

## **The Gospel of Luke**

### **A Chronology of the Last Days of Christ**

#### **Selected Scriptures**

1. Nisan 13 (Wed. Evening - Thur. Afternoon)

Peter and John prepare for the Passover meal (Lk. 22:7-13) that was to be eaten at sunset on the evening of Nisan 14 (Ex. 12:18). So this preparation would have occurred during the daylight hours of Nisan 13.

2. Nisan 14 (Thur. Evening - Fri. Afternoon)

There is a seamless line of events from the passover meal through the crucifixion of Jesus on the very next day (Lk. 22:14-23:56).

A. Teaching in the Upper Room (Jn. 13-17)

B. Prayers in the Garden and Arrest (Mt. 26:36-56; Lk. 22:39-53; Jn. 18:1-12)

C. Trials and Denials:

I. Jewish Trials

a. Anas (Jn. 18:13-24; cf. Lk. 22:54)

b. Caiaphas, scribes, and elders (Mt. 26:57-68; Jn. 18:24; Lk. 22:63-65)

c. Sanhedrin (Mt. 27:1-2; Lk. 22:66-71)

This gathering occurred "when it was day" (Lk. 22:66), but some did not consent to the sentence of death (Mt. 27:1; cf. Lk. 23:51).

II. Peter's Denials:

It is difficult to place these in order with the Jewish trials, but they would most likely have concluded before the trial before the Sanhedrin began.

a. Gateway Denial (Mt. 26:69-70; Mk. 14:66-68; Lk. 22:56-57; Jn. 18:17)

b. Porch Denial (Mt. 26:71-72; Mk. 14:69-70a; Lk. 22:58; Jn. 18:25)

c. Final Denial (Mt. 26:73-74; Mk. 14:70b-71; Lk. 22:59-60; Jn. 18:26-27)

III. Gentile Trials

a. Pilate (Mt. 27:2-14; Lk. 23:1-5; possibly Jn. 18:28-38a)

No guilt found, but referred Jesus to His Galilean ruler for judgment.

b. Herod (Lk. 23:6-12)

Herod hoped to be amused by Jesus but was given only silence which he repaid with contempt before sending him back to Pilate.

c. Pilate (Lk. 23:11-25; Jn. 18:38b-19:16)

i. Bargaining with Barabbas

ii. Scourging (Jn. 19:1) and crown of thorns (Jn. 19:2)

iii. Succumb to the mob and orders crucifixion (Jn. 19:16)

D. Crucifixion

Jesus was crucified on the "day of preparation for the Passover" (Jn. 19:14). "Day of preparation" is a common way to refer to the day before the sabbath (cf. Mk. 15:42), so it is best to see this as Jesus being crucified on a Friday which fell during the eight days of celebration that began with the passover and included the seven day feast of unleavened bread.

I. Interactions with Others:

Jesus was mocked by both thieves (Mt. 27:44) as well as the onlooking Jews (Mt. 27:39-40) and leaders (Lk. 23:35). One thief repents and is saved (Lk. 23:39-43).

II. Jesus Seven Sayings from the Cross (Lk. 23:34, 43; Jn. 19:26-27; Mt. 27:46; Jn. 19:28, 30; Lk. 23:46)

III. The Death of Jesus Christ (the 9th hour, around 3PM; see Mk. 15:34-37)

IV. Wonders:

The veil of the temple is torn and resurrection of saints (Mt. 27:51-54).

E. Burial

Jesus was dead by the early evening of Friday which is often referred to as the preparation day for the sabbath (Mk. 15:42; Lk. 23:54). Joseph and Nicodemus hurriedly bury Him in a new tomb (Lk. 23:50-54; Jn. 19:38-42).

3. Nisan 15 (Fri. Evening - Sat. Afternoon)

This is the weekly sabbath, and therefore there would have been very little activity by the Jews (Lk. 23:56b). However, the Jewish Leaders did solicit Pilate for a guard on the tomb before securing it themselves (Mt. 27:62-66).

4. Nisan 16 (Sat. Evening - Sun. Afternoon)

There is no activity specifically indicated on Saturday night. It is likely that purchase and preparation of the spices continued after the sabbath break (cf. Lk. 24:1).

A. The Empty Tomb

The women find the tomb empty and see Jesus (Mt. 28:1-10), they report to the apostles, and Peter and John rush to the tomb (Lk. 24:10-12; Jn. 20:3-6).

B. The Guards Report and Spread Rumors (Mt. 28:11-15)

C. Jesus Meets Two Disciples on The Road to Emmaus (Lk. 24:13-33)

D. Jesus Appears to Simon Peter (Lk. 24:34 cf. 1 Cor. 15:5)

5. Nisan 17 (Sun. Evening - Mon. Afternoon)

Jesus Appears to 10 Disciples (Lk. 24:36-43; Jn. 20:19-23). Thomas was not present, but did see the risen Lord a week later (Jn. 20:24-29)