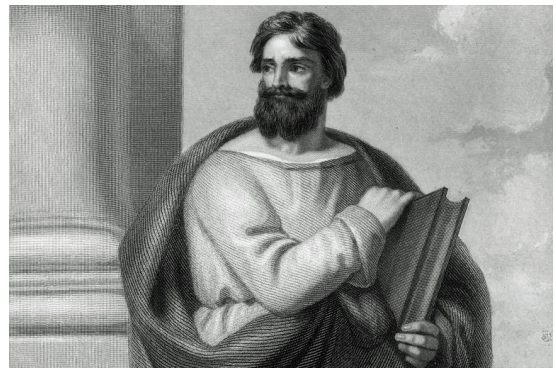


THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE



LUKE 23

Jesus before Pilate

³⁹ Then the whole body of them got up and brought Him before Pilate. 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." ³ So Pilate asked Him, saying, "Are You the King of the Jews?" And He answered him and said, "It is as you say." ⁴ Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no guilt in this man." 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 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.

Jesus before Herod

⁸ Now Herod was very glad when he saw Jesus; for he had wanted to see Him for a long time, because he had been hearing about Him and was hoping to see some sign performed by Him. ⁹ And he questioned Him at some length; but He answered him nothing. ¹⁰ And the chief priests and the scribes were standing there, accusing Him vehemently. 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 enemies with each other.

JESUS BEFORE PILATE VV. 1 - 7

- Why did the Sanhedrin want to bring Jesus to Pilate after finding him "guilty"?
- What was the Sanhedrin's accusation against Jesus in front of Pilate?
- Why?
- Did Jesus deny the Sanhedrin's accusation?
- Pilate doesn't think Jesus is guilty, John tells us why...John 18:28-40
- What official reason made Pilate want to send Jesus to Herod?
- (What was Pilate's unofficial reason?)

JESUS BEFORE HEROD VV. 8 - 12

- This is Herod Antipas
- Why was Herod glad to see Jesus?
- How responsive was Jesus to Herod's questions? Isaiah 53:7
- Did some of the Sanhedrin come to Herod's palace?
- How did Herod treat Jesus before returning Him to Pilate?
- What was the outcome of Pilate sending Jesus to Herod?

Pilate Seeks Jesus' Release

¹³ 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 "Therefore I will punish Him and release Him." ¹⁷ [Now he was obliged to release to them at the feast one prisoner.]

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 an insurrection made in the city, and for murder.) ²⁰ Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again, ²¹ but they kept on calling out, saying, "Crucify, crucify Him!" ²² And he said to them the third time, "Why, what evil has this man done? I have found in Him no guilt demanding death; therefore I will punish Him and release Him." ²³ But they were insistent, with loud voices asking that He be crucified. And their voices began to prevail. ²⁴ And Pilate pronounced sentence that their demand be granted. ²⁵ And he released the man they were asking for who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, but he delivered Jesus to their will.

Simon Bears the Cross

²⁶ When they led Him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, coming in from the country, and placed on him the cross to carry behind Jesus.

²⁷ And following Him was a large crowd of the people, and of women who were mourning and lamenting Him. ²⁸ But Jesus turning to them said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, stop weeping for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹ "For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' ³⁰ "Then they will begin TO SAY TO THE

JESUS AT PILATES THE SECOND TIME, VV. 13-25

- Do you think Pilate was glad to have Jesus back in his court?
- What was Pilate's opinion of the accusations that the Sanhedrin had brought?
- Did Herod find anything worthy of death?
- What was Pilate inclined to do?
- What did the chief priests and ruler and the crowd shout out?
- Why did the crowd, who seemed to have supported Jesus earlier say this?
- What was Pilate's offer of a compromise? (vv.17-20)
- What does the name Barabbas mean?
- What was the cry of the crowd (egged on by the chief priests and rulers)?
- What was Pilate's response?
- Why did Pilate cave in?
- Who got released and who was condemned? (Any meaning for us?) Isaiah 53:8

SIMON BEARS JESUS' CROSS VV. 26-32

- What was the pre-punishment in crucifixion?
- Why did they need to get Simon to carry Jesus' cross?
- Mark 15:21 tells us what interesting piece of information? (see also Romans 16:13)
- Who was mourning Him as He was being led to the cross?
- Why should they stop weeping for Jesus?

MOUNTAINS, 'FALL ON US,' AND TO THE HILLS, 'COVER US.' ³¹ "For if they do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

³² Two others also, who were criminals, were being led away to be put to death with Him.

The Crucifixion

³³ 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." ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked Him, coming up to Him, offering Him sour wine, ³⁷ and saying, "If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself!" ³⁸ Now there was also an inscription above Him, "THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS."

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there was hurling abuse at Him, saying, "Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!" ⁴⁰ But the other answered, and rebuking him said, "Do you not even fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹ "And we indeed are suffering justly, for we are receiving what we deserve for our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴² And he was saying, "Jesus, remember me when You come in Your kingdom!" ⁴³ And He said to him, "Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise."

⁴⁴ It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness fell over the whole land until the ninth hour, ⁴⁵ because the sun was obscured; and the veil of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶ And Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, "Father, INTO YOUR HANDS I COMMIT MY SPIRIT." Having said this, He breathed His last. ⁴⁷ Now when the centurion saw what had happened, he began praising God, saying, "Certainly this man was innocent." ⁴⁸ And all the crowds who came together for this spectacle, when they observed

- What does this imply was going to be happening? What is the reason that Jesus implies it will happen?
- What does it mean "if they do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

JESUS' CRUCIFIXION

VV. 33 - 49

- Who else was crucified with Jesus? Isaiah 53:9
- What does "was saying" tell us?
- Why do you suppose Jesus kept saying this?
- Who made fun of Jesus?
- Who repented?
- What was Jesus' response?
- Where is Paradise?
- How long did it remain dark?
- What is the veil of the Temple?
- What does this tearing of the veil of the Temple mean?
- How does one die in crucifixion?
- What is unusual about Jesus crying with a loud voice?
- What did Jesus mean when He cried out "Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit."
- What was the centurion's response to all that he had seen? (see also Mark 15:39)
- Was witnessing crucifixion or death unusual for a centurion?
- What do you think he was impressed by?
- What does that mean to us?
- What was the response of the crowd who witnessed Jesus' crucifixion?
- Who witnessed all these things?

what had happened, began to return, beating their breasts. ⁴⁹ And all His acquaintances and the women who accompanied Him from Galilee were standing at a distance, seeing these things.

Jesus Is Buried

⁵⁰ And a man named Joseph, who was a member of the Council, a good and righteous man ⁵¹ (he had not consented to their plan and action), a man from Arimathea, a city of the Jews, who was waiting for the kingdom of God; ⁵² this man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁵³ And he took it down and wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid Him in a tomb cut into the rock, where no one had ever lain. ⁵⁴ It was the preparation day, and the Sabbath was about to begin. ⁵⁵ Now the women who had come with Him out of Galilee followed, and saw the tomb and how His body was laid. ⁵⁶ Then they returned and prepared spices and perfumes.

And on the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

- Why do you think Luke includes this detail of the witnesses in his Gospel?

J E S U S I S B U R I E D V V . 5 0 - 5 6

- Who sought to bury Jesus?
- What committee was he a member of?
- What was his character?
- Where did he go to obtain the body of Jesus?
- Where would Jesus have ordinarily been buried?
- What significant thing does Matt. 27:57 say about Joseph of Arimathea? Isaiah 53:9
- How much were Jesus' disciples able to do for His body before Sabbath began?
- Why did they have to stop?
- What kind of Sabbath was this?