

## PREPARING FOR THE TRIAL & CRUCIFIXION

Pericopes 187-206, pages 223-241

75. What do you suppose was the purpose of Knight's introduction to this section? Know the Scriptures, my friends, know the Scriptures. Matthew 26:47-56; Mark 14:43-52; Luke 22:47-53; John 18:1-12, pericope 187, page 223-224.
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76. Who all were there with the Christ in Gethsemane? Judas was not; were there other disciples besides "the eleven?" Why would they need not only temple police, but soldiers as well? Matthew 26:47-56; Mark 14:43-52; Luke 22:47-53; John 18:1-12, pericope 187, page 223-224.
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77. Why did Yeshua call Judas "friend" after receiving his betraying kiss? Who did Judas Iscariot betray, according to the Christ? So what? Matthew 26:47-56; Mark 14:43-52; Luke 22:47-53; John 18:1-12, pericope 187, page 223-224.
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78. Why did Jesus fail to defend Himself from the detachment of soldiers and temple police? Those surrounding Him said they should; Simon Peter, armed apparently, cut off one of the temple servant slaves, one presumably named "Malchus" (Μάλχος). Who reported that Malkos ear was healed by the Christ? Matthew 26:47-56; Mark 14:43-52; Luke 22:47-53; John 18:1-12, pericope 187, page 223-224.
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79. Why did the "mob" arrest the Christ at night, even though He was easily available earlier for arrest? Careful. CBdM. Matthew 26:47-56; Mark 14:43-52; Luke 22:47-53; John 18:1-12, pericope 187, page 223-224.
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80. Did *all* the followers of Jesus desert Him, according to Matthew? What does Mark's account say? Matthew 26:47-56; Mark 14:43-52; Luke 22:47-53; John 18:1-12, pericope 187, page 223-224.
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81. What was Jesus' complaint about being slapped for "disrespecting" Annas (father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest, verse 13; see also John 11:49-50)? Just who was Annas (see verse 22)?<sup>30</sup> John 18:12-14; 19-23, pericope 188, page 224. Note the absence of proof by Knight regarding "corrupt religious leader." BBB!

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82. Who did the Christ say *should* be questioned? Should we assess the teacher by his/her teachings, or by their effect on the students? Should we assess the quality of Christianity by its leader, or by its followers? Should we assess the quality of a church by its leaders, or by its members? John 18:12-14; 19-23, pericope 188, page 224.

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83. Who all were convened when the Christ finally was held before Caiaphas? For what purpose were they holding this session? What would be the best evidence against the Christ? Matthew 26:57-68; Mark 14:53-65; Luke 22:54, 63-65; John 18:24, pericope 189, page 225-226. Note balderdash by Knight re John 11:47-48.

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84. What was the key problem of the evidence presented to confirm Yeshua's guilt? Just what was the indictment regarding Jesus the Christ? Matthew 26:57-68; Mark 14:53-65; Luke 22:54, 63-65; John 18:24, pericope 189, page 225-226.

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85. What was the blasphemy uttered by Jesus of Nazareth? Is death a just punishment for blasphemy? Slander? What was Luke's note regarding who was blaspheming? Matthew 26:57-68; Mark 14:53-65; Luke 22:54, 63-65; John 18:24, pericope 189, page 225-226.

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<sup>30</sup>Annas had been deposed from the high priesthood by the Romans in 15AD, but was probably still regarded by many as the true high priest. In the Law a person could not be sentenced on the day the trial was held. The two examinations—this one (mentioned only in John's gospel) and that before Caiaphas—may have been conducted to give some form of religious legitimacy to the arrest and interrogation. Adapted & corrected from *Compton's NIV* © 1996, by D. Thomas Porter.

86. Why was John there along with Simon Peter? Who went in with Jesus to the courtyard and who stayed behind? How did Peter get into the courtyard? Whose accusation caused Peter to cuss when denying he knew Jesus? Matthew 26:58, 69-75; Mark 14:54, 66-72; Luke 22:54-62; John 18:15-18, 25-27; pericope 190, page 226-227.

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87. Why did Simon Peter deny knowing Jesus of Nazareth? When would he make this mistake again, yes even after the Christ forgave him at breakfast on the beach? Matthew 26:58, 69-75; Mark 14:54, 66-72; Luke 22:54-62; John 18:15-18, 25-27; pericope 190, page 226-227.

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88. Under what circumstances have you denied the Christ? Why? OS perhaps? Matthew 26:58, 69-75; Mark 14:54, 66-72; Luke 22:54-62; John 18:15-18, 25-27; pericope 190, page 226-227.

