

“Christ, Our Passover Lamb”
1 Corinthians 5:7 / Exodus 12
3/29/24
Passion Week Message 2

Introduction

- Title Of The Message: “Christ, Our Passover Lamb”

1 Corinthians 5:7 (NKJV)

7 Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us.

• Passion Week

- **We have been Celebrating Passion Week –**

- The time from Palm Sunday - Resurrection Sunday

- **Why do we call it the "Passion Week"?**

- Simple –
 - We are His passion
 - He loves Loved us enough not to leave us the way we were – Dead in Sins
 - He came to give us life – if we will choose it!
 - Salvation is Available to ALL

John 3:16 (NKJV)

16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

- **During Passion Week - It is GOOD to Stop and REFLECT**

- 1st Remember what Our Lord Jesus went through – ALL FOR US

- 2nd We Should Grow in our LOVE for HIM
- 3rd We Should Grow in our Love for Each other
- 4th We Should Grow in our Proclamation of His Gospel!

• **Timeline –**

○ **Tradition or Truth**

○ **1st Was it Thursday Or Friday, Maybe Wednesday**

- Now let's talk a bit about the Correct Timeline of Passion Week
- **1st Touchy Subject**
 - I know this can be a touchy subject
 - Over the years when you mention that Jesus did not die on “Good Friday”
 - The reactions have been interesting
 - Most will say –
 - Why bring it up –
 - The most important thing is that He did DBR
 - To which I would say I can agree with that NUT only to a point
 - To what Point – can I Agree
 - The World wants to celebrate Good Friday –
 - Let's do it

- Just like we would Celebrate Christmas
 - (Col. 2:16)
- BUT Over the years
 - I get more flak about saying Jesus was not crucified on Good Friday –
 - Then I do when I talk about Jesus not being born on December 25th
 - Which I find interesting!
 - **I really don't understand the response**
 - **So at times I just have not made it a big deal**
- **2nd Tradition or Truth**
 - BUT Here is the thing –
 - In digging into this issue again – I just have to say...
 - I am more interested in TRUTH then TRADITION
 - Tradition is what got the Scribes and Pharisees in TROUBLE
 - If somehow me bring this subject up –
 - Somehow Causes anyone to become frustrated –
 - That is NOT my intent
 - Again - I AM MORE INTERESTED IN TRUTH then TRADITIONS
 - **And YOU SHOULD BE TOO!**

- **3rd Where the Holy Week Traditions Start**

- **ROME**

- Emperor Constantine

- The Edict of Milan 313AD
- The start of the Catholic Church
- Satan could not beat the church with persecution so he joined
- His church was a mixture of Christianity and Paganism
- The celebration of Christmas and Easter came from celebration of pagan gods
- Again – It's not that we can't celebrate these holidays BUT we just need to know where they came from

- **The name Holy Week was not used until the 4th Century**

- It was used by

- St. Athanasius (a – tuh – nay - shuhs), bishop of Alexandria
- St. E-pip-hanius of Constantia (kaan – stan – shuh)

- Originally Holy Week

- Only Good Friday & Holy Saturday were observed

- Later

- Wednesday was added

- In commemoration of the day on which Judas plotted to betray Jesus.
- By the later 4th century
 - The practice had begun of separating the various events of the final week of Jesus' life and commemorating them on the days on which they occurred
 - Palm Sunday
 - Commemorating Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem
 - This is Correct Nisan 10th
 - Holy Monday
 - Commemorating Jesus' cleansing of the temple
 - We don't know this for sure
 - Holy Tuesday
 - Commemorating Jesus' teaching in parables
 - We don't know this for sure
 - Holy Wednesday (also called Good Wednesday or Spy Wednesday)
 - Commemorating Judas's betrayal
 - We don't know this for sure
 - Maundy Thursday (also called Holy Thursday)
 - Commemorating the institution of the Eucharist

- According to Catholicism Communion actually becomes the body and blood of Christ
 - Needless to say this is FALSE
- Good Friday
 - Commemorating the Passion and death of Christ
 - Can't be – timeline does not match
- Holy Saturday
 - Commemorating Christ's burial
- Easter Sunday
 - Celebrating Christ's Resurrection
 - Correct
- Source – <https://www.britannica.com/topic/Holy-Week>
- **4th SO - Why is Important to Address?**
 - **SIMPLY - Because of what Jesus said**

Matthew 12:40 (NKJV)

