that by reason of him many of the Jews went away, and believed on Jesus.





 Jesus arrives at Jerusalem. His triumphant entry into Jerusalem as the Messiah on Sunday while the Passover Lamb was beginning to be examined in the Temple.

Matthew 21:1-11

- 1 And when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples.
- 2 Saying unto them, Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them, and bring them unto me.
- 3 And if any man say ought 3 unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them.
- All this was done, that it 4 might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying,
- Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King 5 cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass.
- And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them,
- 7 And brought the ass, and 7 the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set him thereon.
- And a very great 8 multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed them in the 9 way.
- And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.
- 10 And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, Who is this?
- 11 And the multitude said, This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee.

Mark 11:1-11

- to Jerusalem, unto Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount of Olives, he sendeth forth two of his disciples,
- And saith unto them, Go your way into the village over against you: and as soon as ve be entered tied, whereon never man sat; loose him, and bring him.
 - you, Why do ye this? say ye that the Lord hath need will send him hither.
- And they went their way, the door without in a place they loose him.
- And certain of them that them, What do ye, loosing the colt?
- And they said unto them even as Jesus had commanded: and they let them go.
- And they brought the colt to Jesus, and cast their 38 garments on him; and he sat upon him.
- And many spread their others cut down branches off the trees, and strawed them in the way.
- And they that went before, and they that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna; in the name of the Lord:
- our father David, that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.
- And Jesus entered into Jerusalem, and into the temple: and when he had all things, and now the eventide was come, he went out unto Bethany with the twelve.

Luke 19:29-44

- And when they came nigh 29 And it came to pass, when he was 12 On the next day come nigh to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount called the mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples.
 - 30 Saying, Go ye into the village over against you; in the which at your entering ye shall find a colt tied, whereon yet never man sat: loose him, and bring him hither.
- into it, ye shall find a colt 31 And if any man ask you, Why do ye loose him? thus shall ye say unto him, Because the Lord hath need of
- And if any man say unto 32 And they that were sent went their way, and found even as he had said unto them.
- of him; and straightway he 33 And as they were loosing the colt, the owners thereof said unto them, Why loose ye the colt?
- and found the colt tied by 34 And they said, The Lord hath need of
- where two ways met; and 35 And they brought him to Jesus: and they cast their garments upon the colt, and they set Jesus thereon.
- stood there said unto 36 And as he went, they spread their clothes in the way.
 - 37 And when he was come nigh, even now at the descent of the mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen;
 - Saying, Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest.
- garments in the way: and 39 And some of the Pharisees from among the multitude said unto him, Master, rebuke thy disciples.
 - 40 And he answered and said unto them, I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out.
- Blessed is he that cometh 41 And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it,
- 10 Blessed be the kingdom of 42 Saying, If thou hadst known, even 18 thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes.
 - 43 For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side,
 - looked round about upon 44 And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation.

John 12:12-19

- much people that were come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem,
- Took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord.
- And Jesus, when he had found a young ass, sat thereon; as it is written,
- 15 Fear not, daughter of Sion: behold, thy King cometh, sitting on an ass's colt.
- 16These things understood not his disciples at the first: but when Jesus was glorified, then remembered they that these things were written of him, and that they had done these things unto him.
- 17The people therefore that was with him when he called Lazarus out of his grave, and raised him from the dead, bare record.
- For this cause the people also met him, for that they heard that he had done this miracle.
- The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, Perceive ye how ye prevail nothing? behold, the world is gone after him.

After Jesus arrives at the Temple Mount in Jerusalem on <u>Sunday</u> He begins to cleanse the Temple the second time.

Matthew 21:12-17 ¹² And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves, ¹³ And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves. ¹⁴ And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple; and he healed them. ¹⁵ And when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying in the temple, and saying, Hosanna to the Son of David; they were sore displeased, ¹⁶ And said unto him, Hearest thou what these say? And Jesus saith unto them, Yea; have ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise? ¹⁷ And he left them, and went out of the city into Bethany; and he lodged there.

• Jesus curses the barren fig tree on the way to the Temple Mount Monday morning.

Matthew 21:18-19a	Mark 11:12-14
into the city, he hungered. 19 And when he saw a fig tree in the way, he came to it, and found nothing thereon, but leaves only, and said	

• Jesus continues the second cleansing of the Temple on Monday morning.

Mark 11:15-19	Luke 19:45-48
 15 And they come to Jerusalem: and Jesus went into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves; 16 And would not suffer that any man should carry <i>any</i> vessel through the temple. 17 And he taught, saying unto them, Is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? but ye have made it a den of thieves. 18 And the scribes and chief priests heard <i>it</i>, and sought how they might destroy him: for they feared him, because all the people was astonished at his doctrine. 19 And when even was come, he went out of the city. 	cast out them that sold therein, and them that bought; 46 Saying unto them, It is written, My house is the house of prayer: but ye have made it a den of thieves. 47 And he taught daily in the temple. But the chief priests and the scribes and the chief of the people sought to destroy him, 48 And could not find what they might do: for

 While at the Temple on Monday, the desire of some Greeks to see Jesus puzzles the disciples and leads Jesus to interpret life and death as sacrifice. He also tells how by being "lifted up" He will draw all men to Him.

John 12:20-50 20 And there were certain Greeks among them that came up to worship at the feast: 21 The same came therefore to Philip, which was of Bethsaida of Galilee, and desired him, saving, Sir, we would see Jesus. ²² Philip cometh and telleth Andrew: and again Andrew and Philip tell Jesus. ²³ And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified. 24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. 25 He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal. 26 If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour. 27 Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour; but for this cause came I unto this hour, 28 Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again. ²⁹ The people therefore, that stood by, and heard it, said that it thundered: others said, An angel spake to him. 30 Jesus answered and said, This voice came not because of me, but for your sakes. 31 Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out. 32 And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me. 33 This he said, signifying what death he should die. 34 The people answered him, We have heard out of the law that Christ abideth for ever: and how sayest thou. The Son of man must be lifted up? who is this Son of man? 35 Then Jesus said unto them. Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth. ³⁶ While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light. These things spake Jesus, and departed, and did hide himself from them. ³⁷ But though he had done so many miracles before them, yet they believed not on him: 38 That the saying of Esaias the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spake, Lord, who hath believed our report? and to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed? 39 Therefore they could not believe, because that Esaias said again, 40 He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them. 41 These things said Esaias, when he saw his glory, and spake of him. 42 Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue: ⁴³ For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God. ⁴⁴ Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me. 45 And he that seeth me seeth him that sent me. 46 I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness. 47 And if any man hear my words, and believe not. I judge him not; for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. 48 He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day. 49 For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. ⁵⁰ And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak.

• The barren fig tree found on <u>Tuesday</u> to have withered after Jesus cursed it on Monday.

Matthew 21:19b-22 Mark 11:20-26 19 ... And presently the fig tree withered 20 And in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots. 20 And when the disciples saw it, they 21 And Peter calling to remembrance saith unto him, Master, behold, the marvelled, saying, How soon is the fig fig tree which thou cursedst is withered away. 22 And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. tree withered away! 21 Jesus answered and said unto them, 23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Verily I say unto you, If ye have faith, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in and doubt not, ye shall not only do his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. this which is done to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this 24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, mountain, Be thou removed, and be believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. thou cast into the sea; it shall be 25 And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. 22And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask 26 But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven in prayer, believing, ye shall receive. forgive your trespasses.

On <u>Tuesday</u>, the Sanhedrin formally challenge the authority of Jesus as a teacher (Rabbi).

Matthew 21:23-46 23 And when he was come into the temple, the chief 27 And they come again to Jerusalem: and 1 priests and the elders of the people came unto him as he was teaching, and said, By what authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee this authority?

- 24 And Jesus answered and said unto them, I also will ask 28 you one thing, which if ye tell me, I in like wise will tell you by what authority I do these things.
- 25 The baptism of John, whence was it? from heaven, or of men? And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If 29 we shall say, From heaven; he will say unto us, Why did ye not then believe him?
- 26 But if we shall say, Of men; we fear the people; for all hold John as a prophet.
- And they answered Jesus, and said, We cannot tell. And he said unto them, Neither tell I you by what 31 authority I do these things.
- 28 But what think ye? A certain man had two sons; and he came to the first, and said, Son, go work to day in my
- 29 He answered and said, I will not: but afterward he repented, and went.
- 30 And he came to the second, and said likewise. And he 33 answered and said, I go, sir: and went not.
- 31 Whether of them twain did the will of his father? They say unto him, The first. Jesus saith unto them, Verily say unto you, That the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you.
- 32 For John came unto you in the way of righteousness, and ye believed him not: but the publicans and the harlots believed him: and ye, when ye had seen it,
- repented not afterward, that ye might believe him.

 33 Hear another parable: There was a certain householder, which planted a vineyard, and hedged it round about, and digged a winepress in it, and built a 2 And at the season he sent to the tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into a far country:
- 34 And when the time of the fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the husbandmen, that they might receive 3 And they caught him, and beat him, and the fruits of it.
- 35 And the husbandmen took his servants, and beat one, 4 And again he sent unto them another and killed another, and stoned another.
- 36 Again, he sent other servants more than the first: and they did unto them likewise.
- 37 But last of all he sent unto them his son, saying, They 5 And again he sent another; and him they will reverence my son.
- 38 But when the husbandmen saw the son, they said among themselves, This is the heir; come, let us kill 6 him, and let us seize on his inheritance.
- 39 And they caught him, and cast him out of the vineyard, and slew him.
- 40 When the lord therefore of the vineyard cometh, what 7 will he do unto those husbandmen?
- 41 They say unto him, He will miserably destroy those wicked men, and will let out his vineyard unto other husbandmen, which shall render him the fruits in their 8 And they took him, and killed him, and 16 seasons.
- 42 Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the 9 scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?
- 43 Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be 10 taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.
- 44 And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: 11 but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to
- 45 And when the chief priests and Pharisees had heard his parables, they perceived that he spake of them.
- 46 But when they sought to lay hands on him, they feared the multitude, because they took him for a prophet.

Mark 11:27-12:12

- as he was walking in the temple, there come to him the chief priests, and the scribes, and the elders,
- And say unto him, By what authority doest thou these things? and who 2 And spake unto him, saying, Tell us, by gave thee this authority to do these things?
- And Jesus answered and said unto them, I will also ask of you one 3 And he answered and said unto them, I question, and answer me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things.
- The baptism of John, was it from 4 heaven, or of men? answer me.
- And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven; he will say, Why then did ye not believe him?
- 32 But if we shall say, Of men; they feared 6 the people: for all men counted John, that he was a prophet indeed.
- And they answered and said unto 7 Jesus, We cannot tell. And Jesus answering saith unto them, Neither do 8 And Jesus said unto them, Neither tell I I tell you by what authority I do these
- parables. A certain man planted a vineyard, and set an hedge about it. and digged a place for the winefat, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into a far 10 And at the season he sent a servant to
- husbandmen a servant, that he might receive from the husbandmen of the fruit of the vineyard.
- sent him away empty.
- servant; and at him they cast stones, and wounded him in the head, and sent him away shamefully handled
- killed, and many others; beating some and killing some.
- Having yet therefore one son, his 14 But when the husbandmen saw him, wellbeloved, he sent him also last unto them, saying, They will reverence my
- But those husbandmen said among themselves, This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and the inheritance shall be ours.
- cast him out of the vineyard.
- What shall therefore the lord of the vineyard do? he will come and destroy vineyard unto others.
- And have ye not read this scripture; The stone which the builders rejected is become the head of the corner:
- This was the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?
- feared the people: for they knew that he had spoken the parable against them: and they left him, and went their

Luke 20:1-19

- And it came to pass, that on one of those days, as he taught the people in the temple, and preached the gospel, the chief priests and the scribes came upon him with the elders,
- what authority doest thou these things? or who is he that gave thee this authority?
- will also ask you one thing; and answer me:
- The baptism of John, was it from heaven, or of men?
- And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven; he will say, Why then believed ye him
- But and if we say, Of men; all the people will stone us: for they be persuaded that John was a prophet.
- And they answered, that they could not tell whence it was.
- you by what authority I do these
- 12:1 And he began to speak unto them by 9 Then began he to speak to the people this parable; A certain man planted a vineyard, and let it forth to husbandmen, and went into a far country for a long time.
 - the husbandmen, that they should give him of the fruit of the vineyard: but the husbandmen beat him, and sent him away empty.
 - 11 And again he sent another servant: and they beat him also, and entreated him shamefully, and sent him away empty.
 - 12 And again he sent a third: and they wounded him also, and cast him out.
 - Then said the lord of the vineyard What shall I do? I will send my beloved son: it may be they will reverence him when they see him.
 - they reasoned among themselves, saying, This is the heir: come, let us kill him, that the inheritance may be
 - 15 So they cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. What therefore shall the lord of the vineyard do unto them?
 - He shall come and destroy these husbandmen, and shall give the vineyard to others. And when they heard it, they said, God forbid.
 - the husbandmen, and will give the 17 And he beheld them, and said, What is this then that is written, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner?
 - 18 Whosoever shall fall upon that stone shall be broken; but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder.
- 12 And they sought to lay hold on him, but 19 And the chief priests and the scribes the same hour sought to lay hands on him; and they feared the people: for they perceived that he had spoken this parable against them.