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89. What is the difference between the Peter's response as recorded in Luke 22:60b versus Mark 14:71? Matthew 26:58, 69-75; Mark 14:54, 66-72; Luke 22:54-62; John 18:15-18, 25-27; pericope 190, page 226-227.

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90. Does a person deserve death for blaspheming the Lord God Almighty? What level of blasphemy (sometimes translated "slander") warrants public critique? Disfellowship? Tolerance? Matthew 27:1-2; Mark 15:1, 66-72; Luke 22:66-23:1; pericope 191, page 227-228.

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91. What got Jesus of Nazareth in more trouble with the Sanhedrin, saying He was the Son of Man, or the Messiah? Matthew 27:1-2; Mark 15:1, 66-72; Luke 22:66-23:1; pericope 191, page 227-228.

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92. Why did Jesus have so many "court" appearances? What legal holes were being covered? Matthew 27:1-2; Mark 15:1, 66-72; Luke 22:66-23:1; pericope 191, page 228.

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93. Why was it useful for Judas Iscariot to kill himself (see also Acts 1:18)? Just what is the value of “30 pieces of silver?” See Exodus 21:32—*If the ox gores a slave, male or female, the owner shall give to their master thirty shekels of silver, and the ox shall be stoned.* Matthew 27:3-10; pericope 192, page 229.

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94. Why are people obsessed with his motivation for betraying Jesus? Matthew 27:3-10; pericope 192, page 229.

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95. Beyond “30 pieces of silver,” what then, is the value of a human being who separates themselves from the Lord God because of their evil? (John 3:15 & Romans 3:25-26) Matthew 27:3-10; pericope 192, page 229.

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96. What parallels do you see between what believers then chose to do about disobeying the rules versus stopping a blasphemer of God compared to today? What headquarters would defile you today? Matthew 27:2; Mark 15:1-5; Luke 23:2-5; John 18:28-38; pericope 193, page 229-230.

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97. What was their stated rationale for bringing the Christ to Governor Pilate? Was Jesus a criminal? For what would He be indicted today? Matthew 27:2; Mark 15:1-5; Luke 23:2-5; John 18:28-38; pericope 193, page 229-230.

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98. What happened between John 18:31b and Acts 7:59? Why did they assert they did not have the authority to execute Jesus the Christ? Matthew 27:2; Mark 15:1-5; Luke 23:2-5; John 18:28-38; pericope 193, page 229-230.

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99. What was the Governor’s question to Jesus? Just what had He done? Matthew 27:2; Mark 15:1-5; Luke 23:2-5; John 18:28-38; pericope 193, page 229-230.

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100. What was the Christ's answer to Governor Pilate's question—"What have you done?" Matthew 27:2; Mark 15:1-5; Luke 23:2-5; John 18:28-38; pericope 193, page 229-230.

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101. How do we know His response was recorded by John versus the other 3 synoptics (see John 18:31b, 36, 38b)? So what? Matthew 27:2; Mark 15:1-5; Luke 23:2-5; John 18:28-38; pericope 193, page 229-230.

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102. According to Jesus, "Everyone who is of the truth listens to My voice." What was Pilate's response, and how would you answer the Governor? Matthew 27:2; Mark 15:1-5; Luke 23:2-5; John 18:28-38; pericope 193, page 229-230.

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103. To what extent did Yeshua the Messiah "miss His chance" when asked by Pilate to explain Himself? What was communicated by His silence, His failure to testify in His own defense? Fundamentally, what was the crime He had committed? Matthew 27:2; Mark 15:1-5; Luke 23:2-5; John 18:28-38; pericope 193, page 229-230.

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104. What excuse did Pilate use to get the indictment of Jesus "off his plate?" See Isaiah 8:22-9:1<sup>31</sup> Luke 23:6-10; pericope 194, page 231.

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105. Why did Herod mock the Christ? How did he do so? What was the political implication for Herod's contempt of the Christ? Luke 23:11-12; pericope 195, page 231.

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<sup>31</sup>"<sup>22</sup>Then they will look toward the earth and see only distress and darkness and fearful gloom, and they will be thrust into utter darkness. <sup>1</sup>Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the Gentiles, by the way of the sea, along the Jordan—" Isaiah 8:22-9:1

106. To what extent do you believe the source of Mrs. Pilate's dream was the LORD God Almighty? To what extent did her dream and interpretation of same fulfill the will (i.e., purpose) of the LORD God? Matthew 27:15-26; Mark 15:6-15; Luke 23:13-25; John 18:39-19:16; pericope 196, page 231-234.

