



REIGNITING YOUR PASSION FOR CHRIST

A Study of the Gospel of Luke

JESUS OR BARABBAS? LUKE 22:63-23:49

Introduction: For every believer the cross of Jesus Christ represents the intersection of God’s justice and God’s mercy. Today we are going to examine the six trials of Jesus Christ that led to the crucifixion of Christ.

I. Overview Of Jesus’ Final Hours

Chronology of Events in Life of Jesus Christ from the Garden of Gethsemane to the Cross

Historic Event	Scripture	Approximate Time
Prayer and agony in the garden of Gethsemane	Matthew 26:36-46 Mark 14:32-42 Luke 22:39-46 John 18:1	1:00 AM
Betrayal by Judas and arrest of Jesus	Matthew 26:47-56 Mark 14:43-52 Luke 22:47-53 John 18:2-12	1:30 AM
Jesus taken to ex-high priest Annas’ house for interrogation (trial #1)	John 18:12-14, 19-23	2:00 AM
Peter’s first denial	Matthew 26:58, 69-70 Mark 14:54, 66-68 Luke 22:54-57 John 18:15-18	2:00 AM
Jesus taken to high priest Caiaphas’ house for interrogation, where He is beaten and mocked (trial #2)	Matthew 26:57-68 Mark 14:53, 55-65 Luke 22:54, 63-65 John 18:24	3:00 AM
Peter’s second and third denials	Matthew 26:71-75 Mark 14:69-72 Luke 22:58-62 John 18:25-27	3:00 AM
Jesus appears before the Sanhedrin and condemned to death (trial #3)	Matthew 27:1 Mark 15:1 Luke 22:66-71	6:00 AM “when it was day”
Judas commits suicide	Matthew 27:3-10	6:30 AM
Jesus appears before Pilate at his official residence (trial #4)	Matthew 27:2, 11-14 Mark 15:1-5 Luke 23:1-5 John 18:28-38	6:30 AM “it was early”

Jesus appears before Herod Antipas and is mocked (trial #5)	Luke 23:6-12	7:00 AM
Jesus appears, again, before Pilate. Jesus is scourged, Pilate gives the crowd a choice to release Jesus or Barabbas, and the final judgment of death is rendered (trial #6)	Matthew 27:15-26 Mark 15:6-15 Luke 22:13-25 John 18:39-19:1, 4-16	7:30 AM
Jesus is prepared for crucifixion, mocked by Roman soldiers, and proceeds Calvary	Matthew 27:27-34 Mark 15:16-23 Luke 23:26-33 John 19:2-3, 16-17	8:00 AM
Jesus is crucified outside the city walls	Matthew 27:35-44 Mark 15:24-32 Luke 23:34-43 John 19:18-27	9:00 AM "the third hour"
Darkness engulfs Jerusalem	Matthew 27:45-49 Mark 15:33-36 Luke 23:44 John 19:28-29	12:00 noon "the sixth hour"
Jesus gives up His spirit and dies	Matthew 27:50 Mark 15:37 Luke 23:46 John 19:30	3:00 PM "the ninth hour"
Miraculous signs accompany Jesus' death	Matthew 27:51-56 Mark 15:38-41 Luke 23:45, 47-49	3:00 PM

Notes

This chart was adapted from J. Dwight Pentecost, *A Harmony of the Words and Works of Jesus Christ* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1981), 141-57, and Charles R. Swindoll, *The Darkness and the Dawn: Empowered by the Tragedy and Triumph of the Cross* (Nashville: Word Publishing, 2001), 340; see also Michael Wilcock, *The Message of Luke*, *The Bible Speaks Today* (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 1979), 190.

II. The Six Trials Of Jesus

A. The Religious Trials

1. Jesus before Annas (John 18:12-14; 19-23)

Luke 22:54 "Having arrested Him [Jesus], they led Him away and brought Him to the house of the high priest; but Peter was following at a distance."

2. Jesus before Caiaphas (Luke 22:54-65)

Luke 22:54 “And having arrested Him [Jesus], they led Him away, and brought Him to the house of the high priest; but Peter was following at a distance.”

