

The Journey
Series 05: Cross
Week 46: Jesus Arrested

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BIG Idea

Today we'll be entering into the last few days of Jesus' earthly life.

We will clearly see that... **Jesus is God. He is who He says He is.**

We will see how Jesus responded to mere men, who were puffed up with vain power and fearless to question Him.

Information (What We Need to Know)

Events Leading to Jesus' Crucifixion...

- **Garden of Gethsemane prayer (Thursday night into Friday early morning)**
 - ✓ Jesus was distressed as His death came closer (bearing the wrath of God)
Mark 14:32 (ESV) And they went to a place called Gethsemane.... **33** And he took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly distressed and troubled. **34** And he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death. Remain here and watch."
 - ✓ He prayed that if there was any other way to forgive sin that He would do it
Mark 14:35 (ESV) And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. **36** And he said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will."
 - ✓ He knew it was time to be betrayed
Mark 14:41 (ESV) ...the hour has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. **42** Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand."
- **Betrayal and arrest (early Friday morning, shortly after midnight)**
Mark 14:44 (ESV) Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man. Seize him and lead him away under guard." **45** And when he came, he went up to him at once and said, "Rabbi!" And he kissed him. **46** And they laid hands on him and seized him.
 - ✓ Satan was guiding Jesus' enemies (Judas and religious leaders)
Luke 22:3 (ESV) Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot...
 - ✓ Jesus knew that Old Testament prophecies about Him must be fulfilled
Mark 14:49 (ESV) "...I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. But let the Scriptures be fulfilled."

Moving forward, we must wrestle with *whose* plan it was for Jesus to suffer...

Isaiah 53:10 (ESV) Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him...

▪ Disciples' abandonment of Jesus (early Friday morning)

Mark 14:50 (ESV) And they all left him and fled.

"The disciples believed Jesus to be the Deliverer, yet they could not understand how He could deliver anyone if His enemies were to kill Him." – Firm Foundations

▪ Trial before Jewish leaders (Friday morning)

✓ Jesus is brought to the religious leaders

Mark 14:53 (ESV) And they led Jesus to the high priest. And all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes came together.

✓ No lawful reason was found to condemn Him

Mark 14:55 (ESV) Now the chief priests and the whole council were seeking testimony against Jesus to put him to death, but they found none. **56** For many bore false witness against him, but their testimony did not agree.

✓ Jesus (at first) didn't defend Himself against the false witnesses, but then plainly said He was the Son of God

Mark 14:60 (ESV) And the high priest stood up in the midst and asked Jesus, "Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?" **61** But he remained silent and made no answer. Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?" **62** And Jesus said, "I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power..."

✓ Jesus was then condemned because He said He was equal to God

Mark 14:63 (ESV) And the high priest tore his garments and said, "What further witnesses do we need? **64** You have heard his blasphemy. What is your decision?" And they all condemned him as deserving death.

✓ Jesus was persecuted

Mark 14:65 (ESV) ...some began to spit on him and to cover his face and to strike him, saying to him, "Prophecy!" And the guards received him with blows.

▪ Appearance before Pilate - no wrongdoing found (Friday morning)

✓ The religious leaders brought Jesus to Pilate

Mark 15:1 (ESV) And as soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. And they bound Jesus and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate.

"The Jews did not have the authority to condemn a person to death because Israel was under the rule of the Romans, so the Jewish leaders took Jesus to Pilate, the provincial governor. They hoped that on the basis of the false charges they had prepared, Pilate would sentence Jesus to death." – Firm Foundations

✓ Pilate asked Jesus if He was the King of the Jews

Mark 15:2 (ESV) And Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” And he answered him, “You have said so.”

As a direct descendant of King David and in line for the throne of Israel, Jesus was the rightful King of Israel.

- ✓ Jesus did not respond to the false accusations

Mark 15:3 (ESV) And the chief priests accused him of many things. **4** And Pilate again asked him, “Have you no answer to make? See how many charges they bring against you.” **5** But Jesus made no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed.

- ✓ Pilate asked the Jews who they wanted him to release, Barabbas or Jesus
“The Roman governor had a custom of releasing one prisoner at the time of the Feast of the Passover, and he would allow the Jews to choose who was to be freed.” – Firm Foundations

Mark 15:7 (ESV) And among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in the insurrection, there was a man called Barabbas. **8** And the crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do as he usually did for them. **9** And he answered them, saying, “Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?” **11** But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release for them Barabbas instead.

- Jewish leaders demand crucifixion (Friday morning)

Mark 15:12 (ESV) Pilate again said to them, “Then what shall I do with the man you call the King of the Jews?” **13** And they cried out again, “Crucify him.” **15** So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas...

“Crucifixion was a cruel form of punishment used by the Romans for the very worst criminals. When a person was crucified, he was nailed by his hands and feet to a cross until he died.” – Firm Foundations

- ✓ Jesus is whipped

Mark 15:15 (ESV) ...having scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

- ✓ Jesus is crowned with thorns, mocked, beaten, spit upon and led to crucifixion

Mark 15:17 (ESV) And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on him. **18** And they began to salute him, “Hail, King of the Jews!” **19** And they were striking his head with a reed and spitting on him and kneeling down in homage to him. **20** And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. And they led him out to crucify him.

“From eternity past God predetermined that Jesus would die an atoning death as part of his pre-ordained plan.” – John MacArthur

Application (What We Need to Do)

Genesis 3:15 (ESV) ...he shall bruise your head..."

Isaiah 53:6 (ESV) ...and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Acts 2:23 (ESV) "...this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men."