

**From the Palms (Sunday)
to the Passover (Thursday/Friday) and Crucifixion (Friday)**

For the Jews, a New Day starts at Sundown.
Therefore Sundown Thursday is the Beginning of Friday.

Thursday Night (after sundown; beginning of Friday)

*** In the Upper Room**

- The Preparation for the Passover
- The Pascal Meal and the Lord's Supper
- Jesus washes the Disciples' Feet
- Judas is signaled as the Traitor Jesus by
- The Apostles are Warned against Desertion
- The Great Upper Room Discourse

*** Over in the Garden of Gethsemane**

- The Agony in Gethsemane, (Jesus' Prayer)

Here is where the Battle was fought and won

It is here that Jesus' will is set to complete the Task set Before Him

Because of this moment, Jesus can say the things He does on the Cross

- The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus
- Peter cuts off Malchus' ear and Jesus heals him

Friday Morning (late Thursday Night and Early Friday Morning)

*** Back to Jerusalem**

- First Jewish Trial - before Annas (Guilty)
 - Second Jewish Trial - before Caiaphas (Guilty)
 - Third Jewish Trial—before the Sanhedrin (Guilty)
 - Jesus Declares His Messiahship and is Mocked
 - Peter's Denial and Remorse
 - First Roman Trial - before Pilate (Innocent)
 - Second Roman Trial - before Herod (Innocent)
 - Third Roman Trial - before Pilate once again (Innocent)
 - * Jesus is Scourged by the Roman Soldiers
 - * Pilate washes his hands and then turns Jesus to the Jews
- Here is where Satan incites the Crowd**
- * Pilate again attempted tries to rescue Jesus

The 6 Trials of Jesus: 8 stormy hours

- * The Jews found Jesus guilty 3 times.
- * The Romans found Jesus Innocent 3 times.

- The trials before Jewish authorities, the religious trials, showed the degree to which the Jewish leaders hated Him because they carelessly disregarded many of their own laws.
- There were several illegalities involved in these trials from the perspective of Jewish law.

- 1) No trial was to be held during feast time.
- 2) Each member of the court was to vote individually to convict or acquit, but Jesus was convicted by acclamation.
- 3) If the death penalty was given, a night must pass before the sentence was carried out; however, only a few hours passed before Jesus was placed on the Cross.
- 4) The Jews had no authority to execute anyone.
- 5) No trial was to be held at night, but this trial was held before dawn.
- 6) The accused was to be given counsel or representation, but Jesus had none.
- 7) The accused was not to be asked self-incriminating questions, but Jesus was asked if He was the Christ.

- Judas' commits Suicide
- The Road to the Cross at Golgotha

On the Cross:

First Three Hours: 9:00 to 12:00 a.m.

- Three sayings:

“Father forgive them...”

“Today you will be with me in paradise”

“Dear woman, here is your son”

Second Three Hours: 12:00-3:00 p.m.

- Four sayings:

“My God, my God...”

“I am thirsty...”

“It is finished”

“Into your hands I commend my spirit”

Sermon Notes

1. The Victory was Fought and Won in the Garden

The Cross was the Result of Jesus' Acceptance of God's Will to the End.

Jesus will was set and He wouldn't go back.
That's why He said “It is finished” on the Cross
In the Beginning is where most victories are won or lost.

A. Jesus is the only one in control during his trial and crucifixion

- 1). The Arrest in the Garden Peter wants to defend Jesus even after He spoke and the soldiers fell back to the ground
- 2) The Trial Before Annas, Caiaphas and the Sanhedrin The High Priest is determined to kill Jesus no matter what
- 3). His Beating in the Pretorium - John 19
 - The soldiers use 39 lashes and almost kill Jesus
- 4). His Last Chance to go Free - John 19
 - Pontus Pilate is Confused that Jesus doesn't want Freedom
- 5). The Cross
 - His last 7 words

2. Faith is the Evidence of Things Not Seen and the Substance of Things Hoped For.

*** Hebrews 11:1 is the only Definition of Faith in Scripture**

*** Every other reference to faith is What Faith Does**

A. This is how Faith Works.

1. If you can do it on your own then no faith is needed, and you get the credit or praise.
2. But if you have to do something beyond your abilities, you'll need faith.
3. God always asks you to do something beyond yourself, so it needs faith in Christ to do it and then He gets the credit.
4. What "Faith in Christ" does, is to
 - a) See Where You Are in the Present
 - b) And then Evaluates where God Want You to be in the Future
 - c) Then YouUse Faith to Believe that in the Future, these things (God's Will for You) will happen
 - d) Now You Begin to Operate in the Present as if they are true,beyond the Current Circumstances.

EX: Jesus told the lame man to "Get up and walk"
Jesus told Lazarus to "Come forth"

3. The Day that God Died

A. This seems to be an Impossibility

- 1) We Define God as All Powerful, All Present, All Knowing

B. "Is God Dead?" was an April 8, 1966, cover story for Time magazine.

- 1) A previous article, from October 1965, had investigated a trend among 1960s theologians to write [God](#) out of the field of [theology](#).
- 2) The 1966 article looked in greater depth at the problems facing modern theologians, in making God relevant to an increasingly secular society.
- 3) Modern science had eliminated the need for religion to explain the natural world, and God took up less and less space in people's daily lives.
- 4) The ideas of various scholars were brought in, including the application of contemporary philosophy to the field of theology, and a more personal, individual approach to religion.
- 5). We cry out "Crucify Him" all over again.
Churches claim the Bible is just another book.
It was written by men who made mistake
There are other ways to heaven without Jesus
Jesus was just another man, not God
We now have technology, science, philosophy
and new religions that are more opened minded
We can solve our own problems, Thank You very much

C. Rev 1:17-18

17 When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. 18 I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.

- 1) Jesus became Sin for Me
- 2) The Father Punished Jesus for Me
- 3) The Holy Spirit raised Christ for Me

That is the Love of God in Action

Sin separated me from God and Christ built a Bridge Back to God.