

Life of Jesus

Crucifixion and Resurrection

Matthew 26-28

1. Jesus Willingly is Going to the Cross

- John 10:11,15, 17-18 “I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.... lay down My life for the sheep. For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life so that I may take it again. No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own initiative. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This commandment I received from My Father.”
- The raising of Lazarus of Bethany ignites the final events. Matthew 26: 3-5h Then the chief priests and the elders of the people were gathered together in the court of the high priest, named Caiaphas; and they plotted together to seize Jesus by stealth and kill Him. But they were saying, “Not during the festival, otherwise a riot might occur among the people.”
- The betrayal by Judas establishes the timing.

2. Jesus celebrates the Passover with His disciples

- Luke 22:24 And there arose also a dispute among them as to which one of them was regarded to be greatest.
- Jesus lowers himself to the position of a slave by washing their feet.
- After dismissing Judas, He picks up the third cup of the Passover ceremony: The cup of redemption and declares, “for **this is My blood** of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins.” Matthew 26:28



3. Jesus Prays in the Garden

- Matthew 26:39 And He went a little beyond them, and fell on His face and prayed, saying, “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as You will.”
- The cup= the full wrath of God poured out on sin. The ultimate horror of separation from the Father. Psalm 11:6, 75:8, Jer. 25:15-16, Hab. 2:16, Rev. 16:19).
- Luke 22: 43-44 Now an angel from heaven appeared to Him, strengthening Him. And being in agony He was praying very fervently; and His sweat became like drops of blood, falling down upon the ground.

4. Jesus is Betrayed by Judas, Deserted by the Nine, and Denied by Peter

Matthew 26:49 Immediately Judas went to Jesus and said, “Hail, Rabbi!” and kissed Him. And Jesus said to him, “Friend, *do* what you have come for.”

Matthew 26:52-54 Then Jesus said to him, “...do you think that I cannot appeal to My Father, and He will at once put at My disposal more than twelve legions of angels? How then will the Scriptures be fulfilled, *which say* that it must happen this way?”



4. Jesus is Tried Unjustly

- The purpose of the three religious trials: “He made Himself out to be God.”
Verdict: Guilty of blasphemy!
- The purpose of the three civil trials (Pilate, Herod, Pilate): “He made Himself out to be King.” Verdict: “This man is innocent.”
- “We have no king but Caesar!” “Crucify Him!”



5. Jesus is Crucified

- Psalm 21:1 My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?
- "It is finished!"
- Psalm 31:5 Into Your hand I commit my spirit.
- Veil in the Temple is torn. 5" thick, 60' long, 30' high. It took 300 priests to manipulate it. It was ripped from top to bottom. The old way of coming to God with the blood of animals is finished. The new way has been instituted by the BLOOD of the LAMB of GOD.



6. Jesus is Dead and Buried

- The piercing of His side verified His death.
- The tomb was sealed as a precaution by Jesus' ENEMIES, who believed the words He said about rising again. The disciples didn't seem to be taking those words into account.
- Who was responsible for Jesus' death? (in contrast to "Jews killed Jesus.")
 - First century Jewish national leaders, who initiated the legal action, insisting that Pilate crucify Jesus.
 - Pilate, who authorized the crucifixion and the Roman soldiers, who physically crucified Jesus.
 - All people, for whose sin Jesus died.
 - God the Father, who gave His Son to die for our redemption. (John 3:16, Isaiah 53:4,10)
 - Jesus, who surrendered His life voluntarily as the willing substitute for sinners, taking the judgment of sin on Himself. (John 10:18)
- Joseph of Arimathea took the body and laid it in his tomb.

7. Jesus is Resurrected!

Was He really sent by God the Father? YES!
Is He really who He claimed to be: God, Messiah, Savior? YES!
Did He tell the truth? YES!
Is my debt of sin before God really, completely paid for? YES!
Do I really have access to a Holy God? YES!
Have I been completely reconciled to God? YES!



God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. II Cor. 5:19-21

Jesus = God Saves us from our sins.

Memory verse:

Romans 4:25 He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

APOSTLES' CREED (early Church Fathers)

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered

under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

SCRIPTURE from GROW Study

In the beginning was the Word, and
the Word was with God and the Word
was GOD. All things were made by
Him.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt
among us.
He will be called Son of the Most High.

We do not have a High Priest who
cannot sympathize with our
weaknesses, but one who has been
tempted in all points as we are, yet
without sin.

Jesus began to show His disciples that
He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer
many things from the elders and chief
priests and scribes, and be killed, and
be raised up on the third day.

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