 On <u>Tuesday</u> Jesus tells the parable of the wedding - indicating that the unworthy (non-Jews) would be welcomed into His kingdom.

Matthew 22:1-14 ¹ And Jesus answered and spake unto them again by parables, and said, ² The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son, 3 And sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come. 4 Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them which are bidden, Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come unto the marriage. ⁵ But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise: ⁶ And the remnant took his servants, and entreated them spitefully, and slew them. 7 But when the king heard thereof, he was wroth: and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. 8 Then saith he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy. 9 Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage. 10 So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests. ¹¹ And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment: 12 And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. 13 Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ¹⁴ For many are called, but few *are* chosen.

• Tuesday, the Pharisees and Herodians try to ensnare Jesus about paying tribute to Caesar.

	Matthew 22:15-22			
n	went	the	Pharisees.	and

counsel how they might entangle him in his talk.

- 16 And they sent out unto him their disciples with the Herodians, saving, Master, we know that thou art true, and teachest the way of God in truth, neither carest thou for any man: for thou regardest not the person of
- 17 Tell us therefore. What thinkest thou? Is it lawful to give tribute unto Caesar,
- 18 But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, Why tempt ye me, ye hypocrites?
- 19 Shew me the tribute money. And they brought unto him a penny.
- 20 And he saith unto them, Whose is this image and superscription?
- 21 They say unto him, Caesar's. Then saith he unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's.
- 22 When they had heard these words, they marvelled, and left him, and went their way.

Mark 12:13-17

certain of the Pharisees and of the Herodians, to catch him in his words.

- 14 And when they were come, they say unto him, Master, we know that thou art true, and regardest not the person of men, but teachest the way of God in truth: Is it lawful to give tribute to Caesar, or not?
- give? But he, knowing their Why tempt ye me? bring me a penny, that I may see it.
- 16 And they brought it. And he 24 Shew me a penny. Whose image saith unto them, Whose is this image and superscription? Caesar's.
- 17 And Jesus answering said unto them, Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's. And they marvelled at

Luke 20:20-26

- ees, and took 13 And they send unto him 20 And they watched him, and sent forth spies, which should feign themselves just men, that they might take hold of his words, that so they might deliver him unto the power and authority of the governor.
 - carest for no man: for thou 21 And they asked him, saying, Master, we know that thou sayest and teachest rightly, neither acceptest thou the person of any. but teachest the way of God truly:
 - 15 Shall we give, or shall we not 22 Is it lawful for us to give tribute unto Caesar, or no?
 - hypocrisy, said unto them, 23 But he perceived their craftiness, and said unto them, Why tempt
 - and superscription hath it? They answered and said, Caesar's.
 - And they said unto him, 25 And he said unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which be Caesar's, and unto God the things which be God's.
 - 26 And they could not take hold of his words before the people: and they marvelled at his answer, and held their peace.

• Tuesday, the Sadducees ask Jesus a puzzling question about the resurrection.

Matthew 22:23-33	Mark 12:18-27	Luke 20:27-40
23 The same day came to him the Sadducees, which say that there is no resurrection, and	18 Then come unto him the Sadducees, which say there is no resurrection; and they asked him,	27 Then came to <i>him</i> certain of the Sadducees, which deny that there is any resurrection; and they asked him,
asked him,	saying,	28 Saying, Master, Moses wrote unto us,
	19 Master, Moses wrote unto us, If a	If any man's brother die, having a
a man die, having no children, his brother shall marry his wife,	man's brother die, and leave his wife behind him, and leave no	wife, and he die without children, that his brother should take his wife, and
and raise up seed unto his	children, that his brother should	raise up seed unto his brother.
brother.	take his wife, and raise up seed	29 There were therefore seven brethren:
25 Now there were with us seven	unto his brother.	and the first took a wife, and died
he had married a wife,	20 Now there were seven brethren: and the first took a wife, and	without children. 30 And the second took her to wife, and
deceased, and, having no	dying left no seed.	he died childless.
issue, left his wife unto his	21 And the second took her, and	
brother:	died, neither left he any seed:	manner the seven also: and they left
26 Likewise the second also, and the third, unto the seventh.	and the third likewise. 22 And the seven had her, and left	no children, and died.
27 And last of all the woman died	no seed: last of all the woman	
also.	died also.	wife of them is she? for seven had
whose wife shall she be of the	23 In the resurrection therefore,	her to wife. 34 And Jesus answering said unto them,
seven? for they all had her.	shall she be of them? for the	The children of this world marry, and
29 Jesus answered and said unto	seven had her to wife.	are given in marriage:
them, Ye do err, not knowing		35 But they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world, and the
the scriptures, nor the power of God.	them, Do ye not therefore err, because ye know not the	resurrection from the dead, neither
30 For in the resurrection they	scriptures, neither the power of	marry, nor are given in marriage:
neither marry, nor are given in	God?	36 Neither can they die any more: for
angels of God in heaven.	25 For when they shall rise from the dead, they neither marry, nor are	they are equal unto the angels; and are the children of God, being the
31 But as touching the	given in marriage; but are as the	children of the resurrection.
resurrection of the dead, have	angels which are in heaven.	37 Now that the dead are raised, even
spoken unto you by God,	26 And as touching the dead, that they rise: have ye not read in the	Moses shewed at the bush, when he calleth the Lord the God of Abraham,
saying,	book of Moses, how in the bush	and the God of Isaac, and the God of
32 I am the God of Abraham, and	God spake unto him, saying, I am	Jacob.
the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? God is not the God	the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of	38 For he is not a God of the dead, but of the living: for all live unto him.
of the dead, but of the living.	Jacob?	39 Then certain of the scribes answering
33 And when the multitude heard	27 He is not the God of the dead, but	said, Master, thou hast well said.
this, they were astonished at	the God of the living: ye therefore	40 And after that they durst not ask him

any question at all.

do greatly err.

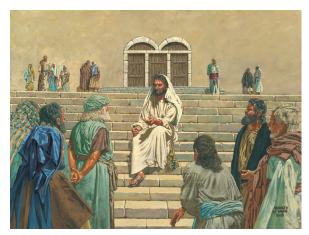
his doctrine.

• <u>Tuesday</u>, the Pharisees rejoice over the rout of the Sadducees and a Pharisaic lawyer asks Jesus a legal question.

Matthew 22:34-40	Mark 12:28-34
34 But when the Pharisees had heard that he had put the Sadducees to silence, they were gathered together.	28 And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, Which is the first commandment of all?
lawyer, asked him a question,	
tempting him, and saying, 36 Master, which is the great	
the Lord thy God with all thy heart,	commandment. 31 And the second <i>is</i> like, <i>namely</i> this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these. 32 And the scribe said unto him, Well, Master, thou hast said the truth: for
mind.	there is one God; and there is none other but he:
commandment.	33 And to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love <i>his</i> neighbour as
39 And the second <i>is</i> like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.	34 And when Jesus saw that he answered discreetly, he said unto him,
40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.	Thou art not far from the kingdom of God. And no man after that durst ask him any question.

• Jesus, to the joy of the multitude, silences His enemies by the pertinent question of the Messiah's descent from David and Lordship over David. This was also on <u>Tuesday</u>.

Matthew 22:41-46	Mark 12:35-37	Luke 20:41-44
 41 While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, 42 Saying, What think ye of Christ? whose son is he? They say unto him, <i>The Son</i> of David. 43 He saith unto them, How then doth David in spirit call him Lord, saying, 44 The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool? 45 If David then call him Lord, how is he his son? 46 And no man was able to answer him a word, neither durst any <i>man</i> from that day forth ask 	 35 And Jesus answered and said, while he taught in the temple, How say the scribes that Christ is the Son of David? 36 For David himself said by the Holy Ghost, The LORD said to my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool. 37 David therefore himself calleth him Lord; and whence is he then his 	41 And he said unto them, How say they that Christ is David's son? 42 And David himself saith in the book of Psalms, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, 43 Till I make thine enemies thy footstool. 44 David therefore calleth
him any more questions.	heard him gladly.	then his son?



Jesus on the "Teaching Steps". These steps are on the south side of the Temple Mount. Most informal Rabbinic teaching in Jerusalem would have been done from these steps.

This is where all of the challenges to His authority probably occurred on Tuesday.

• <u>Tuesday</u>, in His last public discourse, Jesus solemnly denounces the Scribes and Pharisees.

Matthew 23:1-39	Mark 12:38-40	Luke 20:45-47
Then spake Jesus to the multitude, and to his disciples, 'Saying, The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat: 3All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not. 4 For they bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers. 3 But all their works they do for to be seen of men: they make broad their phyladcries, and enlarge the borders of their gaments, 8 And love the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues, 'And greetings in the markets, and to be called of men, Rabbi, Rabbi. 8 But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren. 9 And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven. 40 Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, even Christ; 17 But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant. 12 And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be exalted. 13 But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in. 14 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation. 19 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves. 10 Woe unto you, ye bilm guides, which say, Whosoever shall swear by the temple, it is nothing; but whosoever shall swear by the polid of the temple, he is a debtor! 17 Ye fools and blind: for whether is greater, the gold, or the temple that sanctifieth the gift? 20 Whoso therefore shall swear by the altar, sweareth by it, and by him that dupen it, he is guilty. 19 Ye fools and blind: for whether is greater, the gift, or the altar that sanctifieth th	unto them in his doctrine, Beware of the scribes, which love to go in long clothing, and love salutations in the marketplac es, 39 And the chief seats in the synagogues , and the uppermost rooms at feasts: 40 Which devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayers: these shall receive greater damnation.	45 Then in the audience of all the people he said unto h i s disciples, 46 Beware of the scribes, which desire to walk in long robes, and love greetings in the markets, and the synagogues, and the synagogues, and the chief rooms at feasts; 47 Which de vour widows houses, and for a shew make long prayers: the same shall receive greater damnation.

• Tuesday afternoon Jesus closely observes the contributions in the temple, and commends the poor widow's gift

Mark 12:41-44

- 41 And Jesus sat over against the 1 And he looked up, and treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury: and many that were rich cast in much.
- 42 And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing.
- 43 And he called unto him his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast 4 For all these have of into the treasury:
- 44 For all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living.

Luke 21:1-4

- saw the rich men casting their gifts into the treasury.
- 2 And he saw also a certain poor widow casting in thither two mites.
- 3 And he said, Of a truth I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cast in more than they all:
- their abundance cast in unto the offerings of God: but she of her penury hath cast in all the living that she had.



• Sitting on the Mount of Olives, Jesus speaks to His disciples about the destruction of Jerusalem on <u>Tuesday</u> afternoon.

Matthew 24:1-14 ¹ And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him for to shew him the buildings of the temple. 2 And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down. 3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? ⁴ And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. ⁵ For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. 6 And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. 7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. 8 All these are the beginning of sorrows. 9 Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. 10 And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. 11 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. 12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. 13 But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. 14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

Mark 13:1-13 ¹ And as he went out of the temple, one of his disciples saith unto him, Master, see what manner of stones and what buildings are here! 2 And Jesus answering said unto him, Seest thou these great buildings? there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down. 3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives over against the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately, 4 Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign when all these things shall be fulfilled? 5 And Jesus answering them began to say, Take heed lest any man deceive you: For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. And when ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars, be ye not troubled: for such things must needs be; but the end shall not be yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be earthquakes in divers places, and there shall be famines and troubles: these are the beginnings of sorrows. 9 But take heed to yourselves: for they shall deliver you up to councils; and in the synagogues ye shall be beaten; and ye shall be brought before rulers and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them. 10 And the gospel must first be published among all nations. 11 But when they shall lead you, and deliver you up, take no thought beforehand what ye shall speak, neither do ye premeditate: but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye: for it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Ghost. 12 Now the brother shall betray the brother to death, and the father the son; and children shall rise up against their parents, and shall cause them to be put to death. 13 And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

Luke 21:5-19 ⁵ And as some spake of the temple, how it was adorned with goodly stones and gifts, he said, ⁶ As for these things which ye behold, the days will come, in the which there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down. ⁷ And they asked him, saying, Master, but when shall these things be? and what sign will there be when these things shall come to pass? ⁸ And he said, Take heed that ye be not deceived: for many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and the time draweth near: go ye not therefore after them. ⁹ But when ye shall hear of wars and commotions, be not terrified: for these things must first come to pass; but the end is not by and by. ¹⁰ Then said he unto them, Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: ¹¹ And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven. ¹² But before all these, they shall lay their hands on you, and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues, and into prisons, being brought before kings and rulers for my name's sake. ¹³ And it shall turn to you for a testimony. ¹⁴ Settle it therefore in your hearts, not to meditate before what ye shall answer: ¹⁵ For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist. ¹⁶ And ye shall be betrayed both by parents, and brethren, and kinsfolks, and friends; and some of you shall they cause to be put to death. ¹⁷ And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake. ¹⁸ But there shall not an hair of your head perish. ¹⁹ In your patience possess ye your souls.