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107. Who was proposed to take the place of Yeshua to be whipped? What does his name mean?<sup>32</sup> Irony or coincidence? Matthew 27:15-26; Mark 15:6-15; Luke 23:13-25; John 18:39-19:16; pericope 196, page 231-234.

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108. Why did we call for crucifixion? Why wasn't flogging enough for the heresy Jesus was teaching? Matthew 27:15-26; Mark 15:6-15; Luke 23:13-25; John 18:39-19:16; pericope 196, page 231-234.

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109. What convinced Pilate to allow the chief priests to crucify Him? What was the greater injustice, finding no basis for crucifixion, or turning said punishment over to the chief priests? Matthew 27:15-26; Mark 15:6-15; Luke 23:13-25; John 18:39-19:16; pericope 196, page 231-234.

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110. What finally disturbed Pilate sufficiently to crucify Yeshua, the Son of God? Matthew 27:15-26; Mark 15:6-15; Luke 23:13-25; John 18:39-19:16; pericope 196, page 231-234.

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111. How did Pilate deal with his fear regarding Jesus? Lesson for us? Matthew 27:15-26; Mark 15:6-15; Luke 23:13-25; John 18:39-19:16; pericope 196, page 231-234.

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<sup>32</sup>"In some manuscripts of [Matthew 27:16-17](#), Barabbas is referred to as "Jesus Barabbas" (meaning "Jesus, son of Abba [Father]"). If Barabbas was also called "Jesus," that would make Pilate's offer to the crowd even more spiritually loaded. The choice was between Jesus, the Son of the Father; and Jesus, the Son of God. However, since many manuscripts do not contain the name "Jesus Barabbas," we cannot be certain that was his name." See <https://www.gotquestions.org/Barabbas-in-the-Bible.html> as downloaded July 7, 2024.

112. By what authority did Pilate have to crucify Jesus the Christ? What was Pilate's response to His answer? What convinced him, nevertheless, to kill the Christ? John 18:39-19:16; pericope 196, page 231-234.

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113. What did Jesus teach Pilate, and us, about the relative gravity of one sin compared to another (John 19:11)? So what? John 18:39-19:16; pericope 196, page 231-234.

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114. Why do we wash our hands of the blood of Jesus the Christ? How does this thought, this theology, this psychological denial manifest itself? Matthew 27:15-26; Mark 15:6-15; Luke 23:13-25; John 18:39-19:16; pericope 196, page 231-234.

*Jesus was crucified because He loved me. I did not crucify Jesus; the Jews did. "They" killed the Christ.*

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115. To what extent was the mob's "His blood be on us and our children!" an accurate prophecy? Where were you in that mob? Matthew 27:15-26; Mark 15:6-15; Luke 23:13-25; John 18:39-19:16; pericope 196, page 231-234.

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116. Why did Holy Spirit influence Matthew and Mark to recount the mocking of Jesus by the Roman guard? Just what does it mean to "mock the Christ?" Matthew 27:15-26; Mark 15:6-15; pericope 197, page 234.

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117. How do you account for Luke's extensive coverage of Simon's cross bearing, compared to Matthew and Mark? Matthew 27:32; Mark 15:21; Luke 23:26-31; John 18:39-19:16; pericope 198, page 234-235.

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118. What do you make of John's note regarding the Hebrew translation of "Skull Place" in John 19:16? Matthew 27:33-37; Mark 15:22-26; Luke 23:32-34; John 19:17-24; pericope 199, page 235-236.
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119. What does it mean to call Jesus as "Nazarene?" Was He a Nazarene? King of the Jews? Matthew 27:33-37; Mark 15:22-26; Luke 23:32-34; John 19:17-24; pericope 199, page 235-236.
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120. Why wasn't Aramaic used in the sign above the Christ's head? Matthew 27:33-37; Mark 15:22-26; Luke 23:32-34; John 19:17-24; pericope 199, page 235-236.
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121. Why did John report the division of the clothes of Jesus? Why were His clothes divided? Let us re-read Psalm 22... Matthew 27:33-37; Mark 15:22-26; Luke 23:32-34; John 19:17-24; pericope 199, page 235-236.
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122. Given Psalm 22, especially verse 18, how do now understand Psalm 22 given the events described by John and Luke? Matthew 27:33-37; Mark 15:22-26; Luke 23:32-34; John 19:17-24; pericope 199, page 235-236.
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123. What is "it" that "they did not know what they were doing?" Matthew 27:33-37; Mark 15:22-26; Luke 23:32-34; John 19:17-24; pericope 199, page 235-236.
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124. Why do today's preacher/teachers ignore pericope 200? Who was there when He was crucified? Be wary of "cute." Matthew 27:55-56; Mark 15:40-41; Luke 23:49; John 19:25-27; pericope 200, page 236.
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125. Who was supposed to care for Miriam after the death of her first born son? Matthew 27:55-56; Mark 15:40-41; Luke 23:49; John 19:25-27; pericope 200, page 236.
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126. What event did the mob remind us of what was going to happen, according to Jesus the Christ? What are the implications for studying the New Testament from His prophecy about the Temple? What holy day is tomorrow? [Tisha B'Av Eve] Matthew 27:39-43; Mark 15:29-32; Luke 23:35-38; pericope 201, page 236-237.