40 For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

1 Corinthians 15:4 (NKJV)

4 and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,

- So –

- No matter how you do the math

- Move the start of a Jewish day –
- FRIDAY CANT WORK!!!
- It simply cannot be on Friday
 - *Blue Letter Bible; “Holding to a Friday crucifixion really is at odds with Scripture. Scripture does say that it was the Feast of First Fruits when He arose, so we know that the resurrection was Sunday (i.e., sunset Saturday — Sunday sunrise). Therefore, using Jesus' own words we conclude it was a Wednesday or Thursday crucifixion”*
 - *Dave Hunt (TBC) “Yet the myth of a "Good Friday" crucifixion persists, with much ritual and dogma built upon that obvious mistake. In this fact alone we have sufficient evidence of Rome's manufacture and endorsement of untruth to cast doubt upon everything else it affirms with equal dogmatism”.*
 - *Dave Hunt (TBC) Wednesday, Thursday, Friday— does it really matter? Yes! The day of our Lord's crucifixion is of the utmost importance. If Christ was not three days and three nights in the grave, then He lied. Moreover, His death, to fulfill prophecy, had to occur at the very time the Passover Lambs were being slain throughout Israel. It is an astronomical fact that Nisan 14, A.D. 32, fell on Thursday.*

▪ **Biblical Explanation – Timeline**

- Nisan 10th Palm Sunday
- Nisan 14th Crucified – Thursday / Wednesday

John 19:31 (NKJV)

31 Therefore, because it was the Preparation Day, that the bodies should not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the

Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away.

- It was the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread
 - Of which the first and last days were special sabbaths during which no work was to be done.
 - That "high" sabbath ended Friday at sunset and was immediately followed by the weekly sabbath which ended at sunset on Saturday.
- Two sabbaths followed Christ's death
 - Preventing the women from coming to the grave until the third day, Sunday morning.

• **3 Main Points**

- Christ, Our Passover Lamb (Exodus 12)
- The Suffering Of Our Passover Lamb (The Gospels)
- Tetelestai = Finished (John 19:30)

Christ Our Passover Lamb Exodus 12

• **First: Context To Exodus 12**

- **1st Started with Joseph Sold into Slavery**
 - Thrown into prison
 - Became second in command
- **2nd Famine in the Land of Canaan**
 - Jacob sent his sons to get food in Egypt
 - Came across Joseph
 - Jacob and his family moved to Egypt

○ **3rd After the death of Joseph**

- Egypt put Israel in bondage
- For 400 years suffered as slaves
- God raised up Moses to deliver
- Pharaoh refused to let them go

○ **4th 10 Plagues**

- So far 9 judgments have come upon pharaoh and the pagan deities (gods) of Egypt
 - The Nile turned to blood
 - Frogs
 - Lice
 - The flying insects
 - Plague upon the Cattle
 - Boils
 - Hail - Fire
 - Locusts
 - Darkness
- The 10th – The First Born in the land would die
 - God gave the Jewish people the Passover Lamb to saved their first born
 - God is giving them instruction in Chapter 12

• **Second: Each Household Should Take A Lamb vs. 12:1-6**

○ **1st Beginning of Months vs. 1-2**

Exodus 12:1–2 (NKJV)

- 1*** Now the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying,
2 “This month shall be your beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year to you.

- **They called this month the month of Nisan**
 - Something so POWERFUL, so AWESOME
 - Was going to happen
 - That they would measure time by it –
 - Set their calendars by it!
 - This event would take place in the Seventh month of the “Civil” calendar.
 - But now things will change.
 - This will become the **first month of the Religious calendar.**
 - This is THE key event in Jewish history.
 - Changes everything.
 - The world’s calendars are affected by Jesus Christ. BC and AD.
- **Lesson – Same with us BC = Before Christ / AC = After Christ**
 - It brings about a NEW BEGINNING like it did for them

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NKJV)

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

- **2nd Every Man Shall Take for Himself A LAMB v. 3**

Exodus 12:3 (NKJV)

3 Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying: ‘On the tenth of this month every man shall take for himself a lamb, according to the house of his father, a lamb for a household.

▪ **On the 10th of this first month - Nisan**

- Each family – Or household
 - Was to take a lamb
 - The lamb was to live with the family for the four days until Passover
 - 10th - 14th Nisan
- In a way the lamb became part of the family.
 - By the time it was sacrificed on the 14th
 - It was both cherished and mourned.
 - God wanted the sacrifice of something precious.

