

Good Friday – 2022

Friday, 4/15 at 11 am & 7 pm



Text: An Overview of Luke 22:54 – 23:56 NAS-95

Participant

Version

7:00 pm

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6, 10, 14

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8, 12

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7, 9, 11, 13

Join Us: Holy Saturday Easter Vigil at 4:00; Easter Sunday Resurrection at 9:00

Introduction: Dear friends in Christ: During this Holy Week of 2022, *we are focusing on the gospel according to Luke*. We began with Jesus' triumphal entry; then we continued with the **important** and **high intensity** events of Holy Monday, Holy Tuesday, Holy Wednesday, and Holy Thursday.

Today is Good Friday; **good for Jesus** – *He completed His mission*; **good for us** – *He opened the way to heaven for all repentant believers!*

From Jesus' arrest and trials **to** His crucifixion and death, let us see **the** amazing love of God the Father and **the** perfect obedience of Jesus, His Son, to **remove** our sins and **open** the way to heaven!

1. **Peter Denies Knowing Jesus:** **22:54-62:** ⁵⁴ **Having arrested [Jesus – around midnight], they led Him away and brought Him to the house of the high priest; but Peter was following at a [safe] distance.**

⁵⁵ **After they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and had sat down together, Peter was sitting among them.** ⁵⁶ **And a servant-girl, seeing him as he sat in the firelight and looking intently at him, said, "This man was with Him too."** ⁵⁷ **But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know Him."** ⁵⁸ **A little later, another saw him and said, "You**

are *one of them too!*” But Peter said, “Man, I am not!”

⁵⁹ After about an hour had passed, another man *began* to insist, saying, “Certainly this man also was with Him, for he is a Galilean too.” ⁶⁰ But Peter said, “Man, I do not know what you are talking about.” Immediately, while he was still speaking, a rooster crowed. ⁶¹ The Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how He had told him, “**Before a rooster crows today, you will deny Me three times.**”

⁶² And [Peter] went out and wept bitterly. // In the past, Jesus had said to His disciples: “Do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul... [Then He said:] ...whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny him before My Father who is in heaven” (Matt. 10:28, 33).

HYMN: *Chief of Sinners Though I Be*

See the words below / TLH 342 / LSB 611

- 1 Chief of sinners though I be,
Jesus shed His blood for me,
Died that I might live on high,
Lives that I might never die.
As the branch is to the vine,
I am His, and He is mine.

2. **Jesus Is Mocked and Beaten:**
22:63-65: ⁶³ Now the men who were holding Jesus in custody were mocking Him and beating Him, ⁶⁴ and they blindfolded Him and were asking Him, saying, “Prophesy, who is the one who hit You?” ⁶⁵ And they were saying many other things against Him, blaspheming. // Jesus was suffering and, *later in the day*, would lay down His life. Why? *To remove sin!* For whom? Everyone, *even those who were physically and verbally abusing Him* 😊!

3. **Jesus Is Questioned by the Jewish Leaders:** **22:66-71:** ⁶⁶ When it was day [light], the Council of elders of the people [*the Sanhedrin*] assembled, both chief priests and scribes, and they led [Jesus] away to their council *chamber*, saying, ⁶⁷ “If You are the Christ, tell us.” But He said to them, “**If I tell you, you will not believe;** ⁶⁸ and if I ask a question, you will not answer. ⁶⁹ **But from now on THE SON OF MAN WILL BE SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND of the power OF GOD.**” ⁷⁰ And they all said, “Are You the Son of God, then?” And He said to them, “**Yes, I am.**”

⁷¹ Then they said, “What further need do we have of testimony? For we have heard it ourselves from His own mouth.” **//** Think about Jesus: ☞ Born in Bethlehem, ☞ a descendant of David, ☞ taught with authority, ☞ did many miracles, and ☞ fulfilled many OT prophecies. But the Jewish leaders ☹️ *rejected Him* and ☹️ *wanted to murder Him!*

4. **The Jewish Leaders Accuse Jesus Before Pilate:** **23:1-7:** ¹ **Then the whole body of them [that is, the entire Council] got up and brought [Jesus] before Pilate** [*He was ordinarily in Caesarea but came to Jerusalem to oversee the Passover festival with its crowds of pilgrims*]. ² **And they began to accuse Him, saying, “We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding to pay taxes to Caesar [which was not true], 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. **//** When Pilate was getting nowhere with the Jewish leaders and heard of Jesus connection with Herod, *he seized the opportunity!*

HYMN:

O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken
See the words below / TLH 143 / LSB 439

- 1 O dearest Jesus, what law hast Thou broken
That such sharp sentence should on Thee be spoken?
Of what great crime hast Thou to make confession,
What dark transgression?
- 3 Whence come these sorrows, whence this mortal anguish?
It is my sins for which Thou, Lord, must languish;
Yea, all the wrath, the woe, Thou dost inherit,
This I do merit.
5. **Herod Antipas Questions Jesus:** **23:8-12:** ⁸ **Now Herod [– the one who had John the Baptizer beheaded,] 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 [miracle] performed by Him.⁹ And [Herod] questioned [Jesus] 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 [Jesus] 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. // Why enemies? Possibly because Pilate had some Galileans killed when they were offering their sacrifices. Now, *both agreeing Jesus was innocent*, they reconciled. *See the map.*

6. **Pilate Declares Jesus to be Innocent: 23:13-16:** 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.” // Even the punishment wasn’t justified, *but Pilate was hoping to satisfy Jesus’ accusers.*

7. **Pilate Tries to Release Jesus: 23:17-25:** ¹⁷ Now [Pilate] was *obliged to release to them at the feast one prisoner.* [Not included in most early manuscripts.]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. // Pilate had the authority to release Jesus, but, *out of fear*, he “delivered Jesus to their will.”

