

# The Passion of the Christ Movie and Study – Week 7 of 7

*Jesus Speaks, Dies, Is Buried, and Is Raised!*

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## General Information:

- Schedule: Saturdays 3:00; Sundays 10:30
- 6<sup>th</sup> grade and older are welcome to attend!
- *Caution!* The movie is brutal, *but it does portray what Jesus endured for us all!*
- Let us realize the terrible reality of sin *and greatly rejoice in God's gift of salvation!*
- This study will conclude on Palm Sunday and *be excellent preparation for Holy Week!*

**A Summary of our 7-Week Study** (*The 119-minute movie will be viewed in seven 17-minute segments*):

- 1: *Jesus Prays in Gethsemane and is Arrested!*
- 2: *Jesus is Tried by the Sanhedrin; Peter's Denial; Judas' Death!*
- 3: *Jesus Before Pilate, Herod, and Pilate!*
- 4: *Jesus is Beaten and Condemned!*
- 5: *Jesus' Journey to Golgotha!*
- 6: *Jesus is Crucified; One Criminal is Saved!*
- 7: *Jesus Speaks, Dies, is Buried, and is Raised!*

## What Have We Studied So Far?

- Jesus prayed in Gethsemane, was betrayed by Judas, and was arrested.
- Jesus was tried by the Jewish Leaders and the Romans, including Herod.
- Jesus was severely scourged; then, *giving in to the Jewish Leaders and the agitated crowd*, Pilate handed Jesus over to be crucified.
- Jesus, *with the help of Simon of Cyrene*, carried His cross from Pilate's residence to Golgotha / Calvary where He was crucified about 9:00 a.m.
- Jesus' 7 Statements – A Summary:

### Spoken between 9 AM and Noon

1. Father, forgive..., Luke 23:34
2. Dear, Woman..., John 19:26-27

3. Today, you will be..., Lk. 23:43

### Spoken about 3 PM

4. **4** – My God..., Mt. 27:46; Mk. 15:34
5. **5** – I am thirsty, John 19:28
6. **6** – It is finished, John 19:30
7. **7** – Father, into Your..., Luke 23:46

**Today's Movie Clip – It begins shortly before Noon on Good Friday!** (106:30 – 118:38 or 1:46:30 – 1:58:38)

**The Death of Jesus** (*Matt. 27:45-54; Mark 15:33-39; Luke 23:44-48; John 19:28-30*)

**NIV Matthew 27:45 From the sixth hour until the ninth hour darkness came over all the land.**

1. *Sixth to ninth* – is the Jewish method of keeping time; we follow the Roman method which is Noon to 3:00 p.m.
2. *Darkness* – Only Luke adds these words: “...for the sun stopped shining” (23:45). Notice again what Matthew recorded: “over all the land” or “all the earth.” The darkness may have been everywhere in the world! And why? Between Noon and 3:00 is when Jesus was *bearing our sins and receiving God's eternal wrath and punishment!*
  - a. “Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer...” (Isaiah 53:10 NIV).
  - b. “He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed” (1Pe. 2:24 NIV).
  - c. “He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world” (1 John 2:2 NIV).

<sup>46</sup> About the ninth hour [3:00 p.m.] Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?”--which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

3. **JESUS’ FOURTH WORDS FROM THE CROSS:** “The words were spoken in Aramaic, one of the languages commonly spoken in Palestine in Jesus’ day. They reveal how deeply Jesus felt his abandonment by God as he bore the sin of mankind” (CSSB, 1537). *Jesus, as our perfect substitute, had to be separated from the Father so that we, through Him, could be reunited to the Father!*

- a. “But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear” (Isaiah 59:2 NIV).
- b. “Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: ‘Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree’” (Gal. 3:13 NIV).

4. Of all the Old Testament prophecies, **Isaiah chapter 53** and **Psalms chapter 22** most clearly describe what Jesus would endure for our salvation. This is **Psalm 22:1** “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?” (NIV).

5. **JESUS’ FIFTH WORDS FROM THE CROSS:** Only John records these words: “Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, ‘I am thirsty’” (John 19:28 NIV).

<sup>47</sup> When some of those standing there heard this, they said, “He’s calling Elijah.”

6. Lenski gave this explanation: “They [those who were gathered] well knew that ‘Eli, Eli’ meant ‘my God, my God,’ for the Hebrew for Elijah is *Elijahu* or *Elijah*... Yet the malicious minds of these Jews

made a joke of this cry of Jesus’ and went on to say, ‘This fellow is calling Elijah!’ The point of this silly joke was the Jewish belief that Elijah would not only precede the Messiah and introduce him to the Jews but would also live at the side of the Messiah and attest him as the Messiah” (Matthew, 11:21). According to Jesus, who is Elijah? (Matt. 11:11-14)

<sup>48-49</sup> Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a stick, and offered it to Jesus to drink. The rest said, “Now leave him alone. Let’s see if Elijah comes to save him.”

7. Jesus did take a drink as noted by John: “When he had received the drink...” (John 19:30a).

<sup>50</sup> And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit.

