

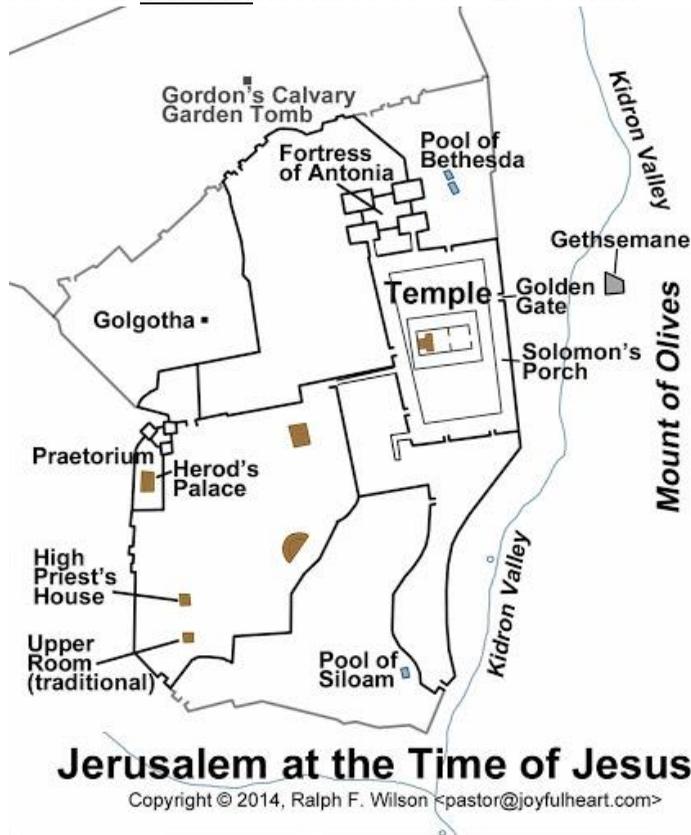


“The Trials” Hours:14-7

“Inside, the leading priests and the entire high council were trying to find witnesses who would lie about Jesus, so they could put Him to death. But even though they found many who

agreed to give false witness, they could not use anyone’s testimony.” Matthew 26:59-60a

A. Hour 14...13...Time: 1:00 – 2:00 a.m.



“First they took Him to Annas, since he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest at that time.” John 18:13

1. The first religious trial is held before Annas. The Psalmist had prophesied this.

“Meanwhile, My enemies lay traps to kill Me. Those who wish Me harm make plans to ruin Me. All day long they plan their treachery. But I am deaf to all their threats. I am silent before them as one who cannot speak.” Psalm 38:12-13

2. Peter and John follow Jesus at a distance. Peter’s first denial happens at the gate.

“Simon Peter followed Jesus, as did another of the disciples. That other disciple was acquainted with the high priest, so he was allowed to enter the high priest’s courtyard with Jesus... The woman asked Peter, ‘You’re not one of that man’s disciples, are you?’ ‘No,’ he said, ‘I am not.’” John 18:15,17

B. Hour 12.5...Time: 2:30 – 3:00 a.m.

“Inside, the leading priests and the entire high council were trying to find evidence against Jesus, so they could put Him to death. But they couldn’t find any.” Mark 14:55

1. Jesus faces the second religious trial before Caiaphas. Both first and second trials are at the House (or Palace) of the High Priest. Caiaphas brings accusations against Jesus.

“Then the high priest stood up before the others and asked Jesus, ‘Well, aren’t you going to answer these charges? What do you have to say for yourself?’ But Jesus was silent and made no reply. Then the high priest asked Him, ‘Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?’ Jesus said, ‘I AM. And you will see the Son of Man seated in the place of power at God’s right hand and coming on the clouds of heaven.’” Mark 14:60-61

2. The High Priest is angry and the Pharisees and Sadducees cry, “Guilty” and the Temple guards abuse Jesus.

“Then the high priest tore his clothing to show his horror and said, ‘Why do we need other witnesses? You have all heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?’ ‘Guilty!’ they all cried. ‘He deserves to die!’ Then some of them began to spit at Him, and they blindfolded Him and beat Him with their fists. ‘Prophesy to us,’ they jeered. And the guards slapped Him as they took Him away.” Mark 14:63-65

C. Hour 11...10...9...Time: 4:00 – 6:00 a.m.

“For My soul is full of troubles, And My life draws near to the grave.” Psalm 88:3

1. Jesus waits for the third religious trial being held at sunrise, approximately at 6:00 a.m.

“So they arrested Him and led Him to the high priest’s home. And Peter followed at a distance.” Luke 22:54

2. Peter denies Jesus a second and third time in the courtyard of the High Priest.

“Suddenly, Jesus’ words flashed through Peter’s mind: ‘Before the rooster crows, you will deny three times that you even know Me.’ And he went away, weeping bitterly.” Matthew 26:75

3. The Sanhedrin (70 religious leaders) and others hold the third trial. He is once again found guilty by the religious leaders.

“At daybreak all the elders of the people assembled, including the leading priests and the teachers of religious law. Jesus was led before this high council,” Luke 22:66

4. All three trials are illegal trials according to their own religious laws and held no legal basis for trials. Judas had accepted a bribe and that would lead to a mistrial. The Sanhedrin was not permitted to meet at night. The witnesses were trumped up and couldn’t agree. The Sanhedrin illegally convened to try a capital offense on a day before an annual Sabbath, Passover! Although He is declared guilty, He is innocent of all charges!