Mark 14:61-64 ⁶¹ “But He [Jesus] kept silent, and made no answer. Again the high priest was questioning Him, and saying to Him, ‘Are You the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One?’ ⁶² And Jesus said, ‘I am; and you shall see THE SON OF MAN SITTING AT THE RIGHT HAND OF POWER AND COMING WITH THE CLOUDS OF HEAVEN.’ ⁶³ And tearing his clothes, the high priest said, ‘What further need to we have of witnesses? ⁶⁴ You have heard the blasphemy; how does it seem to you?’ And they all condemned Him to be deserving of death.”

Luke 22:63-65 ⁶³ “And the men who were holding Jesus in custody were mocking Him, and beating Him, ⁶⁴ and they blindfolded Him and were asking Him, saying, ‘Prophecy, who is the one who hit You?’ ⁶⁵ And they were saying many other things against Him, blaspheming.”

3. Jesus before the Sanhedrin (Luke 22:66-71)

Luke 22:66 “And when it was day, the Council of elders of the people assembled, both chief priests and scribes, and they led Him away to their council chamber, saying,”

Luke 22:67a “If You are the Christ, tell us”

Luke 22:67b-68 ^{67b} “But He said to them, ‘If I tell you, you will not believe; ⁶⁸ and if I ask a question, you will not answer.”

Luke 22:69 “But from now on THE SON OF MAN WILL BE SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND of the power of God.”

Luke 22:70-71 ⁷⁰ And they all said, ‘Are You the Son of God, then?’ And He [Jesus] said to them, ‘Yes, I am.’ ⁷¹ And they said, ‘What further need do we have of testimony? For we have heard it ourselves from His own mouth.’”

B. The Civil Trials

1. Jesus before Pilate (Luke 23:1-5)

Luke 23:1 “Then the whole body of them arose and brought Him before Pilate.”

Luke 23:2 “And they began to accuse Him, saying, ‘We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding to pay taxes to Caesar, and saying that He Himself is Christ, a King.’”

Luke 23:3-4 ³ “And Pilate asked Him, saying, ‘Are You the King of the Jews?’ And He answered him and said, ‘It is as you say.’ ⁴ And Pilate said to the chief priests and the multitudes, ‘I find no guilt in this man.’”

Luke 23:5-7 ⁵ “But they kept on insisting, saying, ‘He stirs up the people, teaching all over Judea, starting from Galilee, even as far as this place.’ ⁶ But when Pilate heard it, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. ⁷ And when he learned that He belonged to Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent Him to Herod, who himself also was in Jerusalem at that time.”

2. Jesus before Herod Antipas (Luke 23:6-12)

Luke 23:11-12 ¹¹ “And Herod with his soldiers, after treating Him with contempt and mocking Him, dressed Him in a gorgeous robe and sent Him back to Pilate. ¹² Now Herod and Pilate became friends with one another that very day; for before they had been at enmity with each other.”

3. Jesus again before Pilate (Luke 23:13-25)

Luke 23:13-16 ¹³ “And Pilate summoned the chief priests and the rulers and the people, ¹⁴ and said to them, ‘You brought this man to me as one who incites the people to rebellion, and behold, having examined Him before you, I have found no guilt in this man regarding the charges which you make against him. ¹⁵ No, nor has Herod, for he sent Him back to us; and behold, nothing deserving death has been done by Him. ¹⁶ I will therefore punish Him and release Him.’”

Luke 23:17 “[Now he was obliged to release to them at the feast one prisoner.]”

Luke 23:18-21 ¹⁸ “But they cried out all together, saying, ‘Away with this man, and release for us Barabbas!’ ¹⁹ (He was one who had been thrown into prison for a certain insurrection made in the city, and for murder.) ²⁰ And Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again, ²¹ but they kept on calling out, saying, ‘Crucify, crucify Him!’”

III. The Crucifixion of Jesus (Luke 23:26-49)

Luke 23:33-35 ³³ “And when they came to the place called The Skull, there they crucified Him and the criminals, one on the right and the other on the left. ³⁴ But Jesus was saying, ‘Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.’ And they cast lots, dividing up His garments among themselves. ³⁵ And the people stood by, looking on. And even the rulers were sneering at Him, saying, ‘He saved others; let Him save Himself if this is the Christ of God, His Chosen One.’”

Conclusion