• Jesus speaks to His disciples about His own second coming in Apocalyptic language on <u>Tuesday</u> afternoon.

Matthew 24:15-31 15 When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) 16 Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains: 17 Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house: 18 Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes. ¹⁹ And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days! ²⁰ But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day: ²¹ For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. 22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened. ²³ Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. ²⁴ For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. ²⁵ Behold, I have told you before. ²⁶ Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not. 27 For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. ²⁸ For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together. 29 Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: 30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. 31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

Mark 13:14-27 ¹⁴ But when ye shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not, (let him that readeth understand,) then let them that be in Judaea flee to the mountains: ¹⁵ And let him that is on the housetop not go down into the house, neither enter *therein*, to take any thing out of his house: ¹⁶ And let him that is in the field not turn back again for to take up his garment. ¹⁷ But woe to them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days! ¹⁸ And pray ye that your flight be not in the winter. ¹⁹ For *in* those days shall be affliction, such as was not from the beginning of the creation which God created unto this time, neither shall be. ²⁰ And except that the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh should be saved: but for the elect's sake, whom he hath chosen, he hath shortened the days. ²¹ And then if any man shall say to you, Lo, here *is* Christ; or, lo, *he is* there; believe *him* not: ²² For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall shew signs and wonders, to seduce, if *it were* possible, even the elect. ²³ But take ye heed: behold, I have foretold you all things. ²⁴ But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, ²⁵ And the stars of heaven shall fall, and the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken. ²⁶ And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷ And then shall he send his angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven.

Luke 21:20-28 ²⁰ And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh. ²¹ Then let them which are in Judaea flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter thereinto. ²² For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled. ²³ But woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck, in those days! for there shall be great distress in the land, and wrath upon this people. ²⁴ And they shall fall by the edge of the sword,

and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled. ²⁵ And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; ²⁶ Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. ²⁷ And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸ And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.

Jesus applies the parable of the fig tree on <u>Tuesday</u> afternoon.

Matthew 24:32-51 ³² Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh: ³³ So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors. ³⁴ Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled. ³⁵ Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away. ³⁶ But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only. ³⁷ But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. ³⁸ For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, 39 And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. 40 Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. 41 Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left. 42 Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. 43 But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. 44 Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh. 45 Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? 46 Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. 47 Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods. 48 But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; 49 And shall begin to smite his fellowservants, and to eat and drink with the drunken; 50 The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of, ⁵¹ And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Mark 13:28-37 ²⁸ Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When her branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is near: ²⁹ So ye in like manner, when ye shall see these things come to pass, know that it is nigh, *even* at the doors. ³⁰ Verily I say unto you, that this generation shall not pass, till all these things be done. ³¹ Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away. ³² But of that day and *that* hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father. ³³ Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is. ³⁴ For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch. ³⁵ Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning: ³⁶ Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. ³⁷ And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.

Luke 21:29-36 ²⁹ And he spake to them a parable; Behold the fig tree, and all the trees; ³⁰ When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand. ³¹ So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand. ³² Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled. ³³ Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away. ³⁴ And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. ³⁵ For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

• The great Eschatological discourse on <u>Tuesday</u> afternoon.

Matthew 25:1-46 ¹ Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. ² And five of them were wise, and five *were* foolish. ³ They that *were* foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: ⁴ But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. ⁵ While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. ⁶ And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. ⁷ Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. ⁹ But the wise answered, saying, *Not so;* lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. ¹⁰ And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. ¹¹ Afterward came also the other

virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. 12 But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. 13 Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh. 14 For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods. 15 And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey. ¹⁶ Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents. 17 And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two. 18 But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money. 19 After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them. 20 And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more. ²¹ His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. 22 He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them. ²³ His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. 24 Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed: ²⁵ And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine. 26 His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed: ²⁷ Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury. 28 Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents. 29 For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath. 30 And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 31 When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: 32 And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: 33 And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. 34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: ³⁵ For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: ³⁶ Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. ³⁷ Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? ³⁸ When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? ³⁹ Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? ⁴⁰ And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. 47 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: ⁴² For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: ⁴³ I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not. 44 Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee? 45 Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me. 46 And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

• Jesus concludes His busiest day on Tuesday and retires to the Mount of Olives.

Luke 21:37-38 ³⁷ And in the day time he was teaching in the temple; and at night he went out, and abode in the mount that is called *the mount* of Olives. ³⁸ And all the people came early in the morning to him in the temple, for to hear him.

• Jesus predicts His crucifixion two days hence (which occurred on Jewish Thursday).

Matthew 26:1-5	Mark 14:1-2	Luke 22:1-2
 And it came to pass, when Jesus had finished all these sayings, he said unto his disciples, Ye know that after two days is the feast of the passover, and the Son of man is betrayed to be crucified. Then assembled together the chief priests, and the scribes, and the elders of the people, unto the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas, And consulted that they might take Jesus by subtilty, and kill him. But they said, Not on the feast day, lest there be an uproar among the people. 	the passover, and of unleavened bread: and the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might take him by craft, and put him to death. 2 But they said, Not on the feast day, lest there be an uproar of	unleavened bread drew nigh, which is called the Passover. 2 And the chief priests and scribes sought how they might kill him; for

• At the feast in the house of Simon the leper, an un-named woman of Bethany anoints Jesus for His burial. This is at the beginning of the Jewish Wednesday (our Tuesday night). This is the day before His crucifixion.

Matthew 26:6-13	Mark 14:3-9
6 Now when Jesus was in Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper,	3 And being in Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at meat, there came a woman having an
7 There came unto him a woman having an alabaster box of very precious ointment, and poured it on his	and she brake the box, and poured it on his head.
head, as he sat at meat.But when his disciples saw it, they had indignation, saying, To what purpose is this waste?	4 And there were some that had indignation within themselves, and said, Why was this waste of the ointment made?
9 For this ointment might have been sold for much, and given to the poor.	
10 When Jesus understood <i>it,</i> he said unto them, Why trouble ye the woman? for she hath wrought a good	murmured against her. 6 And Jesus said, Let her alone; why trouble ye her? she
work upon me. 11 For ye have the poor always with you; but me ye have not always.	hath wrought a good work on me. 7 For ye have the poor with you always, and whensoever ye will ye may do them good: but me ye have not
12 For in that she hath poured this ointment on my body, she did <i>it</i> for my burial.	
13 Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, <i>there</i> shall also	9 Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be
this, that this woman hath done, be told for a memorial of her.	preached throughout the whole world, <i>this</i> also that she hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her.

 Judas, stung by the rebuke of Jesus during the meal at Simon's house, goes to bargain with the rulers to betray Jesus - this was likely during the daytime on Wednesday. He would betray Jesus that night (Jewish Thursday).

Matthew 26:14-16	Mark 14:10-11	Luke 22:3-6
 14 Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priests, 15 And said <i>unto them</i>, What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver. 16 And from that time he sought opportunity to betray him. 	the twelve, went unto the chief priests, to betray him unto them. 11 And when they heard it, they were glad, and promised to give him money. And he sought how	 Iscariot, being of the number of the twelve. And he went his way, and communed with the chief priests and captains, how he might betray him unto them. And they were glad, and covenanted to give him money. And he promised, and sought opportunity to

 The preparation for the Passover Meal at a prepared guest-house. This was likely the Essene section of Jerusalem (note the "man" carrying water, this was typically done by a woman).

Matthew 26:17-19	Mark 14:12-16	Luke 22:7-13
17 Now the first day of the feast of unleavened bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare for thee to eat the passover? 18 And he said, Go into the city to such a man, and say unto him, The Master saith, My time is at hand; I will keep the passover	 12 And the first day of unleavened bread, when they killed the passover, his disciples said unto him, Where wilt thou that we go and prepare that thou mayest eat the passover? 13 And he sendeth forth two of his disciples, and saith unto them, Go ye into the city, and there shall meet you a man bearing a pitcher of water: follow him. 14 And wheresoever he shall go in, say ye to the goodman of the house, The Master saith, Where is the guestchamber, where I shall eat the 	 Then came the day of unleavened bread, when the passover must be killed. And he sent Peter and John, saying, Go and prepare us the passover, that we may eat. And they said unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare? And he said unto them, Behold, when ye are entered into the city, there shall a man meet you, bearing a pitcher of water; follow him into the house where he entereth in. And ye shall say unto the goodman of the house, The Master saith unto thee, Where is the guestchamber, where I
	16 And his disciples went forth, and came into the city, and found as he had said unto them: and they made ready the passover.	room furnished: there make ready.

 Jesus begins the Passover Meal with the Twelve Apostles. This meal was begun after sun-down (<u>our Wednesday</u>), their "day" of the week was Thursday and would have been about 18 hours before the Passover Lamb was slain - Nisan 14th.

Matthew 26:20	Mark 14:17	Luke 22:14-16
20 Now when the even was come, he sat down with the twelve.	evening he c o m e t h	 14 And when the hour was come, he sat down, and the twelve apostles with him. 15 And he said unto them, With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer: 16 For I say unto you, I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God.

During the Passover Meal, Jesus washes the feet of His disciples - on Thursday.

John 13:1-20 ¹ Now before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end. ² And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's *son*, to betray him; ³ Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God; ⁴ He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself. ⁵ After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe *them* with the towel wherewith he was girded. ⁶ Then cometh he to Simon Peter: and Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet? ¹ Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter. ⁶ Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me. ⁶ Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also *my* hands and *my* head. ¹⁰ Jesus saith to him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash *his* feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all. ¹¹ For he knew who should betray him; therefore said he, Ye are

not all clean. ¹² So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you? ¹³ Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. ¹⁴ If I then, *your* Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶ Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him. ¹⁷ If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them. ¹⁸ I speak not of you all: I know whom I have chosen: but that the scripture may be fulfilled, He that eateth bread with me hath lifted up his heel against me. ¹⁹ Now I tell you before it come, that, when it is come to pass, ye may believe that I am he. ²⁰ Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that receiveth whomsoever I send receiveth me; and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me.

At the Passover Meal, Jesus identifies the betrayer and institutes the Lord's Supper.

Matthew 26:21-30 Mark 14:18-26 Luke 22:17-23 John 13:21-30 21 And as they did eat, he 18 And as they sat and did 17 And he took the 21 When Jesus had thus said, Verily I say unto you, eat, Jesus said, Verily I said, he was troubled in cup, and gave that one of you shall betray say unto you, One of thanks, and said, spirit, and testified, and you which eateth with Take this, and said, Verily, verily, I say 22 And they were exceeding me shall betray me. divide it among unto you, that one of you sorrowful, and began every 19 And they began to be shall betray me. vourselves: one of them to say unto sorrowful, and to say 18 For I say unto you, I 22 Then the disciples looked one on another, doubting him. Lord. is it I? unto him one by one, Is will not drink of the fruit of the vine, 23 And he answered and said. it I? and another said. Is of whom he spake. it I? until the kingdom of 23 Now there was leaning on He that dippeth his hand with me in the dish, the 20 And he answered and God shall come. Jesus' bosom one of his same shall betray me. said unto them, It is one 19 And he took bread, disciples, whom Jesus of the twelve, that 24 The Son of man goeth as it and gave thanks, loved. dippeth with me in the and brake it, and 24 Simon Peter therefore is written of him: but woe unto that man by whom the beckoned to him, that he dish. gave unto them, Son of man is betrayed! it 21 The Son of man indeed saving, This is my should ask who it should had been good for that man goeth, as it is written of body which is given be of whom he spake. if he had not been born. him: but woe to that man for you: this do in 25 He then lying on Jesus' 25 Then Judas, which by whom the Son of remembrance of breast saith unto him, Lord, who is it? betrayed him, answered man is betrayed! good me. were it for that man if he 20 Likewise also the 26 Jesus answered, He it is, and said, Master, is it I? He said unto him, Thou hast had never been born. cup after supper. to whom I shall give a 22 And as they did eat, saying, This cup is sop, when I have dipped said. Jesus took bread, and it. And when he had 26 And as they were eating, the new testament Jesus took bread, and blessed, and brake it. in my blood, which dipped the sop, he gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son blessed it, and brake it, and and gave to them, and is shed for you. said, Take, eat: this is 21 But, behold, the of Simon. gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my my body. hand of him that 27 And after the sop Satan betrayeth me is 23 And he took the cup, and entered into him. Then bodv. 27 And he took the cup, and when he had given with me on the said Jesus unto him, That thanks, he gave it to thou doest, do quickly. gave thanks, and gave it to table. them: and they all drank 22 And truly the Son of 28 Now no man at the table them, saying, Drink ye all of of it. man goeth, as it knew for what intent he 28 For this is my blood of the 24 And he said unto them. was determined: spake this unto him. but woe unto that 29 For some of them new testament, which is This is my blood of the shed for many for the thought, because Judas new testament, which is man by whom he is remission of sins. betraved! had the bag, that Jesus shed for many. had said unto him, Buy 29 But I say unto you, I will not 25 Verily I say unto you, I 23 And they began to enquire among drink henceforth of this fruit will drink no more of the those things that we have need of against the feast; of the vine, until that day fruit of the vine, until that themselves, which when I drink it new with you day that I drink it new in of them it was that or, that he should give should do this something to the poor. in my Father's kingdom. the kingdom of God. 30 And when they had sung an 26 And when they had sung 30 He then having received thing. hymn, they went out into an hymn, they went out the sop went immediately the mount of Olives. into the mount of Olives. out: and it was night.