“Then they bound Him, led Him away, and took Him to Pilate, the Roman governor.” Matthew 27:2

D. Hour 8...Time: 7:00 a.m.

“Then the entire council took Jesus to Pilate, the Roman governor.” Luke 23:1

1. Jesus faces His fourth trial and first civil trial in front of Pilate at the Praetorium, the official residence of Pilate. Pilate finds Jesus innocent.

“Pilate turned to the leading priests and to the crowd and said, ‘I find nothing wrong with this man!’” Luke 23:4

2. The crowd overrules Pilate's proclamation of innocence. The trial is illegal as there is no defense attorney.

"Then they became insistent. 'But he is causing riots by his teaching wherever he goes—all over Judea, from Galilee to Jerusalem!'"
Luke 23:5

3. Since Jesus is from Galilee, Pilate decides to send Jesus to the Governor of Galilee. This relieves Pilate of this troublesome situation.

"'Oh, is he a Galilean?' Pilate asked. When they said that He was, Pilate sent Him to Herod Antipas, because Galilee was under Herod's jurisdiction, and Herod happened to be in Jerusalem at the time."
Luke 23:6-7

E. Hour 7...Time: 8:00 a.m.

"Herod was delighted at the opportunity to see Jesus, because he had heard about him and had been hoping for a long time to see him perform a miracle." *Luke 23:8*

1. Jesus faces His fifth trial and second civil trial before Herod. Herod asks questions but Jesus refuses to be the entertainment for Herod.

"He asked Jesus question after question, but Jesus refused to answer." *Luke 23:9*

"He was oppressed and treated harshly, yet He never said a word. He was led like a lamb to the slaughter. And as a sheep is silent before the shearers, He did not open His mouth." *Isaiah 53:7*

2. Jesus is ridiculed and sent back to Pilate. No decision is given by Herod. Once again, it is illegal as there are no grounds.

"Then Herod and his soldiers began mocking and ridiculing Jesus. Finally, they put a royal robe on Him and sent Him back to Pilate."
Luke 23:11

3. Jesus stands before Pilate for His sixth trial and the third civil trial back at the Praetorium. This last trial is also illegal as there is no proof of guilt. Jesus is declared innocent in all three civil trials.

"'What is truth?' Pilate asked. Then he went out again to the people and told them, 'He is not guilty of any crime.'" *John 18:38*

4. Pilate offers a substitute for Jesus in Barabbas, but the crowd overwhelmingly cries for Jesus to be crucified.

"But you have a custom of asking me to release one prisoner each year at Passover. Would you like me to release this 'King of the Jews'?"
But they shouted back, 'No! Not this man. We want Barabbas!'
(Barabbas was a revolutionary.)" *John 18:39-40*

"Pilate asked them, 'Then what should I do with this man you call the king of the Jews?' They shouted back, 'Crucify him!'" *Mark 15:12-13*

F. What is your hour with Jesus?

1. What will you do with Jesus?
2. He stood for you...will you be willing to stand for Him?
3. He was completely innocent of all crimes, and yet He faced all of this for you and me. How does this impact your daily following Jesus?
4. How will your thoughts of Passion Week be different as you consider your responsibility to living for Jesus?

"Then Jesus said to His disciples, 'If any of you wants to be My follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow Me.'" *Matthew 16:24*

To begin a relationship with Jesus...
Text: I Choose Jesus to 88202

14 Jesus is taken by the guards to face trials.

Time: Approximately 1:00 a.m.

13 Jesus faces the High Priest, both Annas, in the **first** religious trial at the house of the High Priest.

Time: Approximately 2:00 a.m.

Matthew 26:57-58; Mark 14:53-54; Luke 22:54-55;

John 18:15-23

12 Jesus faces the **second** religious trial with Caiaphas at the House of the High Priest. He experiences Peter's denials. Time: Approximately 2:30-3:00 a.m.
Matthew 26:59-75; Mark 14:55-65; Luke 22:56-65; John 18:24

11 Jesus was held awaiting the third trial.
Time: Approximately 4:00 a.m.

10 Jesus was held awaiting the third trial.
Time: Approximately 5:00 a.m.

9 Jesus faces His **third** religious trial before the Sanhedrin in the Court of the Sanhedrin.
Time: Approximately 6:00 a.m.
Matthew 27:1; Mark 15:1; Luke 22:66-71

8 Jesus faces His **fourth** trial and first civil trial in front of Pilate. Time: Approximately 7:00 a.m.
Matthew 27:2-14; Mark 15:2-5; Luke 23:1-6; John 18:28-38

7 Jesus faces His **fifth** trial and second civil trial before Herod Antipas. Time: Approximately 8:00 a.m.
Luke 23:7-12

Jesus is sent back to Pilate for His **sixth** trial and third civil trial. Pilate tries to release Him.
Time: Approximately 8:30 a.m.
Matthew 27:15-26; Mark 15:6-15; Luke 23:13-25; John 18:39-19:16

End of Week 3