▪ **Application**

- Ever have animals that would be killed to eat –
 - Parents told you not to name them
 - Not to get connected to them
- But this is different – God wants it PERSONAL
 - With you animal sacrifice that God will later set for Israel they would hold the animal while it was being killed –
 - Showing that this animal was taking your place for your sins before God

- **3rd If the household is too small for the lamb v. 4**

Exodus 12:4 (NKJV)

4 *And if the household is too small for the lamb, let him and his neighbor next to his house take it according to the number of the persons; according to each man's need you shall make your count for the lamb.*

- The rabbis later determined
 - That there should be at least 10 people for each Passover lamb
 - But not more than 20

○ **4th Your lamb shall be without blemish v. 5**

Exodus 12:5 (NKJV)

5 *Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats.*

- **The lamb was also to be without blemish.**
 - This sacrifice unto the LORD had to be as perfect as a lamb could be.
- **It must cost you**
 - It MUST be your BEST

○ **5th Israel shall kill it at twilight v. 6**

Exodus 12:6 (NKJV)

6 *Now you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month. Then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it at twilight.*

- Twilight = Between sunset and dark or between 3 – 5PM
- Jesus the Lamb of God
 - Died at 3 in the afternoon at the same time the national lambs were being sacrificed

• **Third: Instructions for Eating The Passover Lamb vs. 12:7-11**

- **1st Take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts of the houses v. 7**

Exodus 12:7 (NKJV)

7 And they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses where they eat it.

- **Before the Passover lamb could be eaten**

- Its blood had to be applied to the doorway of the home
 - To the top and upon each side the blood was applied
 - Many believed in a form of the Cross
- The Blood was the ONLY part God received
 - The Lamb was for the Family to eat

- **The Blood was Applied With Hyssop v. 22**

- Hyssop – a plant in the “mint” family.
 - It had stiff branches and hairy leaves which worked well in sprinkling things.
- Was also Used
 - It is often used in ceremonies of “cleansing” (Lev. 14:4, 49; Num. 19:6)
 - David wrote

Psalms 51:7 (NKJV)

7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

- Very Fascinating that Hyssop is used here

- **Application**

- How do we Apply the Blood?
- For us, this is what “faith” does.
- We put our trust in Christ and the blood is applied to our lives

1 John 1:9 (NKJV)

9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

- I need to confess my sins, but I also need to “trust” that Jesus has paid for my sins.

○ **2nd And thus you shall eat it vs. 8-9**

Exodus 12:8–9 (NKJV)

8 Then they shall eat the flesh on that night; roasted in fire, with unleavened bread and with bitter herbs they shall eat it.

9 Do not eat it raw, nor boiled at all with water, but roasted in fire—its head with its legs and its entrails.

▪ Roasted –

- Why roasted?
 - Perhaps the fire speaks of judgment.
 - The lamb has to be judged in the fire.

▪ Bitter Herbs

- Probably endive, chicory, dandelions
- This was Meant to remind the people
 - Of their past sins
 - Also the oppression and bitter life that was in Egypt.

- Shall Eat it

- The lamb has to be consumed by EACH PERSON

- **3rd Let none of it remain until morning v. 10**

Exodus 12:10 (NKJV)

10 *You shall let none of it remain until morning, and what remains of it until morning you shall burn with fire.*

- **The Passover lamb had to be eaten completely**

- A family had to totally consume the sacrifice
 - Jesus died on the cross and was buried immediately.
 - When Jesus paid for your sins, He did it once-for-all.
 - He doesn't need to remain on the cross overnight or forever.
- The problem with the Catholic crucifix is that it makes you think Jesus is still on the cross.

- **4th With a belt on your waist, your sandals on your feet v. 11**

Exodus 12:11 (NKJV)

11 *And thus you shall eat it: with a belt on your waist, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. So you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD's Passover.*

- **They were going to do this by faith.**

- They were expecting to be released from Egypt before they would actually be set free.

- The Bigger Picture

- The Passover was the LORD'S - He provided it!
- As a rescue, to deliver Israel from the plague of the firstborn
- To set them free from bondage
- Now
 - Same thing Were saved set free from the bondage of sin

• **Fourth: The protection of the blood vs. 12:12-13**

Exodus 12:12–13 (NKJV)

12 *'For I will pass through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD.*

13 *Now the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you; and the plague shall not be on you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.*

○ **1st Against all the gods of Egypt –**

▪ **With this last plague we see judgment against...**

- Pharaoh – he was considered a “god” to the Egyptians.
 - His firstborn was the successor to the throne.
- Other “gods” affected by this plague
 - Min – the god of procreation and reproduction, a pretty lewd fellow. I couldn't find a “PG” picture of him anywhere, so I had to censor it.
 - Isis – the ultimate symbol of reproduction, the goddess with the power to produce offspring, she also had the job of protecting children.

