

From the Table to the Cross

Jesus and his disciples leave the upper room and move toward the Garden of Gethsemane (Matthew 26:30-35; Mark 14:26-31)

- Jesus foretells the denial of Peter

Jesus' agony in the Garden of Gethsemane (Matthew 26:36-46; Mark 14:32-42; Luke 22:39-46)

- Jesus agonizes to the point of sweating blood.
- While Jesus is praying, his disciples fall asleep.
- Jesus prays, "Abba Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will." (Mark 14:36)
- Jesus knows of the arrival of his betrayer.

Jesus is betrayed by Judas

(Matthew 26:47-56; Mark 14:43-50; Luke 22:47-53; John 18:2-12)

- For 30 pieces of silver, Judas betrays Jesus with a kiss.
- Peter attacks the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear.
- Jesus stops Peter and heals the servant, saying: "Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given me?" (John 18:11)

Jesus is examined by the former Jewish High Priest Annas (John 18:12-14, 19-24)

- Jesus is questioned and is hit because of his response.
- "If what I said is wrong, bear witness about the wrong; but if what I said is right, why do you strike me?" (John 18:23)
- Annas sends Jesus to the high priest Caiaphas.

Jesus is condemned by Caiaphas

(Matthew 26:57-68; Mark 14:53-65; Luke 22:54, 63-65; John 18:24)

- Jesus is questioned by the high priest and the chief priests.
- Many bring testimony against Jesus, but their testimonies contradict.
- Jesus remains silent through most of the questioning.
- Jesus is asked, "Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?" and he responds, "I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming with the clouds of heaven." (Mark 14:61-62)
- The priests condemn Jesus to die.
- Many spit on, strike, and mock Jesus.

Peter denies Jesus three times

(Matthew 26:58, 69-75; Mark 14:54, 66-72; Luke 22:54-62; John 18:15-18, 25-27)

- Three times people claim that Peter is a follower of Jesus, three times Peter denies it.
- After the third time Peter hears the rooster crow and remembers the words of Jesus predicting his denial.

Jesus is formally condemned by the Sanhedrin
(Matthew 27:1; Mark 15:1; Luke 22:66-71)

- The former questioning by the high priest and the chief priests did not follow Jewish legal procedures and so it had no authority.
- The leaders meet again to try and legitimize their actions.
- Jesus is condemned, bound, and sent to Pilate.

Jesus is before Pilate the first time

(Matthew 27:2, 11-14; Mark 15:1-5; Luke 23:1-5; John 18:28-38)

- The Jews were allowed to handle all judicial matters except when the verdict was execution. To have a man executed he must stand before a Roman judge. In this case, Pontius Pilate was the Roman administrator over Judea, so the Jews sent Jesus to him.
- Pilate does not accept the Jewish accusations against Jesus but feels pressured by the Jews to do something.
- Jesus does not respond to the charges by the Jewish leaders.
- Jesus responds to the questions of Pilate.
- Jesus says to Pilate, "I have come into the world to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice." Pilate responds, "What is truth?" (John 18:37-38)

Pilate sends Jesus to Herod

(Luke 23:6-12)

- Pilate is not convinced that Jesus should die but he is afraid of the Jewish leaders. He sends Jesus to Herod, hoping Herod will end the matter.
- Herod wants Jesus to perform great miracles, but Jesus remains silent.
- Herod and his soldiers mock Jesus.
- Herod sends Jesus back to Pilate.

Jesus is before Pilate the second time

(Matthew 27:15-26; Mark 15:6-15; Luke 23:13-25; John 18:39-19:16)

- Pilate tries again to free Jesus by pardoning him.
- The Jews cry out for Jesus to be crucified.
- Pilate declares that he found no fault with Jesus, but the Jews continue to cry out for him to be crucified.
- Pilate hands Jesus over to the soldiers for execution.
- Jesus is whipped, stripped, mockingly clothed in purple, given a crown of thorns.
- "And they led him out to crucify him" (Mark 15:20)

The Crucifixion of Jesus

The soldiers mock Jesus

(Matthew 27:27-30; Mark 15:16-19)

- The soldiers strip Jesus of his clothes.
- Jesus is clothed in purple. This was the color of royalty, they were mocking his claim of being a king.
- A crown of long, sharp thorns is forced upon his head.
- The soldiers spit on Jesus and mockingly worship him.

Jesus carries his cross

(Matthew 27:31-34; Mark 15:20-23; Luke 23:26-33; John 19:16-17)

- Jesus is first forced to carry his own cross. When he stumbles from his beatings and the weight of the cross, the soldiers force a man from the crowd, Simon the Cyrene, to carry the cross.
- Women follow Jesus, mourning for him. Even here, headed to his crucifixion, Jesus ministers to the people and prophesies to the women (Luke 23:28-31)
- Jesus is offered a narcotic drink to numb his pain. He refuses the drink; he will face the cross with nothing to dull the pain, he will be fully conscious of all that takes place.

