

13 - Cross

Scriptures: Matthew 26-28; Mark 15-16; Luke 23-24;
John 19-21; Acts 1

Focal point: Christ's Sacrifice for Sin

Principal characters: Jesus, Pontius Pilate, King Herod,
The Disciples of Christ

Primary events: Jesus:

- Is betrayed in the garden by Judas Iscariot
- Is falsely tried and wrongly convicted
- Is crucified on Golgotha (Calvary)
- Resurrected after three days
- Shows himself alive for nearly 40 days
- Ascends back to heaven

The betrayal and arrest of Jesus

- During the last year of the ministry of Jesus, the Jewish leaders had become exceedingly hostile towards Him, and had taken counsel to _____ Him.
Matthew 26:4
- _____ led them to Christ's retreat, in the deep shade of the olive trees in Gethsemane, where Jesus surrendered Himself without resistance, was bound, and taken into the city. Matthew 26:47-56

The trial of Jesus

- The so-called "trial" of Jesus was a shameful and illegal mockery of _____.
Matthew 26:59-68

The crucifixion of Christ

- Jesus was hanging on the cross less than _____ hours after His arrest.
- The One hanging there, though sinless, was struck with the full lightning bolt of God's _____.

- Jesus Christ was man's _____, dying our death, and bearing our sins in our place.
- After the darkness passed, Jesus cried, "*It is finished.*" The ultimate and final _____ for sin had been paid in full.
 - Now, mankind's sins can justly be _____, and mankind can be reconciled to a holy God. Colossians 1:20-21

The resurrection of Christ

- Jesus declared, "*I am the resurrection, and the life.*" John 11:25
- When Jesus came forth from the tomb on the third day, it simply _____ and proved this. Matthew 28:1-8
- There are _____ recorded appearances of Christ after His resurrection. He was seen of over _____ people. 1 Corinthians 15:4-8
- After this, Jesus gave a few final commissions to His disciples. He then ascended back to heaven, where He is now seated at the _____ hand of the Father. Acts 1:6-11; Ephesians 1:20-23

The Timeline of Jesus' Last Night and Crucifixion

- **The Last Supper**
(Matthew 26:20-30; Mark 14:17-26; Luke 22:14-38; John 13:21-30)
- **In the Garden of Gethsemane**
(Matthew 26:36-46; Mark 14:32-42; Luke 22:39-45)
- **Jesus is Betrayed and Arrested**
(Matthew 26:47-56; Mark 14:43-52; Luke 22:47-53; John 18:1-11)
- **The Religious Leaders Tried and Falsely Condemned Jesus**
(Matthew 27:1-2; Mark 15:1; Luke 22:66-71)

6 a.m.

- **Jesus Stands Trial Before Pilate**
(Matthew 27:11-14; Mark 15:2-5; Luke 23:1-5; John 18:28-37)
- **Jesus Sent to Herod**
(Luke 23:6-12)

7 a.m.

- **Jesus Returned to Pilate**
(Luke 23:11)
- **Jesus is Sentenced to Death**
(Matthew 27:26; Mark 15:15; Luke 23:23-24; John 19:16)

8 a.m.

- **Jesus is Led Away to Calvary**
(Matthew 27:32-34; Mark 15:21-24; Luke 23:26-31; John 19:16-17)

THE CRUCIFIXION

9 a.m. - "The Third Hour"

- **Jesus is Crucified on the Cross**
Mark 15: 25 - *And it was the third hour, and **they crucified him.** (The third hour in Jewish time would have been 9 a.m.)*

Luke 23:34 - *Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.*
- **The Soldiers Cast Lots for Jesus' Clothing**
(Mark 15:24)

10 a.m.

- **Jesus is Insulted and Mocked**

The crowd

Matthew 27:39-40 - *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 down from the cross.*

The leaders

Mark 15:31 - *The leading priests and teachers of religious law also mocked Jesus. "Likewise also the chief priests mocking said among themselves with the scribes, He saved others; himself he cannot save."*

The soldiers

Luke 23:36-37 - *And the soldiers also mocked him, coming to him, and offering him vinegar, (37) And saying, If thou be the king of the Jews, save thyself.*

The criminal

Luke 23:39 - *And one of the malefactors (thieves) which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us.*

11 a.m.

- **Jesus and the Repentant Thief**

Luke 23:40-43 - *But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? (41) And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss. (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, today shalt thou be with me in paradise.*

(44) *And it was about the sixth hour, and there was a darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour.*

- **Jesus Speaks to His mother and John**

John 19:26-27 - *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.*

Noon - "The Sixth Hour"

- **Darkness Covers the Land**

Mark 15:33 - *And when the sixth hour was come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour.*

Before 3 p.m.

- **Jesus Cries Out to the Father**

Matthew 27:46 - *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?*

- **Jesus is Thirsty**

John 19:28-29 - *After this, Jesus 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 sponge with vinegar, and put it upon hyssop, and put it to his mouth.*

- **It is Finished**

John 19:30a - *When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished:*

Luke 23:46 - *And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost.*

3 p.m. - "The Ninth Hour"

Events Following Jesus' Death

- **The Earthquake** (Matthew 27:51-52)
- **The Centurion - "Surely this was the Son of God!"**
(Matthew 27:54; Mark 15:38; Luke 23:47)
- **The Soldiers Break the Thieves' Legs**
(John 19:31-33)
- **The Soldier Pierces Jesus Side**
(John 19:34)
- **Jesus is Laid in the Tomb**
(Matthew 27:57-61; Mark 15:42-47; Luke 23:50-56; John 19:38-42)
- **Jesus Rises from the Dead**
(Matthew 28:1-7; Mark 16:1; Luke 24:1-12; John 20:1-9)