- Hathor – the cow “goddess”, an ancient protector of music, dancing, and love, she was one of seven deities who attended the birth of children.
- Apis – the famous sacred animal, it was a firstborn bull.
- **2nd When I see the blood, I will pass over you:**
 - They had to apply to blood just as God said they should.
 - The blood of the lamb was essential to what God required.
 - It was not enough to just believe – You had to act
 - Many Claim to have faith in Jesus –
 - But have they really applied the Blood in their lives
- **3rd I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt:**
 - God regarded Israel as His firstborn, His favored people.
 - If Egypt refused to release God’s firstborn,
 - Then God required the firstborn of Egypt as a penalty and judgment.

• **Fifth: Jesus is Our Passover LAMB**

- **1st IT WAS TO BE A LAMB (Exodus 12:3)**
 - Jesus is known as the Lamb of God!

John 1:29 (NKJV)

29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”

1 Corinthians 5:7 (NKJV)

7 Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us.

Isaiah 53:7 (NKJV)

7 He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth.

○ **2nd WITHOUT BLEMISH (Exodus 12:5)**

- It had to be perfect, Jesus never sinned!

1 Peter 1:19 (NKJV)

19 but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

John 18:38 (NKJV)

38 Pilate said to Him, "What is truth?" And when he had said this, he went out again to the Jews, and said to them, "I find no fault in Him at all."

- We could not be saved if Jesus was not perfect!
- One year:
 - The lamb had to be one year old, in the prime of his life. Jesus was in the prime of His life when He was sacrificed as a young man, 33 years old. (Exodus 12:5)
- Male:
 - The lamb had to be a male.
 - Jesus came to earth as a man. (Exodus 12:5)

○ **3rd SET APART FOR 4 DAYS (Exodus 12:3,6)**

- This very day Jesus entered into Jerusalem - The 10th of Nisan
 - He presents Himself as their king (Luke 19:28-44)

- He gave Himself over to the rulers of Israel for inspection, and did they try to find anything and everything wrong with Him, but they could not!

- **4th SLAIN AND ROASTED (Exodus 12:6-9)**

- **Nisan 14**

- Note verse 9

Exodus 12:9 (NKJV)

9 *Do not eat it raw, nor boiled at all with water, but roasted in fire—its head with its legs and its entrails.*

- Why do you think that God said with the head, legs, and entrails? that's how Jesus was crucified
- Broken Bones:
 - The Israelites weren't allowed to break the bones of the Lamb.
 - Not during the cooking and not even during the eating.
 - Jesus' bones didn't get broken during the torture and the mockery He endured or the crucifixion. (John 19:31-36)
- No leftovers:
 - The lamb had to be consumed entirely on the eve of Passover.
 - Nothing was to remain overnight.
 - Jesus was taken off the cross on the same evening of his crucifixion, although this wasn't customary. (Exodus 12:8-10, John 19:31)

▪ Jesus is our Passover Lamb

- The Passover Lamb At 9AM
 - The high priest entered into the temple would take the national lamb, to cover the sins of the nation.
 - Take it to the alter and tie it there until 6 hours later, then he would sacrifice it!
- In relation to our Lord Jesus
 - At 9am He was nailed to the cross, (Mark 15:25)
 - Six hours later at 3 p.m.
 - He cried out it is finished
 - At the same time the high priest killed the lamb!

