Bible Study:

The Gospel According to NATTHEW

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Reason For The Season

Galatians 1:1-5

Gave Himself for our sins

He might rescue us from this present evil age

According to the will of our God and Father

Outline of Content

Priests plot to kill Jesus (26:1-5)

Woman pours perfumed oil on Jesus (26:6-13)

Jesus' last Passover and Judas' betrayal (26:14-25)

Instituting the Lord's Evening Meal (26:26-30)

Peter's denial foretold (26:31-35)

Jesus prays in Gethsemane (26:36-46)

Jesus arrested and brought before Sanhedrin (26:47-68)

Peter denies Jesus three times and weeps bitterly (26:69-75)



- Chapter 26: Questions
- What do we learn about the character of the Jewish leaders?
- What does the meeting place (home of Simon the leper) tell us about the character of Jesus?
- What lesson or lessons can we draw from the woman that pours perfumed oil on Jesus?
- What lessons can we learn from Judas ?
- What warning for ourselves can we see from Peter's denial?



Gospel Accounts Of The Crucifixion

- Matthew 27:31-56
- Mark 15:20-41
- Luke 23:1-49
- John 19:16-30

Passover is observed on the 14th of Nisan every year (Leviticus 23.5). Jesus and His disciples partook of the Passover in the early evening of the previous day. (Days are calculated from sunset-to-sunset, not midnight-to-midnight.)

Gethsemane is at the foot of the Mount of Olives, not far from the brook Kidron, and takes its name from a cave there that contained an oil press — thus, Gat-Shmanim.

WEDNESDAY

Nisan 14

Preparation day for the *annual*, not weekly, Sabbath.

In the morning, Jesus was brought before Pilate the governor.

Jesus was crucified and dies around 3PM

Jesus' body was placed in the tomb at twilight

The 15th of Nisan is the first Holy Day, highday, or annual Sabbath of the 7-day festival of Unleavened Bread. It begins at sunset on the 14th.

THURSDAY

Nisan 15

This was the first annual Sabbath or high-day - the first day of Unleavened Bread.

Tomb is guarded and secured by sealing it with a stone.

What time of the day did Christ's Crucifixion take place?

This has been confusing to some because during that period of history, the Jews and Romans used different methods to calculate time.

The Jews numbered the twelve hours of day from sunrise. They numbered the twelve hours of night from *sunset*. The Romans counted from midnight and again from noon, as is commonly done today. The Synoptic gospel accounts (Matthew, Mark, Luke) use the Jewish method. John's gospel account records the hours using the Roman method.

John 19:14 states, "And it was the preparation of the Passover, and about the sixth hour..." This was approximately three hours prior to Christ's crucifixion, and referred to the general time of sunrise, based on the Roman method.

What time of the day did Christ's Crucifixion take place?

By today's standards of time (based on the Roman system), Christ was crucified at about nine o' clock in the morning. The Jews considered it to be three hours after sunrise (hence, the "third hour" [Mark 15:25]). Darkness spread over the land at about *noon* (Roman time: twelve hours past midnight; Jewish time: six hours past sunrise [Matt. 27:45; Mark 15:33; Luke 23:44]), lasting until three o' clock in the afternoon, Roman time (nine hours past sunrise, Jewish time).

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Jesus handed over to Pilate (27:1, 2)

Judas feels remorse and hangs himself (27:3-10)

Jesus stands before Pilate (27:11-26)

Soldiers publicly mock Jesus (27:27-31)

Jesus nailed to stake at Golgotha (27:32-44)

Death of Jesus (27:45-56)

Burial of Jesus (27:57-61)

Jesus' tomb securely guarded (27:62-66)



- Chapter 27: Questions
- What lesson or lessons do we learn about Jesus' character when He was in Pilate's presence?
- What prophecies were fulfilled while Jesus was on the cross?



Prophecies Fulfilled By Jesuson the Cross

- Messiah would be hated without cause.
 - Psalm 69:4John 15:24-25
- Messiah would be crucified with criminals.
 - Isaiah 53:12
 - Matthew 27:38
 - Mark 15:27-28
- Messiah would be given vinegar to drink.
 - Psalm 69:21
 - Matthew 27:34
 - John 19:28-30

Prophecies Fulfilled By Jesus on the Cross

- Messiah's hands and feet would be pierced.
 - Psalm 22:16
 - Zechariah 12:10
 - John 20:25-27
- Messiah would be mocked and ridiculed.
 - Psalm 22:7-8
 - Luke 23:35

Prophecies Fulfilled By Jesuson the Cross

- Soldiers would gamble for Messiah's garments.
 - Psalm 22:18
 - Luke 23:34
 - Matthew 27:35-36
- Messiah's bones would not be broken.
 - Exodus 12:46
 - Psalm 34:20
 - John 19:33-36

Prophecies Fulfilled By Jesuson the Cross

- Messiah would be forsaken by God.
 - Psalm 22:1
 - Psalm 35:19
- Messiah would pray for his enemies.
 - Psalm 109:4
 - Luke 23:34
- Soldiers would pierce Messiah's side.
 - Zechariah 12:10
 - John 19:34

- Chapter 27: Questions
- What lesson or lessons do we learn from the darkness from the 6th hour to the 9th hour?
- What important lesson or lessons does the crucifixion teach us about ourselves? Jesus? God the Father?



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Jesus is resurrected; he appears to his disciples (28:1-10)

Soldiers bribed to lie about Jesus' resurrection (28:11-15)

Jesus gives commission to make disciples (28:16-20)



- **Chapter 28: Questions**
- What do you think would have happened if Jesus had not been resurrected by God the Father?
- What lessons do we learn from the Resurrection of Jesus Christ?
- What physical evidence was present to prove the Resurrection was real?