Jesus is nailed to the cross

(Matthew 27:35-44; Mark 15:24-32; Luke 23:33-43; John 19:18-27)

- Jesus is nailed to the cross.
- On Jesus' left and right are two thieves.
- The soldiers cast lots for the clothes of Jesus.
- Jesus asks his Father to forgive those crucifying him.
- An inscription is placed above Jesus, "This is Jesus, the king of the Jews" (Matthew 27:37)
- Jesus is mocked by spectators, the priests, and one of the thieves.
- One of the thieves believes in Jesus, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus accepts his faith: "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." (Luke 23:42-43)

Three hours of darkness

(Matthew 27:45-50; Mark 15:33-37; Luke 23:44-46)

- After Jesus had been on the cross three hours, darkness covers the land.
- Jesus cries out, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Mark 15:34) here he is quoting from Psalm 22.
- Jesus is offered bitter wine (vinegar) to drink.
- Jesus says, "It is finished" (John 19:30)
- Jesus says, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit" (Luke 23:46)
- Jesus dies.

The death of Jesus Christ

(Matthew 27:51-56; Mark 15:38-41; Luke 23:45-49)

- The veil of the temple, closing off the Holy of Holies, splits down the middle.
- An earthquake shakes the land, breaks open many tombs, and the dead within come back to life.
- A centurion observing the events proclaims, "Truly this man was the Son of God!" (Mark 15:39)

The burial of Jesus Christ

(Matthew 27:57-60; Mark 15:42-46; Luke 23:50-54; John 19:31-42)

- The Jews break the legs of those on the cross so that they would die faster.
- Jesus is already dead, his legs were not broken.
- His side is pierced and blood and water poured out.
- Jesus is placed in the tomb of Joseph of Arimathea, Nicodemus helps Joseph prepare and lay Jesus' body in the tomb.
- A stone is placed over the entrance to the tomb.

The Resurrection of Jesus

The Watch of the Tomb

(Matthew 27:61-66; Mark 15:47; Luke 23:55-56)

- Mary Magdalene and Mary mother of Joseph observe the tomb after Jesus' burial.
- The Marys leave to prepare spices for the tomb but rest on the Sabbath.
- The Pharisees petition Pilate to place guards around Jesus' tomb.

The earthquake moves the stone

(Matthew 28:2-4)

- An angel appears to move the stone from the tomb.
- Roman soldiers watching the tomb faint from fright.
- An earthquake shakes the land and rolls the stone away.

The women see the angels

(Matthew 28:5-8; Mark 16:2-8; Luke 24:1-8; John 20:1)

- The women return to the tomb and wonder how to move the stone but see that it had been rolled away.
- At the tomb they see an angel clothed in white.
- The angel says, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." (Mark 16:6-7)

Report to the Disciples

(Luke 24:9-12; John 20:2-10)

- Having made the report to the disciples, Mary Magdalene returns to the tomb with the disciples.
- The disciples see the burial cloths in the tomb.
- The disciples do not understand what has happened, "for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead." (John 20:9)

Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene

(Mark 16:9-11; John 20:11-18)

- The angels comfort Mary.
- Mary sees Jesus but mistakes him for a gardener.
- Jesus calls her by name and she recognizes him.

Jesus with the two disciples

(Mark 16:12-13; Luke 24:13-32)

- Two disciples were travelling on a road to Emmaus, discussing the events of the crucifixion and the rumors that Jesus was missing from the tomb.
- Jesus approached them, they didn't recognize him.
- They tell Jesus of all the events that had been taking place.
- Jesus begins to teach them, starting from Moses and the prophets, how everything that took place was foretold in Scripture. He shares a meal with them and continues to teach. During the meal he does something very similar to the Lord's Supper and then they recognize him.

- They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” (Luke 24:32)
- They tell the other disciples what they have seen.

Jesus before disciples

(Mark 16:14; Luke 24:36-49; John 20:19-25)

- The disciples discuss all the reports about Jesus.
- Jesus appears before all the disciples.
- “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” (Luke 24:38-39)
- Jesus teaches his disciples much as he had taught the two men on the road.
- “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.” (Luke 24:46-47)

Jesus addresses the doubts of Thomas

(John 20:26-29)

- Thomas had not been present for earlier appearances of Jesus and expressed some doubt about the events.
- Jesus appears to them though they were in a locked room.
- Jesus says to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” Thomas responds, “My Lord and my God!” (John 20:27-28)

The miraculous catch of fish

(John 21)

- The disciples are out fishing and Jesus reveals himself at the seashore.
- The disciples have not caught any fish, Jesus has them go out again.
- The disciples catch more fish than they can handle.
- Jesus forgives Peter his denials and restores him to ministry.
- Jesus predicts the manner of Peter’s death.

Commission at the Mountain

(Matthew 28:16-20; Mark 16:15-18)

- Jesus issues the great commission to his disciples.
- “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:18-20)

Final Instruction and Ascension

(Mark 16:19-20; Luke 24:50-53)

- Jesus ascends to Heaven.
- “So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God.” (Mark 16:19)