

## The Passion of Christ: A Comparison of the Four Gospels

### Matthew 26-28

26:3-5 – chief priests, elders, Caiaphas conspire to kill J.  
6-13 – Jesus anointed by woman in Simon the leper's Bethany house

14-16 – Judas goes to chief priests, paid 30 silver pieces  
17-19 – 1<sup>st</sup> day of Unleavened Bread; disciples prepare place for Passover meal  
20-29 – Last Supper; betrayal predicted

30-35 – to Mt of Olives; Jesus predicts abandonment, resurrection & Peter's denial

36-46 – Jesus takes 12, then 3 disciples; prays 3x in Gethsemane; disciples sleep  
47-50 – Judas' betrayal

51-56 – slave's ear cut off, healed; Jesus rejects the sword, asks why not public arrest; disciples flee

57-68 – Jesus before Caiaphas; false testimony; "are you the Messiah, the Son of God?"; accused of blasphemy; "they **spat in his face & beat him with their fists**; & others **slapped him**"

69-75 – Peter in courtyard denies Jesus 3 times; rooster crows; Peter weeps

27:1-2 – chief priests and elders conspire to put Jesus to death; Jesus is **bound & taken to Pilate**

3-10 – Judas returns money, says he betrayed innocent man; hangs himself; priests use money to buy field

11-14 – Jesus before Pilate: "are you King of the Jews?"; Jesus silent; Pilate amazed

### Mark 14-16

14:1-2 – chief priests & scribes conspire to kill Jesus  
3-9 – Jesus anointed by woman in Simon the leper's Bethany house; some object; Jesus defends her actions

10-11 – Judas goes to chief priests, promised money  
12-16 – 1<sup>st</sup> day of Unleavened Bread; disciples prepare place for Passover meal  
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32-42 -- Jesus takes 12, then 3 disciples; prays 3x in Gethsemane; disciples sleep  
43-46 – Judas betrayal

47-52 – slave's ear cut off; Jesus rejects the sword; asks why not public arrest; disciples flee; young man flees naked

53-65 -- Jesus before high priest; false testimony; "are you the Messiah, Son of the Blessed One?"; accused of blasphemy; "**some began to spit at him and to blindfold him, and to beat him with their fists. . . and the officers received him with slaps in the face**"

66-72 – Peter in courtyard denies Jesus 3 times; rooster crows; Peter weeps

15:1-5 – in early morning, chief priests, elders, scribes, Council consult; **bind** Jesus & delivered him to Pilate

Jesus before Pilate: are you the King of the Jews?; Jesus silent; Pilate amazed

### Luke 22-24

22:1-2 – chief priests & scribes conspire to kill Jesus

3-6 – Judas goes to chief priests, promised money  
7-13 – day of Unleavened Bread; Peter & John prepare place for Passover meal

14-23 – Last Supper; betrayal predicted  
24-30 – dispute among disciples over greatness; Jesus' response; promise discs would sit on thrones

31-39 – Jesus prayed Simon won't fail, predicts his denial, advises taking purse/bag/sword; to Mt of Olives  
40-46 – Jesus prays 1x & finds disciples sleeping; sweat like drops of blood  
47-48 – Judas' betrayal

49-53 – slave of high priest's ear cut off, healed; asks why not a public arrest

54-62 – Peter in courtyard denies Jesus 3x; rooster crows; Jesus looks at Peter; Peter weeps

63-65 – "**the men...holding Jesus in custody were mocking him & beating him & they blindfolded him**"

66-71 – Jesus before Sanhedrin; "If you are the Messiah, tell us"; "are you the Son of God?"

23:1-5 – Jesus before Pilate; accused of various crimes; Pilate finds no basis to condemn him  
6-12 – Pilate sends Jesus to Herod; "**Herod with his soldiers...treating him with contempt and mocking him**"  
sent him back to Pilate

### John 13-21

13 – 17 – Passover meal, foot-washing; devil incites Judas to betray; Jesus teaches at length; prays

18:1 – Jesus & disciples to Garden

2-9 – Judas betrays, brings soldiers & officers of priests & Pharisees; Jesus confronts them & they fall to ground  
10-11 – Peter strikes ear of slave Malchus; Jesus rejects violence

12-15 – Jesus taken **bound** to Annas, father-in-law of Caiaphas  
15-18 – Peter brought into courtyard thanks to connections of another disciple; Peter denies Jesus once

19-24 – high priest questions Jesus; Jesus declares his teaching is public; **is struck by an officer**; Jesus complains, sent to Caiaphas  
25-27 – Peter denies twice; rooster crows

28-32 – Jesus before Pilate; Pilate asks for the charge, tells Jews to judge him; they say they can't execute him  
33-38a – Pilate & Jesus converse; "My kingdom is not of this world"; "What is truth?"