The Suffering Of Our Passover Lamb

• **First: Betrayed – (Luke 22:3 / Matthew 26:25 / John 13:21-30)**

Luke 22:3 (NKJV)

3 Then Satan entered Judas, surnamed Iscariot, who was numbered among the twelve.

- **1st At the Passover Meal:**
 - They're in the city of Jerusalem in the upper room
 - It was during this meal that Jesus instituted communion
 - It was during this time that Jesus washed the disciple's feet –
 - Showed them HOW to be GREAT in the Kingdom
- **2nd Jesus Identifies His Betrayer**
 - The First person He gave the Bread to

- Normally the first person to receive the Bread was a person of honor
- Judas Betrayed Jesus for 30 pieces of Silver (Matt. 26:15)
- Disciples confused... Is it I
- They finish the Passover Meal – and begin to make their way to the garden

• **Second: The Garden of Gethsemane – (Luke 22:44 / John 18:1-5 / Mark 14:34 / Matt 26:39)**

- **1st Jesus Heads to the Garden of Gethsemane where He sweats drops of blood**

Luke 22:39–46 (NKJV)

- 39** Coming out, He went to the Mount of Olives, as He was accustomed, and His disciples also followed Him.
- 40** When He came to the place, He said to them, *“Pray that you may not enter into temptation.”*
- 41** And He was withdrawn from them about a stone’s throw, and He knelt down and prayed,
- 42** saying, *“Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me;*
- 43** Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him.
- 44** And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. **Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.**
- 45** When He rose up from prayer, and had come to His disciples, He found them sleeping from sorrow.
- 46** Then He said to them, *“Why do you sleep? Rise and pray, lest you enter into temptation.”*

- **1st Jesus was under so much stress it almost killed him**

- **Mark 14:34** Then He said to them
 - “My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death...”
- **He's sweating drops of blood**

- This blood is produced by the profuse sweating and stress causing the blood vessels around the sweat glands to burst.
- Medical Term: Hematidrosis
- *Hematohidrosis is a condition in which capillary blood vessels that feed the sweat glands rupture, causing them to exude blood, occurring under conditions of extreme physical or emotional stress.[4] Severe mental anxiety activates the sympathetic nervous system to invoke the stress-fight or flight reaction to such a degree as to cause hemorrhage of the vessels supplying the sweat glands into the ducts of the sweat glands.[5] It has been suggested that acute fear and extreme stress can cause haematidrosis.[6]*

▪ **Why this STRESS – What is the CUP?**

- Was the Stress from
 - Death on a Cross – NO
 - Disciples Not Praying when He asked them to – NO
 - Friends leaving Him – when He needed it Most – NO
- The Cup
 - That God the Father was going to pour out upon Jesus His divine wrath
 - On the CROSS when the World turned BLACK and Jesus took the SINS of the World on Himself
 - The Father Turned His face away
 - Jesus and the Father knew a separation they have never known before

▪ **Remember –**

- The wages of sin is DEATH – SEPARATION from GOD
- Jesus Took that separation – so we would never know it
- He took our SINS and in exchange He gave us his Righteousness

○ **2nd Nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done.”**

- He gave up His Will in Order to Bring us into the Kingdom!!!
- Listen – to this TRUTH
 - You Must Give up your WILL to become a Christian
 - Die to SELF – Receive His Free gift of salvation
 - If you want to know VICTORIES Christian LIFE
 - You Must keep dying to self and live for others
 - The more you try to live for yourself the more miserable you will be

• **Third: Arrested – (John 18:1-8)**

John 18:1–8 (NKJV)

1 When Jesus had spoken these words, He went out with His disciples over the Brook Kidron, where there was a garden, which He and His disciples entered.

2 And Judas, who betrayed Him, also knew the place; for Jesus often met there with His disciples.

3 Then Judas, having received a detachment of troops, and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, came there with lanterns, torches, and weapons.

4 Jesus therefore, knowing all things that would come upon Him, went forward and said to them, **“Whom are you seeking?”**

5 They answered Him, “Jesus of Nazareth.” Jesus said to them, **“I am He.”** And Judas, who betrayed Him, also stood with them.

6 Now when He said to them, *"I am He,"* they drew back and fell to the ground.
7 Then He asked them again, *"Whom are you seeking?"* And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth."

8 Jesus answered, *"I have told you that I am He. Therefore, if you seek Me, let these go their way,"*

- **Led by Judas**

- 600 hundred soldiers arrive with lanterns and torches to arrest Jesus
- 600 of the best trained men
- Seeking to arrest Jesus
- I AM – they feel back
- That Jesus was in perfect control

- **Fourth: Taken to the High Priest – (Luke 22:54 / John 18:13-14 / Matt 26:62-66)**

Luke 22:54 (NKJV)

54 Having arrested Him, they led Him and brought Him into the high priest's house. But Peter followed at a distance.

- **Jesus is taken to the High Priests home (first to Annas / Caiphas)**

- Now John 18 tells us that Jesus first went to Annas
 - Annas was the one who really was calling the shots...kind of like a mafia boss
 - Caiphas, was more of a puppet high-priest to Annas who was banned by Rome from being high priest

- **Fifth: Spit, Beat and Mock Jesus – (Luke 22:63-65 / Matt 26:67-68)**

Luke 22:63–64 (NKJV)

63 Now the men who held Jesus mocked Him and beat Him.

64 And having blindfolded Him, they struck Him on the face and asked Him, saying, "Prophecy! Who is the one who struck You?"