It is not the objective of this study to "prove" the alcohol content of Biblical wine. However, it must be noted that during the Feast of Passover and Unleavened Bread, ANY consumption of LEAVEN would render the Jew "unclean" and therefore unacceptable to God. There can be no doubt that Jesus was THE perfect sacrifice. To have taken such great steps to observe His last Passover and only eat unleavened bread but then partake of alcohol (leavened wine) would have rendered Him unclean and therefore unfit as the sacrifice for our sins. Never doubt, Jesus ONLY drank grapejuice at this meal! Exodus 12:15, 19; 13:7; 34:25.

	Passover Seder (Order)	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
1	Purification. After the <u>first cup</u> , the next step requires dipping food into water, which also requires that either the food be eaten with a utensil or that one's hands have been purified by washing.			Jesus and the 12.	
2	The "Appetizer". A small piece of onion, boiled potato or a bitter herb is dipped into saltwater and eaten. The saltwater represents their tears in Egypt.				
3	Breaking the Unleavened Bread. The middle piece of unleavened bread on the Seder plate is broken in half. The larger part is put aside for dessert. The smaller piece is returned to the Seder plate and placed between the other two pieces.			Jesus and the 12.	
4	The Haggadah. The Seder tray is moved aside, a second cup of grapejuice is poured. Someone (usually the youngest) asks a series of questions; Why is this night different from all other nights?" Why only unleavened bread? Why the dipping? Why the bitter herbs? Why are we relaxing and leaning on cushions as if we were kings?				
5	Washing Before the Meal. The first part of the meal is concluded by drinking the <u>second cup</u> of grapejuice (while reclining), the hands are washed again before eating bread.			Jesus and the 12.	Supper "ended" John 13:2
6	Eating the Unleavened Bread. Taking hold of the three pieces of unleavened bread (with the broken one between the two whole ones), they recite the customary blessing before bread. Then the bottom piece drops back on the plate, and while holding the top piece with the broken middle one, they recite a special blessing. These pieces are then passed and eaten.				Jesus washes the feet of all twelve disciples.
7	The Bitter Herbs. Take bitter herbs. Dip it in the <i>charoset</i> (apple and nut spread) and eat without reclining. The sop and the dish.	Betrayer identified and leaves.			
8	The Sandwich. A sandwich of unleavened bread, "bitter herbs", and the apple/nut spread is eaten. The bread for this sandwich comes from the bottom piece of unleavened bread. Eat the sandwich while reclining.				
9	The Feast. The holiday meal is served. Begin the meal with a hard-boiled egg dipped in saltwater. Tradition says that the egg symbolizes the Jew. "The more an egg is boiled, the harder it gets." The roasted Passover Lamb is eaten.				
10	Dessert. After the meal, the left-over half-piece of unleavened bread is eaten as dessert. His body.	Jesus and the 11.	Jesus and the 11.		
11	Blessings After the Meal. A third cup of grapejuice is filled and Grace is recited. After Grace, drink the third cup while reclining. His blood.	Jesus and the 11.	Jesus and the 11.		
12	Hallel - Songs of Praise. Having recognized the Almighty and His guidance, they sing His praises. They sang a hymn.	Jesus and the 11.	Jesus and the 11.		
13	After Hallel - Fourth Cup. After reciting the Hallel, they pour and drink the <u>fourth cup</u> while reclining.				
14	Acceptance . Having carried out the Seder service properly, they are sure that it has been well received by the Almighty. They then say "Leshanah haba'ah bee-rushalayim - Next year in Jerusalem."				

The Four Cups of Grapejuice

Why four cups? The Torah uses four expressions in connection with leaving Egypt (Exodus 6:6-7).

- 1 "I will bring you".
- 2 "I will deliver you".
- 3 "I will redeem you".
- 4 "I will take you."
- Why They Recline In ancient times only free people had the luxury of reclining while eating.
- Jesus rebukes the jealousy of the eleven apostles.

Luke 22:24-30 ²⁴ And there was also a strife among them, which of them should be accounted the greatest. ²⁵ And he said unto them, The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and they that exercise authority upon them are called benefactors. ²⁶ But ye *shall* not *be* so: but he that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve. ²⁷ For whether *is* greater, he that sitteth at meat, or he that serveth? *is* not he that sitteth at meat? but I am among you as he that serveth. ²⁸ Ye are they which have continued with me in my temptations. ²⁹ And I appoint unto you a kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me; ³⁰ That ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

 Jesus warns the disciples (Peter in particular) against deserting Him that night (Thursday - our Wednesday night). All protest their loyalty.

Matthew 26:31-35	Mark 14:27-31	Luke 22:31-38	John 13:31-38
31 Then saith Jesus unto them, All ye shall be offended because of me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad. 32 But after I am risen	unto them, All ye shall be offended because of me this night: for it is written, I will s mite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered.	 31 And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: 32 But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren. 33 And he said unto him, Lord, I am ready to go with thee, both into prison, and to death. 	 out, Jesus said, Now is the Son of man glorified, and God is glorified in him. 32 If God be glorified in him, God shall also glorify him in himself, and shall straightway glorify him.
again, I will go before you into Galilee. 33 Peter answered and said unto him, Though all men	am risen, I will go before you into Galilee. 29 But Peter said unto him, Although all shall	 34 And he said, I tell thee, Peter, the cock shall not crow this day, before that thou shalt thrice deny that thou knowest me. 35 And he said unto them, When I 	Jews, Whither I go, ye cannot come; so now I say to you. 34 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.
offended. 34 Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, That this	be offended, yet will not I. 30 And Jesus saith unto him, Verily I say unto thee, That this day, even in this night,	scrip, and shoes, lacked ye any thing? And they said, Nothing. 36 Then said he unto them, But now, he that hath a purse, let him take it, and likewise his scrip: and he that hath no	Lord, whither goest thou? Jesus answered him, Whither I go, thou canst not follow me
night, before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. 35 Peter said unto him, Though I should die with	thrice. 31 But he spake the more vehemently, If I should die with	and buy one. 37 For I say unto you, that this that is written must yet be accomplished in me, And he was reckoned among the transgressors: for the things	why cannot I follow thee now? I will lay down my life for thy sake. 38 Jesus answered him, Wilt
thee, yet will I not deny thee. Likewise also said all the disciples.	thee, I will not deny thee in any wise. Likewise also said they all.		thou lay down thy life for my sake? Verily, verily, I say unto thee, The cock shall not crow, till thou hast denied me thrice.

The farewell discourse to His disciples in the upper room - Thursday (our Wed. night).

John 14:1-31 ¹ Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. ² In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. 4 And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. 5 Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? ⁶ Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. ⁷ If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him. 8 Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us. 9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then. Shew us the Father? ¹⁰ Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works. 11 Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake. 12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. 13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do *it.* ¹⁵ If ye love me, keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; 17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. 18 I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. 19 Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also. 20 At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you. 21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him. 22 Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world? 23 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. 24 He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me. ²⁵ These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. ²⁶ But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. 27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. 28 Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I. 29 And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe. 30 Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me. 31 But that the world may know that I love the Father; and as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do. Arise, let us go hence.

The discourse on the way to Gethsemane - late at night (our Wed., their Thursday).

John 15:1-16:33 ¹ I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. ² Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. 3 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. 4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. 5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. 6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. 7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. 8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. 9 As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. ¹⁰ If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. ¹¹ These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. 12 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. ¹⁵ Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you. 16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you. 17 These things I command you, that ye love one another. 18 If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. 19 If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. 20 Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also. 21 But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me. 22 If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloke for their sin. 23 He that hateth me hateth my Father also. ²⁴ If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father. 25 But this cometh to pass, that the word might be fulfilled

that is written in their law, They hated me without a cause. ²⁶ But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me: 27 And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning. 16:1 These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended. 2 They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service. 3 And these things will they do unto you, because they have not known the Father, nor me. 4 But these things have I told you, that when the time shall come, ye may remember that I told you of them. And these things I said not unto you at the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵ But now I go my way to him that sent me; and none of you asketh me, Whither goest thou? 6 But because I have said these things unto you, sorrow hath filled your heart. Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. 8 And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: ⁹ Of sin, because they believe not on me; ¹⁰ Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; ¹¹ Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged. ¹² I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. 13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. ¹⁴ He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you. ¹⁵ All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you. 16 A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me, because I go to the Father. 17 Then said some of his disciples among themselves, What is this that he saith unto us, A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me: and, Because I go to the Father? 18 They said therefore, What is this that he saith, A little while? we cannot tell what he saith. 19 Now Jesus knew that they were desirous to ask him, and said unto them, Do ye enquire among yourselves of that I said, A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me? 20 Verily, verily, I say unto you, That ye shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice: and ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy. 21 A woman when she is in travail hath sorrow, because her hour is come: but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world. 22 And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you. 23 And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. 24 Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full. 25 These things have I spoken unto you in proverbs: but the time cometh, when I shall no more speak unto you in proverbs, but I shall shew you plainly of the Father. ²⁶ At that day ye shall ask in my name: and I say not unto you, that I will pray the Father for you: ²⁷ For the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God. ²⁸ I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father. 29 His disciples said unto him, Lo, now speakest thou plainly, and speakest no proverb. 30 Now are we sure that thou knowest all things, and needest not that any man should ask thee:



by this we believe that thou camest forth from God. 31 Jesus answered them, Do ye now believe? 32 Behold, the hour cometh. yea, is now come, that ye shall be scattered, every man to his own, and shall leave me alone: and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me. 33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ve might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

C h r i s t 's intercessory prayer.

John 17:1-26 1 These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: 2 As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. 3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. 4 I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. 5 And now.



O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was. 6 I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word. Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee. For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me. 9 I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. 10 And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them. ¹¹ And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are. 12 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled. 13 And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves. ¹⁴ I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. ¹⁵ I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. ¹⁷ Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. ¹⁸ As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. 19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. 20 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; ²¹ That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. 22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: 23 I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me. ²⁴ Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵ O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me. ²⁶ And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.

• Jesus and the eleven go to Gethsemane where Jesus suffers long in agony.

Matthew 26:36-46	Mark 14:32-42	Luke 22:39-46	John 18:1
36 Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye	was named Gethsemane: and he saith to his disciples, Sit ye here,	39 And he came out, and went, as he was wont, to the mount of Olives; and his	Jesus h a d
here, while I go and pray yonder. 37 And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very	and James and John, and began to be sore amazed, and to be	disciples also followed him. 40 And when he was at	spoken these words, he went
heavy. 38 Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch	exceeding sorrowful unto death: tarry ye here, and watch.	the place, he said unto them, Pray that ye enter not into temptation.	forth with h i s disciples over the
with me. 39 And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but	 35 And he went forward a little, and fell on the ground, and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. 36 And he said, Abba, Father, all things are possible unto these. 	withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed,	brook Cedron, where was a garden,
as thou wilt. 40 And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye	things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt. 37 And he cometh, and findeth	thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be	into the which he entered, and his disciples.
not watch with me one hour? 41 Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed <i>is</i> willing, but the flesh <i>is</i> weak.	couldest not thou watch one hour?	an angel unto him from heaven,	
42 He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done.	into temptation. The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak.	strengthening him. 44 And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it	
heavy.	them asleep again, (for their	were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.	
44 And he left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words.	they what to answer him. 41 And he cometh the third time,	from prayer, and was come to his	
45 Then cometh he to his disciples, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take <i>your</i> rest: behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands	and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: it is enough, the hour is come; behold, the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of	Why sleep ye? rise	
of sinners. 46 Rise, let us be going: behold, he is at hand that doth betray me.	sinners. 42 Rise up, let us go; lo, he that betrayeth me is at hand.	and pray, lest ye enter into temptation.	

Jesus is betrayed, arrested, and forsaken.