8. **JESUS’ SIXTH WORDS FROM THE CROSS:** Only John records these words: “Jesus said, ‘It is finished.’ With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit” (John 19:30b NIV). A more full translation: *It has been paid in full!*

9. What did Jesus mean? Let’s think about the *key points* of His work:
- a. He is the S\_\_\_\_\_ of God!
  - b. He put on f\_\_\_\_\_ and blood!
  - c. He lived a perfect, s\_\_\_\_\_, holy life, thus He fulfilled the L\_\_\_\_\_ for all people of all time!
  - d. He received upon Himself the s\_\_\_\_\_ of the whole world!
  - e. He received God’s eternal wrath and punishment for all those s\_\_\_\_\_!
  - f. He paid the full price for all people of all time, so they could f\_\_\_\_\_ enter God’s glorious presence!

**10. JESUS' SEVENTH WORDS FROM THE**

**CROSS:** Only Luke records the words:

“Jesus called out with a loud voice, **‘Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.’** When he had said this, he breathed his last” (Luke 23:46 NIV).

**11. Did you notice** how the relationship between *God the Son* and *God the Father* progressed during the seven times Jesus spoke from the cross?

- a. First words: Jesus addressed God as Father – *their relationship was good!*
- b. Fourth words: Jesus addressed God as God – *sin had separated the Son from the Father.*
- c. Seventh words: Jesus addressed God as Father – *since Jesus’ saving work was finished, His relationship with His Father had also been restored!*

**12. Jesus gave up His spirit.** In other words, no one took it away from Him. Jesus said: “The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life--only to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again” (John 10:17-18 NIV).

<sup>51</sup> At that moment **the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook and the rocks split.**

**13. Curtain.**

- a. “The inner curtain that separated the Holy Place from the Most Holy Place. The tearing of the curtain signified Christ’s making it possible for believers to go directly into God’s presence (Heb. 9:1-14; 10:14-22)” (CSSB, 1495).
- b. “Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the

curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith...” (Heb. 10:19-22 NIV).

**14. Top to bottom.** “...as if an unseen hand severed it by starting at the top.... Jesus died at three o’clock, thus the curtain must have been rent at the time the priests were busy with the evening sacrifice. Many eyes thus saw what had happened.... [The annual function of the high priest] had reached an end, because now the divine High Priest, Jesus, had come and had entered into the Holy of Holies of heaven itself with his own all-atoning blood” (Lenski, Mt. 1127).

**15. Earth, rocks.** Lenski: “Jesus is dead, his lips are silent; now God speaks in a language of his own.... Each in its way proclaimed the tremendous significance and the effect of the Savior’s death” (Matthew commentary, page 1126).

<sup>52</sup> **The tombs broke open and the bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life.**

**16. People raised.** “...it is a sign that Jesus’ death conquered death... These were Old Testament saints” (Lenski, Mt. 1130).

<sup>53</sup> **They came out of the tombs, and after Jesus’ resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many people.**

**17.** “Jesus remains ‘the Firstborn from the dead’ (Col. 1:18) because he alone conquered death, and even these saints arose only through the blessed power of Jesus” (Lenski, Mt. 1131).

<sup>54</sup> **When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, “Surely he was the Son of God!”**

**18.** “Their fear was a religious fear. This centurion and his soldiers knew how Jesus was brought to the cross. The centurion had observed the conduct of

Jesus throughout this ordeal. He had witnessed the mockery of the Jews in which even his soldiers had joined,... Then came the death with the loud cry, 'Father,' and immediately the earthquake and the rending rocks.... His confession is strong... is set over against the Jewish unbelief and mockery" (Lenski, Mt. 1133).

19. Only Luke records: "When all the people who had gathered to witness this sight saw what took place, they beat their breasts and went away" (Luke 23:48 NIV). "A sign of anguish, grief or contrition" (CSSB, 1596).

**Witnesses of the Crucifixion** (Matt. 27:55-56; Mark 15:40-41; Luke 23:49; John 19:25-27):

**NIV Matthew 27:55-56 Many women were there, watching from a distance.** [Luke adds: "...all those who knew him...stood at a distance, watching these things" (23:49).] **They [the women] had followed Jesus from Galilee to care for his needs. Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of Zebedee's sons.**

**Making Sure Those Crucified Were Dead** (John 19:31-36):

Because the Jews did not want the bodies left on the crosses during the Sabbath, **they asked Pilate to have the legs broken** and the bodies taken down.

20. Why break their legs?
- "The length of survival generally ranged from 3 to 4 hours to 3 to 4 days... the Roman soldiers could hasten death by breaking the legs below the knees... The weight of the body, pulling down on the outstretched arms and shoulders, would tend to fix the muscles in an inhalation state and hinder exhalation. As a result, each respiration would become painful and tiring and lead to

suffocation" (Journal of the American Medical Association, March 21, 1986 – Volume 255, No. 11).

- Suffocation would come much quicker with the legs broken, *since the crucified man could no longer push up his body to exhale.*

<sup>32-34</sup> The soldiers therefore came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other. But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. **Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water.**

21. "Traditionally this has been considered a spear wound to the heart through the right side of the chest – a fatal wound probably taught to most Roman soldiers" (JAMA, 3-21-86).

**The Burial of Jesus** (Matt. 27:57-61; Mark 15:42-47; Luke 23:50-56; John 19:38-42):

22. Joseph of Arimathea, along with Nicodemus, received Jesus' body from the cross, prepared it for burial, and put it in a new tomb.

**The Resurrection** (Matt 28:1-8; Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24:1-12; John 20:1-13):

23. Just as Jesus promised, **He was raised** – proving †He is the Son of God, †His doctrines (*teachings*) are the truth, †God the Father accepted His sacrifice, and †all believers in Christ will rise to eternal life!

***Thanks for attending!  
God bless your Holy Week!***