- **Sixth: Peter Denies the Lord – (Luke 22:54-61)**

- **Peter Denies the Lord three times and on the 3rd time his eyes meet the eyes of Jesus**

Luke 22:54–61 (NKJV)

54 Having arrested Him, they led Him and brought Him into the high priest's house. But Peter followed at a distance.

55 Now when they had kindled a fire in the midst of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them.

56 And a certain servant girl, seeing him as he sat by the fire, looked intently at him and said, "This man was also with Him."

57 But he denied Him, saying, "Woman, I do not know Him."

58 And after a little while another saw him and said, "You also are of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not!"

59 Then after about an hour had passed, another confidently affirmed, saying, "Surely this fellow also was with Him, for he is a Galilean."

60 But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are saying!" Immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed.

61 And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how He had said to him, "**Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times.**"

- Abandon By His Friends

- **Seventh: Handed Over to the Roman Governor – (Luke 23:1-3)**

- **Jesus was handed over to the Roman governor Pontius Pilate**

- Who found no fault in him and learning Jesus was from Galilee sent to Herod

Luke 23:1–3 (NKJV)

1 Then the whole multitude of them arose and led Him to Pilate.

2 And they began to accuse Him, saying, "We found this fellow perverting the nation, and forbidding to pay taxes to Caesar, saying that He Himself is Christ, a King."

3 Then Pilate asked Him, saying, "Are You the King of the Jews?" He answered him and said, *"It is as you say."*

- Pilate knew that this whole thing was from envy
- So he thought he'd get rid of this problem by sending Jesus to Herod

• **Eighth: Pilate Handed Jesus Over to Herod Antipas (Luke 23:6-7)**

○ **Pilate handed Jesus over to Herod Antipas**

- Who had jurisdiction over the region of Galilee as its ruler

Luke 23:6–7 (NKJV)

6 When Pilate heard of Galilee, he asked if the Man were a Galilean.

7 And as soon as he knew that He belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent Him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem at that time.

- This is the Herod that had John the Baptist beheaded
- And Herod never got over that
- And now the one who John foretold about is standing before
- Herod wants Jesus to do tricks for him and when that didn't happen they began to mock him
- It's interesting that Herod and Pilate became buddies after this

• **Ninth: Beaten (John 19:1-6)**

John 19:1–6 (NKJV)

1 So then Pilate took Jesus and scourged Him.

2 And the soldiers twisted a crown of thorns and put it on His head, and they put on Him a purple robe.

3 Then they said, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they struck Him with their hands.

4 Pilate then went out again, and said to them, "Behold, I am bringing Him out to you, that you may know that I find no fault in Him."

5 Then Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. And Pilate said to them, "Behold the Man!"

6 Therefore, when the chief priests and officers saw Him, they cried out, saying, "Crucify Him, crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "You take Him and crucify Him, for I find no fault in Him."

- **Herod sent Jesus back to Pilate but not until he mocked Him and BEAT HIM**

- Beaten

- Cat o' nine tails: Multi-tailed whip that originated as an implement for severe physical punishment
- At the end of each thread were pieces of glass, rocks, metal.
- Many people did not survive the beating

Isaiah 50:6 (NKJV)

6 I gave My back to those who struck Me, And My cheeks to those who plucked out the beard; I did not hide My face from shame and spitting.

- **Tenth: Pilate Confirms The Innocence of Jesus – (Luke 23:16 / John 19:1-6)**

- Attempts to appease the crowd by scourging Jesus than release Him

John 19:6 (NKJV)

6 Therefore, when the chief priests and officers saw Him, they cried out, saying, "Crucify Him, crucify Him!" **Pilate said to them, "You take Him and crucify Him, for I find no fault in Him."**

- **Eleventh: Pilate Gave Sentence (Matthew 27:24 / Luke 23:24)**

Luke 23:24 (NKJV)

24 So Pilate gave sentence that it should be as they requested.

- **Found no FAULT –**

- But feel to political Pressure

- **Twelfth: Jesus Carried His Own Cross (John 19:17)**

John 19:17 (NKJV)

17 And He, bearing His cross, went out to a place called the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha,

- This sacrifice of Jesus was pictured long ago when another father and son - Abraham & Isaac

- **Thirteenth: Simon from Cyrene Helped Carry the Cross (Mark 15:21)**

Mark 15:21 (NKJV)

21 Then they compelled a certain man, Simon a Cyrenian, the father of Alexander and Rufus, as he was coming out of the country and passing by, to bear His cross.