Matthew 26:47-56	Mark 14:43-52	Luke 22:47-53	John 18:2-11
 47 And while he yet spake, lo, Judas, one of the twelve, came, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and elders of the people. 48 Now he that betrayed him gave them a sign, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, 	43 And immediately, while he yet spake, cometh Judas, one of the twelve, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders.	47 And while he yet spake, behold a multitude, and he that was called Judas, one of the twelve, went before them, and drew near unto Jesus to kiss him.	 2 And Judas also, which betrayed him, knew the place: for Jesus ofttimes resorted thither with his disciples. 3 Judas then, having received a band of men and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees,
that same is he: hold him fast.	him had given them a	48 But Jesus said unto him, Judas,	cometh thither with lanterns and torches and
49 And forthwith he came to Jesus, and said, Hail,	token, saying, Whomsoever I shall		weapons. 4 Jesus therefore, knowing all
master; and kissed him. 50 And Jesus said unto him, Friend, wherefore art thou come? Then came they, and laid hands on Jesus, and	kiss, that same is he; take him, and lead him away safely. 45 And as soon as he was come, he goeth	were about him saw what would	things that should come upon him, went forth, and said unto them, Whom seek ye? 5 They answered him, Jesus
took him. 51 And, behold, one of them which were with Jesus	straightway to him, and saith, Master, master; and kissed him.	unto him, Lord, shall we smite with the sword?	of Nazareth. Jesus saith unto them, I am he. And Judas also, which
stretched out <i>his</i> hand, and drew his sword, and struck a servant of the high priest's, and smote off his ear.		50 And one of them smote the servant	betrayed him, stood with them. 6 As soon then as he had said unto them, I am he,
52 Then said Jesus unto him, Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword.	stood by drew a sword, and smote a servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear. 48 And Jesus answered	ear.	they went backward, and fell to the ground.
53 Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of	and said unto them, Are ye come out, as against a thief, with swords and with staves to take me?	ear, and healed him. 52 Then Jesus said unto the chief	8 Jesus answered, I have told you that I am he: if therefore ye seek me, let these go their way:
angels? 54 But how then shall the scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be?	49 I was daily with you in the temple teaching, and ye took me not: but the scriptures must be	captains of the temple, and the elders, which were	9 That the saying might be fulfilled, which he spake, Of them which thou gavest me have I lost none.
55 In that same hour said Jesus to the multitudes, Are ye come out as against a thief with swords and staves for to take me? I sat daily with you teaching in the temple,	fulfilled. 50 And they all forsook him, and fled. 51 And there followed him a certain young man, having a linen cloth	come to him, Be ye come out, as against a thief, with swords and staves? 53 When I was daily with you in the	10 Then Simon Peter having a sword drew it, and smote the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus.
and ye laid no hold on me. 56 But all this was done, that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled. Then all the disciples forsook him, and fled.	cast about his naked body; and the young men laid hold on him: 52 And he left the linen cloth, and fled from them naked.	temple, ye stretched forth no hands against me: but this is your hour, and the power of darkness.	11 Then said Jesus unto Peter, Put up thy sword into the sheath: the cup which my Father hath given me, shall I not drink it?

Jesus first examined by Annas, the ex-High Priest. This is probably after midnight.

John 18:12-13 ¹² Then the band and the captain and officers of the Jews took Jesus, and bound him, ¹³ And led him away to Annas first; for he was father in law to Caiaphas, which was the high priest that same year.

Jesus tried, condemned and beaten by Caiaphas and the Sanhedrin. Peter denies Him.

Matthew 26:57-75 Mark 14:53-72 Luke 22:54-65 John 18:14-27 57 And they that had laid hold on Jesus 53 And they led Jesus away to the high 54 Then took they him, 14 Now Caiaphas was he, led him away to Caiaphas the high priest: and with him were assembled all and led him, and which gave counsel to the priest, where the scribes and the the chief priests and the elders and the brought him into the Jews, that it was expedient elders were assembled. high priest's house. that one man should die for And Peter followed 58 But Peter followed him afar off unto 54 And Peter followed him afar off, even into the people. 15 And Simon Peter followed the high priest's palace, and went in, the palace of the high priest: and he sat afar off. and sat with the servants, to see the with the servants, and warmed himself at 55 And when they had Jesus, and so did another the fire. kindled a fire in the disciple: that disciple was 59 Now the chief priests, and elders, 55 And the chief priests and all the council midst of the hall, known unto the high priest, and all the council, sought false sought for witness against Jesus to put and were set down and went in with Jesus into witness against Jesus, to put him to him to death; and found none. together, Peter sat the palace of the high priest. 56 For many bare false witness against him, down among them. 16 But Peter stood at the door death: 56 But a certain maid 60 But found none: yea, though many but their witness agreed not together. without. Then went out that false witnesses came, yet found beheld him as he other disciple, which was 57 And there arose certain, and bare false known unto the high priest, they none. At the last came two sat by the fire, and witness against him, saying, false witnesses. 58 We heard him say, I will destroy this earnestly looked and spake unto her that kept 61 And said, This fellow said, I am able temple that is made with hands, and upon him, and said, the door, and brought in to destroy the temple of God, and to within three days I will build another This man was also Peter. build it in three days. 17 Then saith the damsel that made without hands. with him. kept the door unto Peter, Art 59 But neither so did their witness agree 57 And he denied him, 62 And the high priest arose, and said unto him, Answerest thou nothing? together. saying, Woman, I not thou also one of this what is it which these witness 60 And the high priest stood up in the midst, man's disciples? He saith, I know him not. against thee? and asked Jesus, saying, Answerest thou And after a little am not. 63 But Jesus held his peace. And the nothing? what is it which these witness while another saw 18 And the servants and officers him, and said, Thou high priest answered and said unto against thee? stood there, who had made him, I adjure thee by the living God, 61 But he held his peace, and answered art also of them. a fire of coals; for it was cold: that thou tell us whether thou be the nothing. Again the high priest asked him, And Peter said, and they warmed Christ, the Son of God. and said unto him, Art thou the Christ, the Man, I am not. themselves: and Peter stood 64 Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast Son of the Blessed? 59 And about the with them, and warmed 62 And Jesus said, I am: and ye shall see said: nevertheless I say unto you, space of one hour himself. Hereafter shall ye see the Son of the Son of man sitting on the right hand after another 19 The high priest then asked man sitting on the right hand of confidently affirmed. Jesus of his disciples, and of of power, and coming in the clouds of power, and coming in the clouds of saying, Of a truth his doctrine. 63 Then the high priest rent his clothes, and this fellow also was 20 Jesus answered him, I spake heaven. 65 Then the high priest rent his clothes, saith, What need we any further with him: for he is a openly to the world; I ever saying, He hath spoken blasphemy; witnesses? Galilaean. taught in the synagogue, and what further need have we of 64 Ye have heard the blasphemy: what think 60 And Peter said, in the temple, whither the witnesses? behold, now ye have ye? And they all condemned him to be Man, I know not Jews always resort; and in heard his blasphemy. quilty of death. what thou savest. secret have I said nothing. 66 What think ye? They answered and 65 And some began to spit on him, and to 21 Why askest thou me? ask And immediately, said, He is guilty of death. cover his face, and to buffet him, and to while he yet spake, them which heard me, what I say unto him, Prophesy: and the servants Then did they spit in his face, and the cock crew. have said unto them: behold. buffeted him; and others smote him did strike him with the palms of their 61 And the Lord they know what I said with the palms of their hands, turned, and looked 22 And when he had thus hands. 66 And as Peter was beneath in the palace, 68 Saying, Prophesy unto us, thou upon Peter. And spoken, one of the officers Christ, Who is he that smote thee? there cometh one of the maids of the Peter remembered which stood by struck Jesus the word of the 69 Now Peter sat without in the palace: with the palm of his hand, high priest: and a damsel came unto him, 67 And when she saw Peter warming Lord, how he had saying, Answerest thou the saying, Thou also wast with Jesus of said unto him, himself, she looked upon him, and said, high priest so? And thou also wast with Jesus of Before the cock 23 Jesus answered him, If I 70 But he denied before them all, Nazareth. crow, thou shalt have spoken evil, bear 68 But he denied, saying, I know not, neither saying, I know not what thou sayest. deny me thrice. witness of the evil: but if well, understand I what thou sayest. And he 62 And Peter went out, why smitest thou me? 71 And when he was gone out into the porch, another maid saw him, and went out into the porch; and the cock and wept bitterly. 24 Now Annas had sent him said unto them that were there. This And the men that bound unto Caiaphas the fellow was also with Jesus of 69 And a maid saw him again, and began to held Jesus mocked high priest. 25 And Simon Peter stood and Nazareth. say to them that stood by, This is one of him, and smote 72 And again he denied with an oath, I warmed himself. They said them. 70 And he denied it again. And a little after, 64 And when they had therefore unto him, Art not do not know the man. 73 And after a while came unto him they that stood by said again to Peter, blindfolded him, thou also one of his they struck him on they that stood by, and said to Peter, Surely thou art one of them: for thou art a disciples? He denied it, and Surely thou also art one of them; for Galilaean, and thy speech agreeth the face, and asked said, I am not. thy speech bewrayeth thee. him, saying, 26 One of the servants of the 74 Then began he to curse and to 71 But he began to curse and to swear, Prophesy, who is it high priest, being his swear, saying, I know not the man. saying, I know not this man of whom ye that smote thee? kinsman whose ear Peter cut

72 And the second time the cock crew. And

when he thought thereon, he wept.

Peter called to mind the word that Jesus

said unto him, Before the cock crow

twice, thou shalt deny me thrice. And

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in the garden with him?

27 Peter then denied again: and immediately the cock crew.

speak.

And immediately the cock crew.

bitterly.

75 And Peter remembered the word of

Jesus, which said unto him, Before

the cock crow, thou shalt deny me

thrice. And he went out, and wept

Annas and Caiaphas (from the writings of Josephus).

Who were the High Priests?

Aaron, the brother of Moses was the first to be anointed high priest (Lev 8-9). From then, the office of high priest was passed down the family of Aaron, from father to son. This family line continued without interruption until Onias III, who was deposed in 175 BC, and murdered in 170 BC. Under Roman rule, the high priesthood became a political appointment where high priests were appointed and deposed by the Roman governor. Many of the high priests only ruled for one year or less. Their appointment often depended on how much they were willing to pay (or bribe) the governor. If someone was willing to pay more, then the current high priest would be removed to make way for him.

Annas

Annas, or Ananias, or Ananus, son of Seth, was appointed high priest by Quirinius, the governor of Syria in AD 6. This Quirinius is also mentioned in Lk 2:2, as the governor of Syria as the time of the birth of Jesus. Annas was finally deposed by the Roman governor Valerius Gratus in AD 15. The next two high priests, including one of his sons, were both deposed after about a year, before Joseph Caiaphas, the son-in-law of Annas, was appointed.

After being deposed, he remained a powerful figure in Jerusalem and even though he had no official position was still referred to as "high

priest". Through skillful diplomacy and probably much bribery, he was able to ensure that family remained dominant in Judea for many years. In order to pinpoint the date of the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, Luke refers to the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas (Lk 3:2). At first sight, this seems to imply that there were two high priests in office at the same time. Instead, it indicates the power and influence that Annas continued to exercise, even after he was deposed. By this time, Annas had been deposed for over ten years, and Caiaphas was the current high priest.

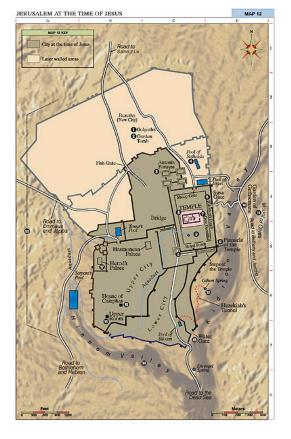
The Bazaars of Annas

Annas was a member of the Sadducees, the aristocracy of first century Judea. He shared the family characteristics of being arrogant, ambitious, and having enormous wealth, which they used to maintain their political control. His family were notorious for their greed. The Jewish Talmud records a popular rhyme which described the family of Annas:

Woe to the house of Annas! Woe to their serpent's hiss! They are high priests; their sons are keepers of the treasury, their sons-in-law are guardians of the temple, and their servants beat people with staves.

The family of Annas had gained much of their wealth from the four "booths of the sons of Annas", which were market stalls located on the Mount of Olives. They also had other market stalls inside the Temple in the Court of the Gentiles. Through these, they had a monopoly on the sale of sacrificial animals, as well as on the exchanging of money into temple coins for the offerings. This enabled them to charge outrageous prices. They gained their wealth through the exploitation and oppression of Temple patrons.

When Jesus entered the temple, he saw all this, became angry and drove them out of temple, denouncing them by saying, "My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations, but you have made it a den of thieves" (Mark 11:17). When the chief priests heard about this, they looked for a way of killing Jesus. His action had hurt the family of Annas financially, so they wanted to kill him.



The Family of Annas

Over the next fifty years, seven different members of the family of Annas ruled as high priests. From AD 6 to AD 43, they ruled almost without interruption, then there was a gap of just under twenty years, then another eight years of their rule.