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127. In order to facilitate belief in the Christ, why did He not come "down from the cross?" Matthew 27:39-43; Mark 15:29-32; Luke 23:35-38; pericope 201, page 236-237.

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128. Why was the Christ crucified with two other criminals? Matthew 27:38, 44; Mark 15:27-28; Luke 23:39-43; pericope 202, page 237.

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129. Why did the Christ redeem the criminal who defended Him from the insults of the other criminal? Sovereignty? Faith? Belief? Didn't need baptizing? When people die, where do they go if redeemed, according to the Christ? Cecil D DeMille effect in Knight footnote on *Today you will be with Me*? Matthew 27:38, 44; Mark 15:27-28; Luke 23:39-43; pericope 202, page 237.

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130. To what Scripture is Jesus referring when He proclaims: *My God, my God, why have you forsaken Me*? [transliterated from the Aramaic to the Greek] What is His point about the suffering accompanying the crucifixion? Matthew 27:45-54; Mark 15:33-39; Luke 23:44-48; John 19:28-30; pericope 203, page 238-239.

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131. When did Jesus the Christ get thirsty? Why did He ask for something to drink? After He drank the sour wine, what did He say next? Just what is "sour wine?" [Sour = acidic, possibly Reisling-type grapes; not Matthew 27:34 where wine was mixed with myrrh was offered.] Matthew 27:45-54; Mark 15:33-39; Luke 23:44-48; John 19:28-30; pericope 203, page 238-239.

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132. What happened when the Christ died? Curtain: metaphorical and literal do not always inherently contradict. Why did the earth quake? Bodies of saints raised? What happened to the people who were watching this spectacle? Matthew 27:45-54; Mark 15:33-39; Luke 23:44-48; John 19:28-30; pericope 203, page 238-239.

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133. Who wanted His legs broken? Why?<sup>33</sup> Why were not the legs of the Christ broken? Both answers are correct; i.e., a multiplicity of causes does not inherently support claims of inconsistency. John 19:31-37; pericope 204, page 239.

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134. How would you describe “Joseph of Arimathea?” Coward? Hero? Guilt-ridden? Generous? On what basis did the Governor grant Joseph access to the body of Yeshua? Matthew 27:57-60; Mark 15:42-46; Luke 23:50-54; John 19:38-42; pericope 204, page 240.

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135. Who helped Joseph manage the body of Yeshua? From where do we know him? Was he as generous as Joseph? If Jesus’ body had lain there for over a year, what would have happened to His body? Do you supposed this tomb was used later for a member for Joseph or a member of Joseph’s family? Matthew 27:57-60; Mark 15:42-46; Luke 23:50-54; John 19:38-42; pericope 204, page 240.

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<sup>33</sup>Psalm 34:19-20 reads, “A righteous man may have many troubles, but the LORD delivers him from them all; he protects all his bones, not one of them will be broken.” (NIV)

And, referring to the meat eaten at Passover, Moses said: “It must be eaten inside one house; take none of the meat outside the house. Do not break any of the bones. The whole community of Israel must celebrate it.” –Exodus 12:46-47 (NIV)

And, John also refers to Zechariah who said: “And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication. They will look on Me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for Him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for Him as one grieves for a firstborn son.” –Zechariah 12:10

136. Who came to the tomb to observe the body of Yeshua? What had they brought to the tomb, in contrast to Nicodemus? Were they the first to visit? Matthew 27:61-66; Mark 15:47; Luke 23:55-56; pericope 206, page 240.

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137. Why were guards then placed at the tomb? Who actually guarded the tomb? DeMille effect. Matthew 27:61-66; Mark 15:47; Luke 23:55-56; pericope 206, page 240.

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138. On what day did the chief priests and Pharisees meet Governor Pilate? How have our religious leaders violated God's principles by engaging politicians? Matthew 27:61-66; Mark 15:47; Luke 23:55-56; pericope 206, page 240.

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