

KEY ELEMENTS AND IMPORTANCE OF EASTER

The Last Supper through Resurrection Sunday Gospel References

	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
The Last Supper	26:17-29	14:12-25	22:7-23	13:1-30
Farewell Discourses	26:30-35	14:26-31	22:24-38	13:31 – 16:33
Garden Prayers	26:36-46	14:32-42	22:39-46	17:1-26
Arrest	26:47-56	14:43-50	22:47-53	18:1-12a
Trial 1 (Annas)			22:54a	18:12b-14,19-24
Trial 2 (Caiaphus)	26:57-68	14:53-65		
Trial 3 (Sanhedrin)	27:1-2	15:1	22:66-23:1	18:28a
Trial 4 (Pontius Pilate)	27:11-14	15:2-5	23:2-7	18:28b-38
Trial 5 (Herod Antipas)			23:8-12	
Trial 6 (Pontius Pilate)	27:15-26a	15:6-15a	23:13-25a	18:39-40,19:4-16a
Scouring	27:26b-30	15:15b-19	23:25b	19:1-3
Crucifixion	27:31-56	15:20-41	23:26-49	19:16b-37
Burial	27:57-61	15:42-47	23:50-56	19:38-42
Resurrection	28:1-10	16:1-11	24:1-10	20:1-18

The Jewish day began/ended at 6 in the evening, with nights divided into 4 3-hour watches and the day into 12 hour-long segments.

* Arrest:	3 rd watch	Garden of Gethemene
* 1 st Trial:	3 rd -4 th watch	Residence of Annas (High Priest Emeritus)
* 2 nd Trial:	4 th watch	Residence of Caiaphas (High Priest)
* 3 rd Trial:	at the 1 st hour	Chambers of the Sanhedrin
* 4 th Trial:	1 st hour	Courtyard of Pontius Pilate (Governor of Judea)
* 5 th Trial:	1 st hour	Home of Herod Antipas (Tetrarch of Galilee)
* 6 th Trial:	2 nd hour	Courtyard of Pilate
* Scouring:	2 nd hour	The Roman Praetorium
* Crucifixion:	at the 3 rd hour	Hill of Golgotha (The Place of the Skull)
* Death:	9 th hour	Golgotha

Trial #1: John 18:12b-13,19-24 They bound him & brought him first to Annas, the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. [Then] the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching. **"I have spoken openly to the world,"** Jesus replied. **"I always taught in synagogues or at the temple, where all the Jews come together. I said nothing in secret. Why question me? Ask those who heard me. Surely they know what I said."** When Jesus said this, one of the officials nearby struck him in the face. "Is this the way you answer the high priest?" he demanded. **"If I said something wrong,"** Jesus replied, **"testify as to what is wrong. But if I spoke the truth, why did you strike me?"** Then Annas sent him, still bound, to Caiaphas the high priest.

Biblical text taken from the NIV1984

Trial #2: Mark 14:53,55-65 They took Jesus to the high priest, and all the chief priests, elders and teachers of the law came together. ... The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death, but they did not find any. Many testified falsely against him, but their statements did not agree. Then some stood up and gave this false testimony against him: "We heard him say, 'I will destroy this man-made temple and in three days will build another, not made by man.'" Yet even then their testimony did not agree. Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, "Are you not going to answer? What is this testimony that these men are bringing against you?" But Jesus remained silent and gave no answer. Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One?" "I am," said Jesus. "And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven." The high priest tore his clothes. "Why do we need any more witnesses?" he asked. "You have heard the blasphemy. What do you think?" They all condemned him as worthy of death. Then some began to spit at him; they blindfolded him, struck him with their fists, and said, "Prophecy!" And the guards took him and beat him.

Trial #3: Luke 22:66-71 At daybreak the council of the elders of the people, both the chief priests and teachers of the law, met together, and Jesus was led before them. "If you are the Christ," they said, "tell us." Jesus answered, "If I tell you, you will not believe me, and if I asked you, you would not answer. But from now on, the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the mighty God." They all asked, "Are you then the Son of God?" He replied, "You are right in saying I am." Then they said, "Why do we need any more testimony? We have heard it from his own lips." **Mark 15:1** Very early in the morning, the chief priests, the elders, teachers of the law and the whole Sanhedrin, reached a decision. They bound Jesus, led him away and handed him over to Pilate.

Trial #4: Luke 23:2-7 And they began to accuse him, saying, "We have found this man subverting our nation. He opposes payment of taxes to Caesar and claims to be Christ, a king." So Pilate asked Jesus, "Are you the king of the Jews?" "Yes, it is as you say," Jesus replied. Then Pilate announced to the chief priests and the crowd, "I find no basis for a charge against this man." But they insisted, "He stirs up the people all over Judea by his teaching. He started in Galilee and has come all the way here." On hearing this, Pilate asked if the man was a Galilean. When he learned that Jesus was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem at that time.

Trial #5: Luke 23:8-9,11 When Herod saw Jesus, he was greatly pleased, because for a long time he had been wanting to see him. From what he had heard about him, he hoped to see him perform some miracle. He plied him with many questions, but Jesus gave him no answer. Then Herod and his soldiers ridiculed and mocked him. Dressing him in an elegant robe, they sent him back to Pilate.

Trial #6: Luke 23:13-25 Pilate called together the chief priests, the rulers and the people, and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was inciting the people to rebellion. I have examined him in your presence and have found no basis for your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us; as you can see, he has done nothing to deserve death. Therefore, I will punish him and then release him." With one voice they cried out, "Away with this man! Release Barabbas to us!" (Barabbas had been thrown into prison for ... murder.) Wanting to release Jesus, Pilate appealed to them again. But they kept shouting, "Crucify him!" For the third time he spoke: "Why? What crime has this man committed? I have found in him no grounds for the death penalty. Therefore I will have him punished and then release him." But with loud shouts they insistently demanded that he be crucified, and their shouts prevailed. So Pilate decided to grant their demand. He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection & murder, the one they asked for, and surrendered Jesus to their will. Please forward questions/concerns about these notes to ron price, 505-294-4743, ron@hopeinchristnm.com.

God's Purpose for the Empty Tomb

The Importance of Jesus' Birth, Life & Death

- Birth:** Human mother and Godly Father
Life: Fully human (and fully God), yet He was sinless
Death: Paid a debt He didn't owe, for all who could not pay

The Importance of God the Father raising Jesus from the Tomb

1 Corinthians 15:1-8 Now, brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. ... For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: *that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, he was buried, he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me...*

1 Corinthians 15:12-15a But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead.

1 Corinthians 15:17-19 And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men.

1 Corinthians 15:32b If the dead are not raised, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die."

1 Corinthians 15:20-22 But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.

1 Corinthians 15:54-55 When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory." "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?"

The events of that first Easter weekend were planned by Father God an eternity ago ^{2 Timothy 1:8-10, 1 Peter 1:18-21, Revelation 13:8} and they were prophesied by David ^{Psalms 22} and Isaiah ^{Isaiah 53} between 700-1000 years before they ever happened. We all know that men actually carried out the actions of those events; however, the happenings of that time were, in fact, the result of God's sovereign will ^{Isaiah 53:10}. For example, Jesus proclaimed that no one 'took' His life, because He offered it freely (of His "own accord") ^{John 10:17-18}.

Please forward questions/concerns about these notes to ron price, 505-294-4743, ron@hopeinchristnm.com.