1	Annas	patriarch	AD 6-15
2	Eleazar	son	AD 16-17
3	Caiaphas	son-in-law	AD 18-36
4	Jonathan	son	AD 36-37
5	Theophilus	son	AD 37-41
6	Matthias	son	AD 42-43
7	a non-relative	9	AD 44-60
8	Annas II	son	AD 61-62
9	Matthias	grandson	AD 65-68 (son of Theophilus)

Luke refers to the high-priestly family when Peter and John were brought before the Sanhedrin after healing the lame man at the Beautiful Gate (Acts 4:5). He lists Annas the high priest (even though it was fifteen years since he was deposed from being high priest), as well as Caiaphas (the current high priest), John (or Jonathan), who became the next high priest in AD 36, and Alexander. From this it appears that the family of Annas dominated the Sanhedrin, and were particularly opposed to the apostles and the preaching of the name of Jesus (Acts 4:18).

Josephus said this about the family of Annas: "Now the report goes, that this elder Ananus proved a most fortunate man; for he had five sons, who had all performed the office of high priest to God, and he had himself enjoyed that dignity a long time formerly, which had never happened to any other of our high priests".

Joseph Caiaphas

Caiaphas was the son-in-law of Annas, by marriage to his daughter. He was appointed by the Roman governor Valerius Gratus in AD 18, and ruled as high priest for eighteen years. This was the longest reign of any high priest in New Testament times. He remained high priest under Pontius Pilate, and was finally deposed in AD 36 by Vitellius, the governor of Syria. He was replaced by Jonathan, another son of Annas. Pontius Pilate was removed from office a few months before Caiaphas after killing large numbers of Samaritans. Caiaphas was replaced by Jonathan, another son of Annas. Caiaphas' elaborately carved ossuary (bone box) was discovered in 1990, which contained the bones of a man of about 60 years old, a woman, two children and two infants.

When the Sanhedrin met to discuss what to do about Jesus following the raising of Lazarus, it was Caiaphas that said, "Ye know nothing at all, nor consider that it is expedient for us, that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not." (John 11:49b-50). The Sanhedrin was concerned that if they allowed Jesus to continue performing signs, then everyone would believe him and the Romans would come and destroy the holy place (temple) and the nation (John 11:48). John makes the comment that he did not say this on his own, but prophesied that Jesus was about to die for the nation (John 11:51). His cynical comment that it is better for one innocent man to die to preserve the nation, unknowingly had a far deeper meaning. Without him realizing it, God spoke through him that the death of Jesus will bring true salvation to the nation, as well as to the Gentiles. After this meeting, the Sanhedrin decided to put plans into motion to kill Jesus (John 11:53).

The Trial of Jesus

According to John, Jesus was first brought before Annas (John 18:13, 19-23), before being sent to Caiaphas (John 18:24), who, as the current high priest, he would be the leader of the Sanhedrin. John uniquely records a brief account of the trial before Annas (v19-23), when Annas interrogated Jesus about his teaching, and Jesus was struck on the mouth for challenging the way the trail was being conducted. Although Annas does not appear to play a leading role in the trial of Jesus, it is most likely that he was the one who should be held the most responsible for the arrest, trial and crucifixion of Jesus. As the power behind the ruling class, he would have directed the events of his capture, trials before the Sanhedrin and before Pilate, and eventual crucifixion.

Following the hearing before Annas, Jesus was taken for a trial before Caiaphas and the Sanhedrin, in the high priest's house. This trial is described in the synoptic gospels (Matthew 26:57-68, Mark 14:53-65, Luke 22:54-55, 63-71), but not in John's Gospel. The accounts in Matthew and Mark are very similar, but Luke's account is far briefer.

The trial took place in the house of the high priest (Matthew 26:57), where Peter denied knowing Jesus. This made the trial illegal, as trials were only to be held in the temple complex, and not at night, and not on the evening before a Sabbath or festival. It is very unlikely that this was a full meeting of the seventy-one members of the full Sanhedrin, but more of a smaller and informal gathering in Caiaphas' house of those particularly opposed to Jesus.

No witnesses could be found to agree a charge, and the only accusation they were able to bring against Jesus was his claim, "I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days" (Matthew 26:51, quoting the words of Jesus in John 2:18). John explains that Jesus was actually speaking of the temple of his own body (John 2:21), not the temple in Jerusalem.

Caiaphas then broke all the rules for a legal trial by putting Jesus on oath to say whether he was or was not the Messiah. The high priest was supposed to be an impartial judge, and was not allowed to act as prosecutor. Jesus effectively condemned himself by saying, "From now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven" (Matthew 26:64, quoting Psalm 110:1 and Daniel 7:13). For Caiaphas, these words were blasphemous, and deserving death (Matthew 26:65).

Annas II

Annas II, the son of Annas, was high priest when James, the brother of Jesus, was killed in AD 62. Josephus describes him as "a bold man in his temper, and very insolent; he was also of the sect of the Sadducees, who were rigid in judging offenders".

Annas took advantage of the absence of a Roman governor following the death of Festus to bring an accusation against James and have him stoned to death, before the arrival of Albinus, the next Roman governor. Following objections from the citizens for this action, Annas was removed from being high priest by king Agrippa, and was replaced by Jesus son of Damneus, who was not a member of the family of Annas. This is the description Josephus gives of the martyrdom of James: "Festus was now dead, and Albinus was but upon the road; so he assembled the sanhedrin of judges, and brought before them the brother of Jesus, who was called Christ, whose name was James, and some others; and when he had formed an accusation against them as breakers of the law, he delivered them to be stoned".

This is what Josephus wrote about Annas II after he was deposed:

"As for the high priest Ananias, he increased in glory everyday, and this to a great degree, and had obtained the favour and esteem of the citizens, for he was a great hoarder of money; he cultivated the friendship of Albinus (the Roman governor), and of the high priest (Jesus) by making them presents. He also had servants who were very wicked, who joined themselves to the boldest sort of people, and went to the thrashing floors, and took away the tithes that belonged to the priests by violence, and did not refrain from beating such as would not give these tithes to them. So the other high priests acted in the like manner, as did those his servants without anyone being able to prohibit them, so that (some of the) priests, that of old were wont to be supported with those tithes, died for want of food".

 After dawn, Jesus is formally condemned by the Sanhedrin. This is Thursday - the Preparation Day, the 14th of Nissan when the Passover Lamb will be slain in the Temple at 3:00 pm.

Matthew 27:1	Mark 15:1	Luke 22:66-71
morning was	the morning the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council, and bound Jesus, and	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. 70 Then said they all, Art thou then the Son of God? And he said unto

Jesus before Pilate the first time (after sunrise, Thursday morning).

· Jesus before Herod Antipas the Tetrarch.

Luke 23:6-12 ⁶ When Pilate heard of Galilee, he asked whether the man were a Galilaean. 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.

Jesus the second time before Pilate.

Matthew 27:15-26 Jesus. Barabbas.

Mark 15:6-15

Luke 23:13-25

John 18:39-19:16

- 15 Now at that feast the 6 Now at that feast he governor was wont to release unto the people a prisoner, whom they would.
- 16 And they had then a notable prisoner, called Barabbas.
- 17 Therefore when they were gathered together, Pilate said unto them, 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 9 many things this day in a dream because of him.
- 20 But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitude that they should 10 For he knew that the ask Barabbas, and destroy
- 21 The governor answered and said unto them, Whether of 11 But the chief priests the twain will ye that I release unto you? They said,
- 22 Pilate saith unto them, What shall I do then with Jesus 12 And Pilate answered which is called Christ? They all say unto him, Let him be crucified.
- 23 And the governor said, Why, what evil hath he done? But they cried out the more, saying, Let him be crucified.
- 24 When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it.
- 25 Then answered all the people, and said, His blood be on us, and on our children.
- 26 Then released he Barabbas unto them: and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

- released unto them one prisoner, whomsoever they desired.
- 7 And there was one named Barabbas, which lay 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 him to do as he had ever done unto them.
- But Pilate answered them, saying, Will ye that I release unto you the King of the Jews?
- chief priests had delivered him for envy.
- moved the people, that he should rather unto them.
- and said again unto 21 them, What will ye then that I shall do unto him whom ye call the King of the Jews?
- 13 And they cried out again, Crucify him.
- 14 Then Pilate said unto them, Why, what evil hath he done? And they cried out the more exceedingly, Crucify him.
- 15 And so Pilate, willing to content the people, released them, and delivered Jesus, when he had scourged him, to be crucified.

- 13 And Pilate, 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 him 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 5 done unto him.
- 16 I will therefore chastise him, and release him.
- 17 (For of necessity he must release one unto them at the feast.)
- 18 And they cried out all at once, saying, Away with this man, and release unto us Barabbas:
- 19 (Who for a certain sedition made in the city, and for murder, was cast into prison.)
- release Barabbas 20 Pilate therefore, willing to release Jesus, spake again to them
 - But they cried, saying, Crucify him, crucify him.
 - 22 And he said unto them the third time, Why, what evil hath he done? I have found no cause of death in him: I will therefore chastise him, and let him qo.
 - 23 And they were instant with loud voices, requiring that he might be crucified. And the voices of them and of the chief priests prevailed.
 - 24 And Pilate gave sentence that it should be as they required.
- Barabbas unto 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.

- 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?
- 40 Then cried they all again, saying, Not this man, but Barabbas. Now Barabbas was a robber.
- 19:1 Then Pilate therefore took Jesus, and scourged him.
- And the soldiers platted a crown of thorns, and put it on his head, and they put on him a purple
- And said, Hail, King of the Jews! and they smote him with their hands.
- 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.
- Then came Jesus forth, wearing the crown of thorns, and the purple robe. And Pilate saith unto them, Behold the man!
- When the chief priests therefore and officers saw him, they cried out, saying, Crucify him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Take ye him, and crucify him: for I find no fault in him.
- The Jews answered him, We have a law, and by our law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God.
- When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he was the more afraid:
- And went again into the judgment hall, and saith unto Jesus, Whence art thou? But Jesus gave him no answer.
- 10 Then saith Pilate 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 at all against me, except it were given thee from above: therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin.
- 12 And from thenceforth Pilate sought to release him: but the Jews cried out, saying, If thou let this man go, thou art not Caesar's friend: whosoever maketh himself a king speaketh against Caesar.
- 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.
- 14 And it was the preparation of the passover, and about the sixth hour and he saith unto the Jews, Behold your King!
- 15 But they cried out, Away with him, away with him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priests answered, We have no king but Caesar.
- 16 Then delivered he him therefore unto them to be crucified. And they took Jesus, and led him away.

The Roman soldiers mock Jesus.

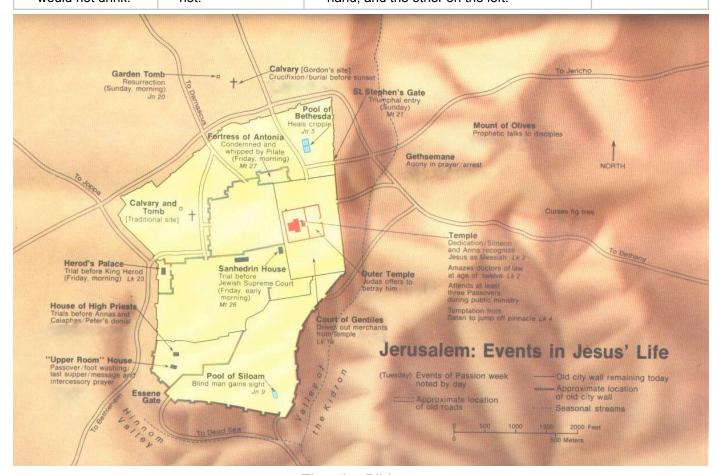
Matthew 27:27-30 Mark 15:16-19 27 Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the common hall, and 16 And the soldiers led him away into the hall, called Praetorium; and gathered unto him the whole band of soldiers. they call together the whole band. 28 And they stripped him, and put on him a scarlet robe. 17 And they clothed him with purple, and platted a crown of thorns,

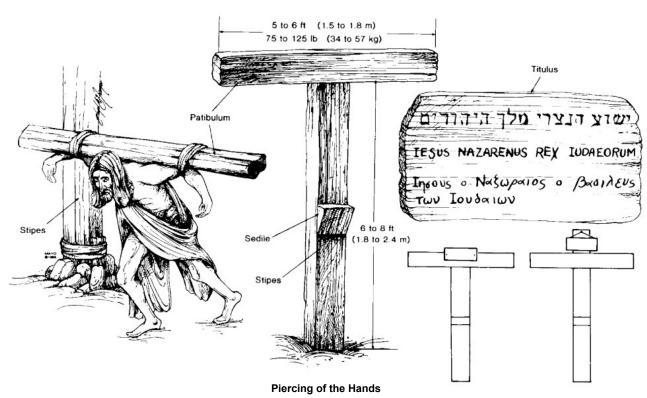
- 29 And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews!
- 30 And they spit upon him, and took the reed, and smote him on the head.