8. **Jesus Walks to His Crucifixion**
Site: **23:26-32:** ²⁶ When they led [Jesus] away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene [*– located in Libya*], 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 [*since women and children are in greater danger in time of difficulty*]. ²⁹ For behold, the days are coming when [*those who are in great difficulty*] will say, ‘Blessed

are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.’ ³⁰ Then [*those who are in great difficulty*] will begin TO SAY TO THE MOUNTAINS, ‘FALL ON US,’ AND TO THE HILLS, ‘COVER US [*– to quickly end their lives*].’ ³¹ For if they do these things when the tree is green [*alive*], what will happen when it is dry [*dead*]?” ³² Two others also, who were criminals, were being led away to be put to death with Him. // Since they were crucifying Jesus— an innocent man, *much worse would come upon the city in AD 70.*

9. **Jesus Is Crucified:** **23:33:** ³³ When they came to the place called The Skull, there they crucified [Jesus] 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. // Long iron nails were driven through their hands and feet! But rather than cry out in anger, Jesus

*asked His Father in heaven to
forgive those Roman soldiers!*

HYMN:

Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed

See the words below / TLH 390 / LSB 560

- 1 Drawn to the cross, which Thou hast blessed
With healing gifts for souls distressed,
To find in Thee my life, my rest,
Christ crucified, I come.
 - 2 Thou knowest all my griefs and fears,
Thy grace abused, my misspent years;
Yet now to Thee with contrite tears,
Christ crucified, I come.
 - 3 Wash me and take away each stain;
Let nothing of my sin remain.
For cleansing, though it be through pain,
Christ crucified, I come.
10. **Jesus Is Mocked: 23:35-38:** 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.”** **//**
Jesus suffered terribly in place of everyone – *you, me, and even those who mocked Him!* And what

does it mean that Jesus is the King of the Jews? He is the king over all who have the faith of Abraham, *that is, trust in Jesus for eternal life!*

11. **One Criminal Is Saved: 23:39-43:**
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.”** **//**
One criminal – *so full of anger*; the other criminal – *so full of Spirit-worked sorrow and faith*; then Jesus assured him of his entrance into heaven!

CHOIR: Jesus, Remember Me
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12. **Three Hours of Darkness and Silence:** **23:44-45a:** ⁴⁴ It was now about the sixth hour [noon], and darkness fell over the whole land until the ninth hour [3:00], ⁴⁵ because the sun [ceased to give light]... **//** When the sun should have been the brightest, it was the darkest – *because the holy Son of God was bearing †the sin and †the eternal punishment of all people of all time!*

13. **Jesus' Death and Some Reactions:** **23:45b-49:** ...and the veil of the temple was torn in two [– right when Jesus declared His work to be finished, opening the way to heaven for every repentant sinner]. 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 [– His claim to be the Son of God was true].”** ⁴⁸ And all the crowds who came together for this spectacle, when they observed what had happened, *began* to return,

beating their breasts [– no longer entertained, but filled with sorrow]. ⁴⁹ And all [Jesus'] acquaintances and the women who accompanied Him from Galilee were standing at a distance, seeing these things. **//** Those people knew Jesus so well: ♦traveling with Him, ♦hearing His teaching, and ♦witnessing His miracles, and now they were full of great sorrow!

11:00 – HYMN: *O Perfect Life of Love*
See the words below / TLH 170 / LSB 452

- 1 O perfect life of love!
All, all, is finished now,
All that He left His throne above
To do for us below.
- 2 No work is left undone
Of all the Father willed;
His toil, His sorrows, one by one,
The Scriptures have fulfilled.
- 4 And on His thorn-crowned head
And on His sinless soul
Our sins in all their guilt were laid
That He might make us whole.

7:00 – SOLO: *The Power of the Cross*
Doreen Weseloh

14. **The Body of Jesus Is Entombed:** **23:50-56:** ⁵⁰ And a man named Joseph, who was a member of the Council, a good and righteous man ⁵¹ ([someone who] 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 [took bold action and] 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 [– the day to prepare for the Sabbath Day], and the Sabbath was about to begin. ⁵⁵ Now the

women who had come with [Jesus] 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. // †Jesus' body is dead and entombed, †His followers are filled with grief, and †the women plan to return to the tomb with their spices and perfumes very early on Sunday morning. Join us for the vigil – Sat at 4, and on Easter – Sun at 9.

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