- **Here's a guy who is in Jerusalem to keep The Passover and this is what happened**
 - And its believed that at some point Simon became a believer and follower of Christ
 - And extra biblical writings have indicated that he became a leader in Africa
 - Romans 16 says that his sons became Christians
 - Imagine the privilege of helping the Messiah carry the Cross

- **Fourteenth: Jesus Preach His Last Public Message (Luke 23:27-31)**

Luke 23:27–31 (NKJV)

27 And a great multitude of the people followed Him, and women who also mourned and lamented Him.

28 But Jesus, turning to them, said, *“Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children.*

29 *For indeed the days are coming in which they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren, wombs that never bore, and breasts which never nursed!’*

30 *Then they will begin 'to say to the mountains, "Fall on us!" and to the hills, "Cover us!"'*

31 *For if they do these things in the green wood, what will be done in the dry?"*

- Jesus is prophesying about what was going to come years later in 70AD when Jerusalem would be destroyed

- **Fifteenth Jesus Was Crucified – (Luke 23:33)**

Luke 23:33 (NKJV)

33 *And when they had come to the place called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on the right hand and the other on the left.*

- **As horrific as the Cross was**
 - What happened physically on the Cross was nothing in comparison to what happened spiritually

- **Sixteenth: Horror of the Crucifixion**

- **SUFFERING ON THE CROSS**

Psalm 22:14–18 (NKJV)

14 *I am poured out like water, And all My bones are out of joint; My heart is like wax; It has melted within Me.*

15 *My strength is dried up like a potsherd, And My tongue clings to My jaws; You have brought Me to the dust of death.*

16 *For dogs have surrounded Me; The congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me. They pierced My hands and My feet;*

17 *I can count all My bones. They look and stare at Me.*

18 *They divide My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots.*

- Describe Crucifixion
 - Worst way to Die
 - *"No more cruel and inhumane method of execution has ever been devised by man than that of crucifixion. Modern technology may have perfected the art of killing more people faster but there was no harder way to die than upon a Roman cross."*

- Normally the crucifixion process could take up to 3 days before you died
 - The precise cause of death of the one crucified is not known with any degree of certainty.
 - It Could BE
 - Shock, exposure, starvation, heart failure, and suffocation may all have combined to slowly snuff out the life of the sufferer.
 - If for some reason the life of the victim lingered longer than the executioners desired, there was a simple and common solution.
 - A large wooden mallet was used to break the legs of the dying man and his death would quickly ensue.
 - It seems as though this made it impossible for the person to enhance his breathing by using his legs to relieve the pressure on his diaphragm. If this was the case, the person would quickly suffocate as he could no longer breathe.

Tetelestai = Finished John 19:30

- **First: A Word of Victory!**

John 19:30 (NKJV)

30 So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, ***"It is finished!"*** And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

- **Tetelestai = Finished, Complete, Accomplished, Achieved!**
 - It was a cry of
 - Completion!

- Fulfillment!
- Victory!
- The word itself, "finished" means...
 - It is made an end of...
 - It is paid...
 - It is performed...
 - It is accomplished...
- What was made an end of?
 - Our Sins and Guilt!!!
- What was paid?
 - The price of redemption!
- What was performed?
 - The righteous requirements of the law!
- What was accomplished?
 - The work the Father had given Him to do.
- There is nothing left for you to do....
 - **"It is finished!"**

Closing

- Hold Fast to the Victory We have IN JESUS

Communion

- First: Remember (Looking Back at what Jesus did)
- Second: Repent / Reflect (Looking Within) 1 Cor. 11:27-28
- Third: Rejoice (Looking Forward) 1 Cor. 11:26
- Fourth: Reconcile (Looking Around) 1 Cor. 11:29, 33-34

1 Corinthians 11:23–26 (NKJV)

23 *For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread;*
24 *and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, “Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me.”*
25 *In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”*
26 *For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death till He comes.*