- and put it about his head,
- 18 And began to salute him, Hail, King of the Jews!
- 19 And they smote him on the head with a reed, and did spit upon him, and bowing their knees worshipped him.

Jesus on the way to the cross on Golgotha, Calvary, the place of a skull.

Matthew 27:31-34 Mark 15:20-23 Luke 23:26-33 John 19:16-17 31 And after that they 20 And when they had 26 And as they led him away, they laid hold 16 Then delivered had mocked him, mocked him, they upon one Simon, a Cyrenian, coming out of h e h i m they took the robe took off the purple the country, and on him they laid the cross, therefore unto off from him, and from him, and put that he might bear it after Jesus. them to be his own clothes on 27 And there followed him a great company of put his own raiment crucified. And on him, and led people, and of women, which also bewailed him, and led him out they took him away to crucify to crucify him. and lamented him. Jesus, and 21 And they compel 28 But Jesus turning unto them said, him. led him away. one Simon a Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, 17 And he bearing 32 And as they came out, they found a Cyrenian, who but weep for yourselves, and for your his cross went man of Cyrene, passed by, coming children. forth into a out of the country, 29 For, behold, the days are coming, in the Simon by name: place called him they compelled the father of which they shall say, Blessed are the the place of a skull, which is to bear his cross. Alexander and barren, and the wombs that never bare, and 33 And when they Rufus, to bear his the paps which never gave suck. called in the Hebrew 30 Then shall they begin to say to the were come unto a cross. mountains, Fall on us; and to the hills, place called 22 And they bring him Golgotha: Golgotha, that is to unto the place Cover us. say, a place of a Golgotha, which is, 31 For if they do these things in a green tree, what shall be done in the dry? skull, being interpreted, 34 They gave him The place of a skull. 32 And there were also two other, malefactors, vinegar to drink 23 And they gave him led with him to be put to death. mingled with gall: to drink wine 33 And when they were come to the place, and when he had mingled with myrrh: which is called Calvary, there they crucified tasted thereof, he but he received it him, and the malefactors, one on the right would not drink. not. hand, and the other on the left.





The oft-heard claim that nails through the palms would not have supported the victim's weight is unsubstantiated.

It has been maintained that the tissues between the fingers would not have been strong enough to prevent the nails from tearing loose as gravitational force pulled the hands away from the nails. The force on the hands has been exaggerated. Doctors have calculated that the force on the hand when the arm was outstretched 65° from the upright was only about 70 pounds. A force of this magnitude is not enough to rip the hands apart.

Impalement through the palms does not necessarily contradict the testimony of both Biblical prophecy (Psa. 34:20; Num. 9:12; Ex. 12:46) and Biblical history (John 19:33, 36) that none of the Messiah's bones were broken.

It is true that a nail through the palm or even the wrist bones could leave the bones intact, but it was easier to protect the integrity of Jesus' bones by putting the nail through a point just below the wrist. Indeed, piercing Jesus through the palms or wrist bones would have created uncertainty that He fulfilled the prophecies we have cited. To have a clear public witness that He fulfilled the prophecies concerning "no broken bones" required the nails to be inserted between the bones of the forearm.

Scripture, both in prophecy and in the Gospel record, specifically locates the upper nail wounds in the Messiah's hands.

The texts referring to wounds and nail prints in His hands are numerous (Zech. 13:6; Psa. 22:16; Luke 24:39; John 20: 20, 25, 27). The clear testimony of Scripture outweighs all other evidence. Therefore, the debate need center on one question only. What anatomical region does the Bible intend when it uses the words translated "hand"?

The Hebrew word is *yad*, a word distinct from "palm" (*kaph*). The difference of reference is evident in the phrase "palm of hands" (2 Kings 9:35; Dan. 10:10). Hebrew has no word for either wrist or forearm. In several Old Testament texts, "wrist" is obviously the intended meaning of *yad*. For example, Abraham's servant gave Rebekah bracelets for her "hands" (Gen. 24:22, 30, 47). Likewise a scarlet thread was tied onto the "hand" of Zarah when he emerged from the womb (Gen. 38:28), and Samson was bound fast with cords described both as upon his "arms" and upon his "hands" (Judg. 15:13-14).

In Greek also there is no word for either wrist or forearm. The word for hand, *cheir,* is therefore the only recourse when "wrist" is the intended meaning. For example, Luke says that Peter's chains fell off his "hands" (Acts 12:7).

It is evident that a place in the wrist of the forearm close enough to the hand to be viewed as the "hand" is not out of harmony with the terms Scripture uses to denote where Jesus was pierced.

Piercing of the Feet

On the question concerning where the soldiers pierced Jesus' feet, Jesus' crucifixion had to differ from a typical Roman crucifixion. Normally, the feet were nailed through the heel-bone to each side of the "post" part of the cross. Had they done this to Jesus' feet there would have been massive injury to the heel bones. To escape similar injury, Jesus' feet could not have been held in place by nails through His heels. Rather, the nails must been driven through the top of the feet. A spike entering through the top could readily pass between two bones without breaking them.

The best reconstruction of the scene therefore supposes that after Jesus was raised into position, His feet were either flattened against the face of the cross or placed on a "foot-rest" and attached. Some have imagined that one nail was driven through both feet, with one foot covering the other. It is within the realm of Biblical interpretation that a nail was driven through each foot - individually.

Elevation of the Victim

The Gospels tell us that after Jesus arrived at the hill called Calvary, the soldiers "crucified him" (Matt. 27:35; Mark 15:24; Luke 23:33; John 19:18). This expression specifically refers to the bloody work of fastening His body to a cross. Here we are reduced to speculation. But a reasonable scenario imagines that first, after setting the "cross-beam" on the ground, the soldiers laid Jesus on His back so that His head lay near the center of the piece and His body stretched out perpendicular to it. Next, they brought His arms out to the side and hammered a spike through each wrist into the wood.

After fastening Jesus' arms to the cross, the soldiers hoisted the "cross-beam" to the top of the post. The pain as the whole body was dragged upward by nails through the wrist must have been indescribable. After the "cross-beam" settled into place, the soldiers must have pushed Jesus' body up and nailed both feet to the cross.

The first three hours on the cross (Thursday from 9:00 am until noon).

Matthew 27:35-44

- him, and parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast 2 6 lots.
- 36 And sitting down they watched him there:
- 37 And set up over his head his accusation written, THIS IS JESUS THE KING 27 And with him they crucify two thieves; OF THE JEWS.
- 38 Then were there two thieves crucified with him, one on the right 28 And the scripture hand, and another on the left.
- 39 And they that passed by reviled him, wagging their heads,
- 40 And saying, Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days, save thyself. If thou be the Son of God, come
- 41 Likewise also the chief priests mocking him, with the scribes 31 Likewise also the and elders, said,
- 42 He saved others: himself he cannot save. If he be the King of Israel, let him now come down from believe him.
- 43 He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God.
- 44 The thieves also. which were crucified with him, cast the same in his teeth.

Mark 15:24-32

- crucified him, they parted his garments, casting lots upon them, what every man should take.
- prophet, They parted 25 And it was the third crucified him.
 - And the superscription of his accusation was KING OF THE JEWS.
 - the one on his right hand, and the other on his left.
 - was fulfilled, which saith, And he was transgressors.
 - 29 And they that passed wagging their heads, and saying, Ah, thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days,
- down from the cross. 30 Save thyself, and 39 And one of the come down from the cross.
 - chief priests mocking said themselves with the scribes, He saved others; himself he cannot save.
 - Israel descend now from the cross, that we may see and that were crucified with him reviled him.

Luke 23:33-43

- come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the right hand, and the other on the left.
- hour, and they 34 Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. 20 This title then read many of And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.
- written over, THE 35 And the people stood beholding. And the rulers also with them derided others; let him save himself, if he be Christ, the chosen of God.
 - 36 And the soldiers also him, and offering him vinegar,
- numbered with the 37 And saying, If thou be the king of the Jews, save thyself.
- by railed on him, 38 And a superscription also was written over him in letters of Greek, and Latin, and Hebrew, THIS JEWS.
 - malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us.
 - a m o n g 40 But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing condemnation?
- the cross, and we will 32 Let Christ the King of 41 And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss.
 - believe. And they 42 And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.
 - 43 And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.

John 19:18-27

- 35 And they crucified 24 And when they had 33 And when they were 18 Where they crucified him, and two other with him, on either side one, and Jesus in the midst.
 - malefactors, one on the 19 And Pilate wrote a title, and put it on the cross. And the writing was, JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS.
 - the Jews: for the place where Jesus was crucified was nigh to the city: and it was written in Hebrew, and Greek, and Latin.
 - him, saying, He saved 21 Then said the chief priests of the Jews to Pilate, Write not, The King of the Jews; but that he said, I am King of the Jews.
 - mocked him, coming to 22 Pilate answered, What I have written I have written.
 - 23 Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took his garments, and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also his coat: now the coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout.
 - IS THE KING OF THE 24 They said therefore among themselves, Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be: that the scripture might be fulfilled, which saith, They parted my raiment among them, and for my vesture they did cast lots. These things therefore the soldiers did.
 - thou art in the same 25 Now there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene.
 - 26 When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son!
 - 27 Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home.

• The second three hours (darkness from noon to 3:00 p.m.)

Matthew 27:45-50	Mark 15:33-37	Luke 23:44-46	John 19:28-30
 45 Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour. 46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? 47 Some of them that stood there, when they heard that, said, This man calleth for Elias. 48 And straightway one of them ran, and took a spunge, and filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink. 49 The rest said, Let be, let us see whether Elias will come to save him. 50 Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. 	come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. 34 And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani? which is, being interpreted, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? 35 And some of them that stood by, when they heard it, said, Behold, he calleth Elias. 36 And one ran and filled a spunge full of vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink, saying, Let alone; let us see whether Elias will come to take him down.	the sixth hour, and there was a darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour. 45 And the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was rent in the midst. 46 And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I	knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst. 29 Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar: and they filled a spunge with vinegar, and put it upon hyssop, and put it to his mouth. 30 When Jesus therefore had

The phenomena accompanying the death of Jesus

Matthew 27:51-56	Mark 15:38-41	Luke 23:47-49
 51 And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; 52 And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, 53 And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many. 54 Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God. 55 And many women were there beholding afar off, which followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering unto him: 56 Among which was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joses, and the mother of Zebedee's children. 	rent in twain from the top to the bottom. 39 And when the centurion, which stood over against him, saw that he so cried out, and gave up the ghost, he said, Truly this man was the Son of God. 40 There were also women looking on afar off: among whom was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the less and of Joses, and Salome; 41 (Who also, when he was in Galilee, followed him, and	centurion saw what was done, he glorified God, saying, Certainly this was a righteous man. 48 And all the people that came together to that sight, beholding the things which were done, smote their breasts, and returned. 49 And all his acquaintance, and the women that followed him from Galilee, stood

• It should be noted that the Jews had from 3:00 pm (the time of Jesus' death) until sundown to do the following:

- 1 Remove His body from the Cross and hastily prepare it for burial.
- 2 Place His body in the tomb (hence the choice of a nearby tomb).
- 3 Return to their dwelling in Jerusalem for the conclusion of Passover Day and the beginning of the week-long Feast of Unleavened Bread.

- The "Preparation Day" is the "First Month, 14th Day" (Passover). Nisan 15th begins the Feast of Unleavened Bread (this special day is also a "Sabbath Day" Leviticus 23:6-8). This would have been "Friday".
- The burial of the body of Jesus in the tomb after proof of His death.

Matthew 27:57-60	Mark 15:42-46	Luke 23:50-54	John 19:31-42
even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathaea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus'	even was come, because it was the preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath,	there was a man named Joseph, a counsellor; and he was a good man, and a just: 51 (The same had	 31 The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the sabbath day, (for that sabbath day was an high day,) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. 32 Then came the soldiers, and brake the legs of the first, and of the other which was crucified with him. 33 But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs:
disciple: 58 He went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to	kingdom of God, came, and went in boldly unto Pilate, and craved the body of Jesus. 4 4 And Pilate marvelled if he were already dead:	and deed of them;) he was of Arimathaea, a city of the Jews: who also himself waited for the kingdom of God.	 34 But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water. 35 And he that saw <i>it</i> bare record, and his record is true: and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe. 36 For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be
be delivered. 59 And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, 60 And laid it in	and calling unto him the centurion, he asked him whether he had been any while dead. 45 And when he knew it of the centurion, he gave the body to	unto Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. 53 And he took it down, and wrapped it in linen, and laid it	broken. 37 And again another scripture saith, They shall look on him whom they pierced. 38 And after this Joseph of Arimathaea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, besought Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus: and Pilate gave him leave. He came therefore, and took the body of Jesus. 39 And there came also Nicodemus, which at the
his own new	Joseph. 46 And he bought fine linen, and took him down, and wrapped him in the linen, and laid him in a sepulchre which was hewn out of a	that was hewn in stone, wherein never man before was laid.	first came to Jesus by night, and brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about an hundred pound weight. 40 Then took they the body of Jesus, and wound it in linen clothes with the spices, as the manner of the Jews is to bury. 41 Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden; and in the garden a new
sepulchre, and departed.	rock, and rolled a stone unto the door of the sepulchre.	and the sabbath drew on.	sepulchre, wherein was never man yet laid. 42 There laid they Jesus therefore because of the Jews' preparation <i>day;</i> for the sepulchre was nigh at hand.

