

BIBLE PROJECT 2.03

NT 7—Jesus: THE ROAD TO CALVARY

Day by day—last week of Jesus' earthly life.



The actual steps from the House of Annas that Jesus would have walked the night of his Jewish trials.

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This lesson is intended to be an episode-by-episode tour of the last week of Jesus' life. It's a survey, rather than an interpretation of the meaning. The meaning is the next lesson. The Big Ideas are the episodes.

QUESTION: What led to Jesus' Crucifixion?

How did he get from the adulation of the masses on Palm Sunday and throughout the week to the Lithostratus/Gabbatha/Pavement cry of "Crucify?" Who were *those* people?

We have the Powers plotting: John 11: 19—“Look, the whole world has gone after him.”

And John 11.45ff.

“If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him and the Romans will take away our temple and our nation.” “Better that one man die for the people than that the whole nation perish.”

BIG IDEA 1: PALM SUNDAY 2 REMINDERS or HISTORICAL FLASHBACKS

- * Palm Branches are historical flashbacks for the Hasmonean Kingdom.



Hasmonean Palm Branch coin—John Hyrcanus

The Donkey was an historical flashback for

1. Coronation of Solomon 1 Kings 1.34 ff.

King David said, “Call in Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet and Benaiah son of Jehoiada.” When they came before the king, ³³he said to them: “Take your lord’s servants with you and have Solomon my son mount my own mule and take him down to Gihon. ³⁴There have Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anoint him king over Israel. Blow the trumpet and shout, ‘Long live King Solomon!’ ³⁵Then you are to go up with him, and he is to come and sit on my throne and reign in my place. I have appointed him ruler over Israel and Judah.”

2. Explicit enactment of the prophecy of Zechariah 9.9

Jesus WEEPS OVER JERUSALEM Luke 19.41

Cleansing of The Temple: My House shall be call a House of Prayer for all Nations. Mark 11.17

Big Idea 2: Monday

- Cursing of the Fig Tree—and faith like a Mustard Seed moves mountains.

Jesus teaches publicly all week.

Meanwhile the plot goes forward with the POWERS bribing Judas in secret to betray Jesus.

- Parable of the Tenants Matt 21.33
- Parable of the Wedding Banquet Matt 22.14, Mark 12.1ff Luke 20.9ff—See *Hard Sayings*

- Paying taxes to Caesar Mt 22. 15ff, Mk 12.13ff, Lk 20.20 ff: *Notice the source of the questions:*



Roman denarius on left; dime on right

Teachers of the law and chief priests, aka THE POWERS

- Sadducees questions: Marriage Mt 22.23ff. Mk 12.18ff, Lk 20.27ff.
- Pharisees questions: Greatest Command Mt.22.34ff, Mk 12.38
- Whose son is the Messiah? Mt 22.41 ff, Mk 12.35ff, Lk 20.41ff
- Warning against the Pharisees who like to sit in Moses seat, etc: Mt 23.1ff, Mk12.38, Lk 20.45
- 7 Woes on teachers of the law and Pharisees: Mt 23.13ff
- Widow's offering Mk 12.41ff, Lk 21.1ff

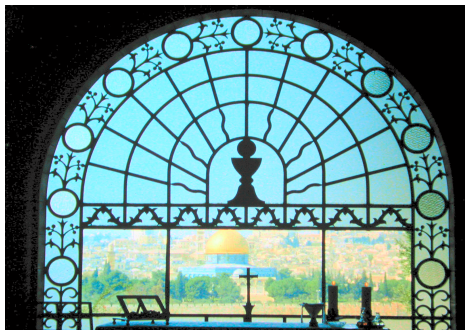


Court of Women –Treasury collection horns were kept

BIG IDEA 3 Tuesday?

Jesus predicts Temple's destruction and his own second coming. ["OLIVET DISCOURSE"].

- Jesus Mt Olives discourse—Destruction of Jerusalem and end times Mt 24.1ff, Mk 13.ff, Lk 21.5ff.