- 15-23 – Pilate offers to release Jesus or Barabbas; Pilate's wife's has dream, warns Pilate to avoid him
- 24-26 – Pilate washes his hands; crowd: "his blood be on us and on our children" Pilate releases Barabbas; **has Jesus scourged &** delivers him to be crucified
- 27-31 – Jesus in Pilate's HQ; **stripped**, scarlet robe, **crown of thorns**, mockery; **"they spat on him & ...began to beat him on the head"**; J led away to be crucified
- 32 – Simon of Cyrene compelled to carry cross
- 33-37 –Golgotha, drink; **"when they had crucified him"**; divided his clothes; *titulus*
- 38-44 – 2 bandits crucified with him; people, priests, bandits mock him
- 45-50 – 3 hours of darkness; Eli, Eli . . .; calling Elijah?; offered drink of sour wine; loud cry, then death
- 51-54 – temple curtain rips; earth shook; rocks split; tombs opened; saints raised; centurion: "truly this was the Son of God!"
- 55-56 – the women: MM; Mary of James/Joseph; mother of James/John
- 57-66 – Joseph of Arimathea asks Pilate; buries Jesus; 2 Marys watch; priests / Pharisees request guards
- 28:1-7 – 2 quake/angel rolls stone; 2 Marys to tomb; angel announces resurrection to women
- 8-10 – women meet Jesus who wants disciples to meet him in Galilee
- 11-15 – soldiers paid to claim body was stolen
- 16-20 – Jesus meets 11 disciples at designated mount in Galilee; 'Great Commission'
- 6-15 – crowd asks Pilate to release a prisoner; Pilate offers to release the King of the Jews; priests have crowd seek Barabbas' release & Jesus' crucifixion;
- 15 Pilate releases Barabbas; has Jesus **scourged &** handed over to be crucified
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- 40-41 – the women: MM, Mary mother of James the Less and Joses, Salome
- 42-47 – Joseph of Arimathea asks Pilate; buries Jesus after Pilate determines Jesus is dead; two Marys observe
- 16:1-6 – 2 Marys and Salome bring spices to tomb, wonder about stone; stone is rolled away; young man announces resurrection
- 7-8 – women told to have disciples meet Jesus in Galilee; women say nothing for they were afraid
- 13-16 – Pilate declares Jesus' innocence; intends to **punish** and release him
- 17-25 – Pilate succumbs to crowd's demand for Barabbas' release & hands Jesus over to be crucified
- 26 – Simon of Cyrene compelled to carry the cross
- 27-31 – Jesus addresses the weeping women
- 32-33 – place called The Skull; **"there they crucified him** and the [two] criminals"
- 34-38 – "Father, forgive them"; divided clothes; rulers, soldiers mock him; *titulus*
- 39-43 – criminals' reactions; Jesus promises paradise to one
- 44-49 – 3 hours of darkness; temple curtain rips; "into your hands I commend..."; death; centurion declares innocence; crowds beat chests; followers watch from distance
- 50-54 – Joseph of Arimathea buries Jesus after getting permission from Pilate
- 55-56 – the women saw the tomb, returned to prepare spices
- 24:1-7 – women to tomb, find stone rolled away, no body; meet 2 'men' who announce resurrection, recall Jesus' teachings
- 8-11 – women (MM, Joanna, Mary of James, others) tell disciples
- 12 Peter runs to tomb; sees shroud only; went home
- 13-35 – Jesus meets two disciples on way to Emmaus
- 36-49 – Jesus meets disciples in Jerusalem; eats; teaches
- 50-52 – Jesus' ascension at Bethany
- 38b-40 – Pilate finds Jesus not guilty; offers to release the King of the Jews; "the Jews" demand Barabbas
- 19:1-3 – **Pilate...took Jesus, and scourged him"**; **crown of thorns**; **"and they began to come up to him...and to give him blows in the face"**
- 4-11 – Pilate declares Jesus innocent; "Behold the man"; chief priests/officers call for crucifixion; 2<sup>nd</sup> conversation with Jesus; "he who delivered me up to you has the greater sin"
- 12-16 – Jews pressure Pilate; Pilate presents Jesus; hands him over to be crucified on day of Preparation; "we have no king but Caesar"
- 17-22 – Golgotha; **"there they crucified him"**; 2 criminals; *titulus*; chief priests complain about wording
- 23-27 – soldiers divide clothes, seamless garment; 3 Marys and his aunt at cross; Jesus links mother and disciple he loved
- 28-30 – Jesus thirsts, drinks wine; "it is finished"; death
- 31-37 – Jews want legs broken; soldiers find Jesus already dead; **pierced Jesus' side**
- 38-42 – Joseph of Arimathea, a disciple, requests the body; Nicodemus brings spices; Jesus buried in Garden tomb
- 20:1-2 – MM (et al.?) finds empty tomb; tells disciples she doesn't know where he is
- 3-10 – Peter and other disciple run to tomb, enter it; see shroud
- 11-18 – MM weeps at tomb, sees 2 angels, then sees Jesus, recognizes; "stop clinging to me"
- 19-23 – Jesus meets disciples behind locked doors, commissions them;
- 24-25 – Thomas absent, doubts
- 26-31 – Thomas sees, believes
- 21:1-25 – Jesus meets disciples on Sea of Galilee, miracle of fish; Peter swims; Jesus eats; "do you love me?"; "what about him?"