The careful observations of the women at the tomb of Jesus.

Matthew 27:61	Mark 15:47	Luke 23:55-56
61 And there was Mary Magdalene, and the other Mary, sitting over against the sepulchre.	Magdalene and Mary the mother of	56 And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments; and

 Not only did the Jews have to contend with a "special" Sabbath this week (Unleavened Bread), they also had their regular "weekly" Sabbath that caused them to "rest". If Jesus was crucified late Thursday (it is our belief according to Scripture that He was), then they had to "rest" on Friday (because of the Feast) and also "rest" on Saturday (because of the weekly Sabbath).

Matthew 27:62-66 ⁶² Now the next day, that followed the day of the preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate, ⁶³ Saying, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, After three days I will rise again. ⁶⁴ Command therefore that the sepulchre be made sure until the third day, lest his disciples come by night, and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead: so the last error shall be worse than the first. ⁶⁵ Pilate said unto them, Ye have a watch: go your way, make *it* as sure as ye can. ⁶⁶ So they went, and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch.

The visit of the women to the tomb of Jesus, early Sunday morning at dawn.

Matthew 28:1	Mark 16:1
	1 And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the <i>mother</i> of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him.

 Another earthquake, the rolling away of the stone by an angel, the fright of the Roman watchers.

Matthew 28:2-4 ² And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. ³ His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow: ⁴ And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead *men*.

• The visit of the women to the tomb of Jesus about sunrise Sunday morning and the message of the angels about the empty tomb.

Matthew 28:5-8	Mark 16:2-8	Luke 24:1-8	John 20:1
answered and said unto the women,	at the rising of the sun. 3 And they said among themselves, Who shall roll us away the stone from the door	 Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others with them. And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre. 	1 The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the
6 He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.	stone was rolled away: for it was very great.	3 And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus.4 And it came to pass, as they were	
have told you.	were affrighted. 6 And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him. 7 But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into	garments: 5 And as they were afraid, and bowed down <i>their</i> faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead? 6 He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was	from the sepulchre.
8 And they departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy; and did run to bring his disciples word.	unto you.	7 Saying, The Son of man must be	

 Mary Magdalene and the other women report to the apostles, and Peter and John visit the empty tomb.

Luke 24:9-12	John 20:2-10	
 9 And returned from the sepulchre, and told all these things unto the eleven, and to all the rest. 10 It was Mary Magdalene, and Joanna, and Mary the mother of James, and other women that were with them, which told these things unto the apostles. 11 And their words seemed to them as idle tales, and they believed them not. 12 Then arose Peter, and ran unto the sepulchre; and stooping down, he beheld the linen clothes laid by themselves, and departed, wondering in himself at that which was come to pass. 	 whom Jesus loved, and saith unto them, They have taken away the Lord out of the sepulchre, and we know not where they have laid him. Peter therefore went forth, and that other disciple, and came to the sepulchre. So they ran both together: and the other disciple did outrun Peter, and came first to the sepulchre. And he stooping down, and looking in, saw the linen clothes lying; yet went he not in. Then cometh Simon Peter following him, and went into the sepulchre, and seeth the linen clothes lie, And the napkin, that was about his head, not lying with the linen clothes, but wrapped together in a place by itself. Then went in also that other disciple, which came first to the sepulchre, and he saw, and believed. 	

• The appearance of Jesus to Mary Magdalene and the message to the disciples.

Mark 16:9-11	John 20:11-18
9 Now when Jesus was risen early the	11 But Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping: and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulchre,
	12 And seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet,
first to Mary	13 And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him.
	14 And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus.
10 And she went and told them that had	15 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She, supposing
they mourned and wept.	
·	17 Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my
been seen of her, believed not.	

The appearance of Jesus to the other women.

Matthew 28:9-10 ⁹ And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him. ¹⁰ Then said Jesus unto them, Be not afraid: go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me.

Some of the guards report to the Jewish rulers.

Matthew 28:11-15 ¹¹ Now when they were going, behold, some of the watch came into the city, and shewed unto the chief priests all the things that were done. ¹² And when they were assembled with the elders, and had taken counsel, they gave large money unto the soldiers, ¹³ Saying, Say ye, His disciples came by night, and stole him *away* while we slept. ¹⁴ And if this come to the governor's ears, we will persuade him, and secure you. ¹⁵ So they took the money, and did as they were taught: and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day.

 His appearance unto two disciples (Cleopas and another) on the way to Emmaus. This is after sundown on the day of His resurrection (their Monday evening).

Mark 16:12-13 Luke 24:13-32	
12 After that he appeared in another form unto two of them, as they walked, and went into the country. 13 And they walked, and went into the residue: 14 And they said unto them, What manner of communications are these that ye have walk, and are sad? 15 And they went and told it unto the residue: 16 And he said unto them, What manner of communications are these that ye have walk, and are sad? 18 And they went and told it unto the residue: 19 And he said unto them, What things? And they said unto him, Art the Jerusalem, and hast not known the things which are come to pass there in these did hey them. 18 And the one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answering said unto him, Art the Jerusalem, and hast not known the things? And they said unto him, Concerning Jesus of a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people: 19 And how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him to be condemned to deat him. 20 But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel: and beside third day since these things were done. 21 Yea, and certain women also of our company made us astonished, which were earl and that he was alive. 22 Yea, and certain women also of our company made us astonished, which were earl and that he was alive. 23 And when they found not his body, they came, saying, that they had also seen a visaid that he was alive. 24 And certain of them which were with us went to the sepulchre, and found it even said: but him they saw not. 25 Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets he concerning himself. 28 And they drew nigh unto the village, whither they went: and he made as though further. 29 But they constrained him, saying, Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day went in to tarry with them. 30 And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed it, ar them. 31 And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight while he opened to us the scriptures?	one to another, as ye hou only a stranger in lays? If Nazareth, which was th, and have crucified the all this, to day is the rely at the sepulchre; vision of angels, which so as the women had thave spoken: The scriptures the things in he would have gone ay is far spent. And he and brake, and gave to tt.

 The late night report of the two disciples and the news of Jesus' appearance to Simon Peter.

Luke 24:33-35	1st Corinthians 15:5
 33 And they rose up the same hour, and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered together, and them that were with them, 34 Saying, The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon. 35 And they told what things were done in the way, and how he was known of them in breaking of bread. 	Cephas, then of the twelve:

 The appearance to the astonished disciples (Thomas absent) with a commission and their failure to convince Thomas

Mark 16:14	Luke 24:36-43	John 20:19-25
appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with the ir unbelief and hardness of heart, because the y believed not	stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. 37 But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit. 38 And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts? 39 Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have. 40 And when he had thus spoken, he shewed them his hands and his feet. 41 And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he said unto them,	 20 And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord. 21 Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. 22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost: 23 Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.

 His appearance to the disciples and the convincing of Thomas (one week after His resurrection).

John 20:26-31	1st Corinthians 15:5
 26 And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: <i>then</i> came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace <i>be</i> unto you. 27 Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust <i>it</i> into my side: and be not faithless, but believing. 28 And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God. 29 Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed <i>are</i> they that have not seen, and <i>yet</i> have believed. 30 And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: 31 But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name. 	of Cephas, then of the twelve:

 The appearance to the seven disciples beside the Sea of Galilee; The miraculous draught of fishes.

John 21:1-25 ¹ After these things Jesus shewed himself again to the disciples at the sea of Tiberias; and on this wise shewed he *himself*. ² There were together Simon Peter, and Thomas called Didymus, and Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and the *sons* of Zebedee, and two other of his disciples. ³ Simon Peter saith unto them, I go a fishing. They say unto him, We also go with thee. They went forth, and entered into a ship immediately; and that night they caught nothing. ⁴ But when the morning was now come, Jesus stood on the shore: but the disciples knew not that it was Jesus. ⁵ Then Jesus saith unto them, Children, have ye any meat? They answered him, No. ⁶ And he said unto them, Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find. They cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes. ⁷ Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved saith unto Peter, It is the Lord. Now when

Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he girt his fisher's coat unto him, (for he was naked,) and did cast himself into the sea. 8 And the other disciples came in a little ship; (for they were not far from land, but as it were two hundred cubits,) dragging the net with fishes. 9 As soon then as they were come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid thereon, and bread. 10 Jesus saith unto them, Bring of the fish which ye have now caught. 11 Simon Peter went up, and drew the net to land full of great fishes, an hundred and fifty and three: and for all there were so many, yet was not the net broken. 12 Jesus saith unto them, Come and dine. And none of the disciples durst ask him, Who art thou? knowing that it was the Lord. 13 Jesus then cometh, and taketh bread, and giveth them, and fish likewise. 14 This is now the third time that Jesus shewed himself to his disciples, after that he was risen from the dead. 15 So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs. 16 He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep. ¹⁷ He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep. 18 Verily, Verily, I say unto thee, When thou wast young, thou girdedst thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldest: but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry thee whither thou wouldest not. ¹⁹ This spake he, signifying by what death he should glorify God. And when he had spoken this, he saith unto him, Follow me. ²⁰ Then Peter, turning about, seeth the disciple whom Jesus loved following; which also leaned on his breast at supper, and said, Lord, which is he that betrayeth thee? 21 Peter seeing him saith to Jesus, Lord, and what shall this man do? 22 Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? follow thou me. 23 Then went this saying abroad among the brethren, that that disciple should not die: yet Jesus said not unto him, He shall not die; but, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? 24 This is the disciple which testifieth of these things, and wrote these things: and we know that his testimony is true. 25 And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen.

So, is there a significance to the number of fishes caught (153)? We think so. God does nothing by chance. Everything He does has a purpose. If there is a meaning, then what is it? Is it open to "speculation" or is its meaning something that would have been clearly understood by Jesus and His disciples (all Hebrew)?

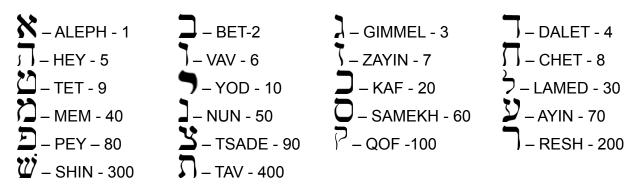
Gematria

The letters of the Hebrew *Alef-bet* have numerical values. There is a Jewish discipline known as *Gematria* devoted to finding meanings of the numerical values of words. For example 18 is the numerical value of *Chai* (meaning Life) so donations to Jewish charities are routinely made in denominations of 18.

The value for "mother" plus the value for "father" equals 44, which is also the value for "child".

It can be possible to take this too far. For instance, since the letter *vav* has the value of 6 then www = 666 (the mark of the Beast) which means that the Internet is the Antichrist or something similar. This is nonsense since *gematria* works by <u>adding the values</u> so "www" equals 18, which is *Chai* or "life".

Hebrew Alphabet "ALEPH – TAV"



Now let us see why it is 153 fish.

I AM GOD in Hebrew is ANI ELOHIM. (40, 10, 5, 6, 30, 1 ~ 10, 50, 1)

If we count the numerical value of ANI ELOHIM, we will find the number 153.

• The appearance to about five hundred on an appointed mountain in Galilee, and a commission given.

Matthew 28:16-20	Mark 16:15-18	1st Corinthians 15:6
16 Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them.	world, and preach the gospel to every creature.	
17 And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted.	saved; but he that believeth not shall be	
18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.	17 And these signs shall follow them that	present, but some are fallen asleep.
19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:		
20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, <i>even</i> unto the end of the world. Amen.	drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.	

- His appearance to James the half-brother of Jesus.
 - 1 Corinthians 15:7 After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles.
- The appearance to the disciples with another commission.

Luke 24:44-49	Acts 1:3-8
spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and <i>in</i> the prophets, and <i>in</i> the psalms, concerning me. 45 Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, 46 And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: 47 And that repentance and remission of sins should be	 4 And, being assembled together with <i>them</i>, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, <i>saith he</i>, ye have heard of me. 5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. 6 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? 7 And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. 8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in

• The last appearance and ascension at the Mount of Olives.

Mark 16:19-20	Luke 24:50-53	Acts 1:9-12
had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. 20 And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word	Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them. 51 And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven. 52 And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great	sight. 10 And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; 11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.