- Parables: Ten Virgins, Talents, Sheep and Goats
- Jesus' days in Temple and nights on Mt. of Olives: Luke 21.34ff



Olives on Mt of Olives

BIG IDEA 4 Tuesday night? Wednesday:

One of the most difficult questions is how to reconcile the amount of time it took to complete Holy Week and how to reconcile John's Gospel with Matthew, Mark and Luke over the day/time Jesus was on the cross. One reasonable explanation is to hypothesize that in the year of Jesus' death, different groups (sects) used different calendars. Essenes and others used the solar calendar while mainline Judaism used the lunar calendar. No perfect explanation exists. But for the purposes of getting the timeline to make sense, the *Bible Project* has chosen to adopt the solar calendar timing of events. There are hints that make this plausible. One of them is the secretive preparations and the clandestine meeting of Peter and John with a man carrying a water jar who would show them to the "upper room." (Luke 22. 10-12) Another is the question of how this could be a Passover meal when Jesus is crucified in John at the time when the lambs are being slaughtered for Passover meal at sundown. Add to these facts the urgency to get Jesus' body off the cross and buried before sundown began Passover, John 19.31.

LAST SUPPER John 13-16, Matt 26. 17-29, Mark 14.12-25; Luke 22. 7-30

- Last Supper—John has Jesus dying just as the Lambs are being slain; Synoptics have Jesus celebrating Passover; John 13, this was the day before Passover and Jesus never gives the words of institution.

It's possible that Jesus was adhering to the "Essene" Solar Calendar which that year put Passover on Tuesday night-Wednesday.



Triclinium table Pompeii (*irt*)

- Last Supper—Upper Room: I am the way, the truth and the Life, John 14.6; I am the true vine, I am the vine, you are the branches, John 15. We will do a separate class just on the Last Supper and try to capture the essence of that important scene. NT 9 in two weeks.

Judas arranges to betray Jesus (Matt 26. 14-16, Mark 14.10-11, Luke 22.1-6. John 13. 27)

BIG IDEA 5: TUESDAY NIGHT-WEDNESDAY?

GETHSEMANE (before dawn Wednesday): John 17 (the “high priestly prayer”, Matt. 26.36-46, Mark 14.32-42, Luke 22.39-46. Luke records Jesus sweat drops of blood.

Judas betrays Jesus and Jesus is arrested Matt. 26.47, Mark 14.43-52, Luke 22. 47-53; John 18. 1-11.

TRIALS

Jewish:

- Annas, Father-in-law of Caiaphas (John 18.1)
- Caiphas Before the Sanhedrin (Matt 26.57-68, Mark 14.53-65 includes Jesus’ Confession I AM in v 62, Luke 22.66-71.

Peter denies Jesus—Intermingled with the Jewish trials. (Matt 26.69-75, Mark 14. 66-72, Luke 22. 54-62, John 18.15-26.

Judas tries to return the 30 pieces of Silver and hangs himself Matthew 27.1ff

BIG IDEA 6: THURSDAY? TRIALS

Roman Trial Pilate: Matt 27.11-26 (Pilates washes hands); Mark 15.1-15; Luke 23.1-25; John 18.28-40 (“What is truth?”).

Herod Antipas—Pilate sent Jesus to Herod Antipas where Jesus stayed silent. (Luke 23.6-12) Antipas sends Jesus back to Pilate.

BIG IDEA 7: FRIDAY: SENTENCING OF JESUS AND CRUCIFIXION

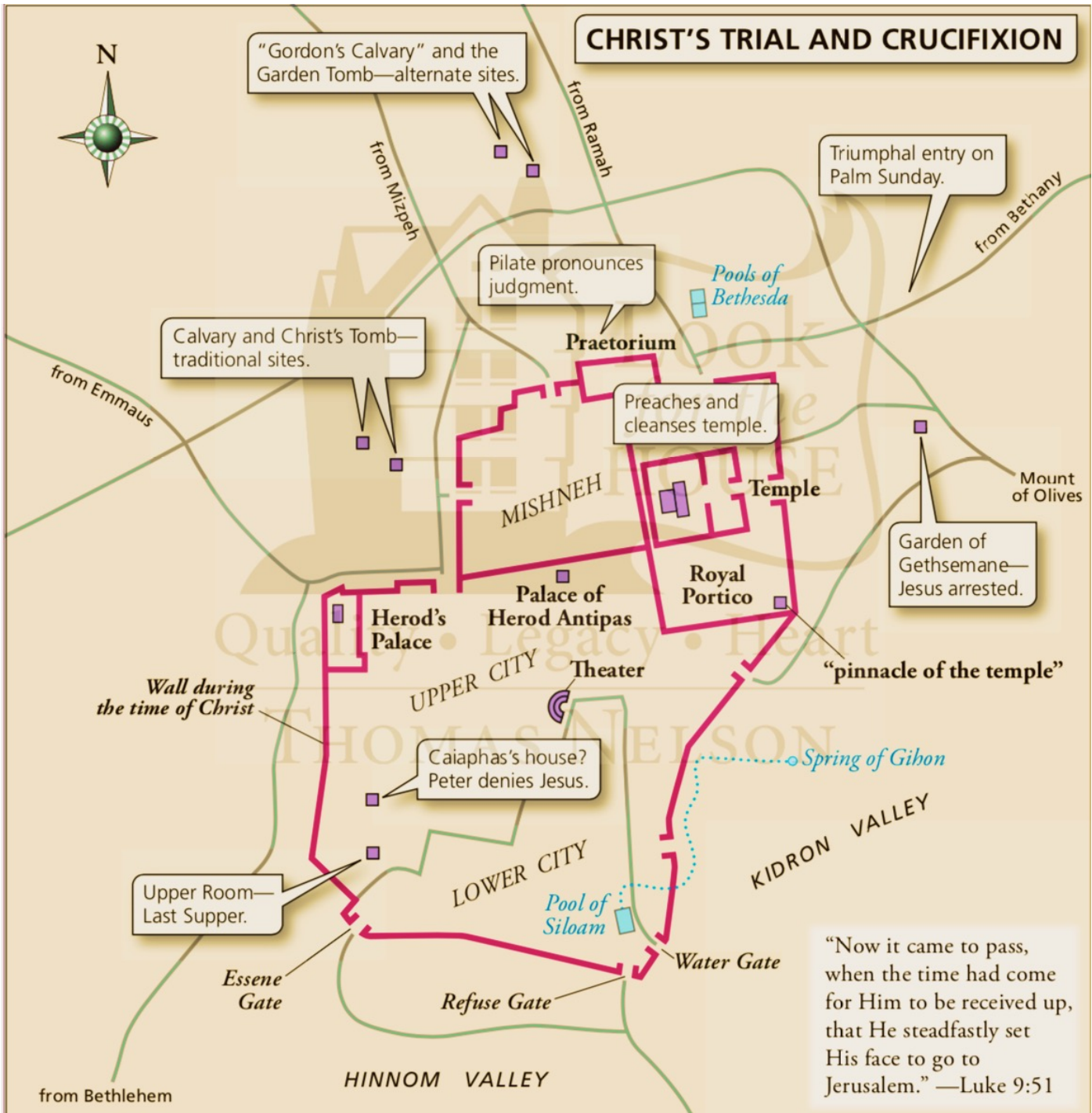
BEHOLD THE MAN—“ECCE HOMO” second examination John 19.1-16 and the sentencing of Jesus.

Gabbatha/Pavement/Lithostratus (see “The Passion of the Christ”)

CRUCIFIXION Matt 27.32-56; Mark 15.21-41; Luke 23. 26-49 (penitent criminal); John 19. 17-37

Witnesses Mark 15.40 Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joseph, and Salome. Matt 27.55-56 Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of Zebedee’s sons [James and John]. Luke 23.47 the centurion and women who followed him from Galilee. John 19. 25-27 Jesus’ mother, his mother’s sister, May the wife of Clopas and Mary Magdalene.

BURIAL of Jesus Matt 27.57-66, Mark 15.42-47; Luke 23.50-56, John 19.38-42



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Consider the following if you choose to prepare for next class:

Next Class, Jesus the Savior—the Atonement.

Continue reading from the Chronological Bible the last week of Jesus' life and note the events and teachings. Start with John 12, p. 1205 in my Chronological Bible. And read through the trial, crucifixion, death and burial of Jesus. I think this is where the Chronological Bible would be most beneficial. And this week read through the end of the gospels including the Resurrection.

READ The following texts and note what each says in preparation for the NT interpretation of the cross and resurrection:

Col 1.22

Rom 5.19

Col 2. 13-14

Rom 5.6

1 Pet 2.24-25

Rom 3.25, 5.9

2 Cor 5.17-21

Eph 2.1-22

What personal awareness does "salvation" require? Mk 2.17, Lk 18.11=14

What is the power of "good intentions" to keep a person right with God (pure and sin-free)? Rom 7.15, 19-24.

MARKERS

John 13	Washing of Disciples' Feet
Matt 26, Mark 14, Luke 22	Last Supper
John 14	I am the Way, the Truth and the Life
John 15	I am the Vine; I am the True Vine