

## THE LAST WEEK OF THE LORD JESUS ON EARTH

### Vib. The Day of Passover and The Crucifixion of Jesus (cont.)

Part 2: **Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> Nisán (April 3), A.D. 33**

Mt. 26:1-5, 14-19; Mk. 14:1,2, 12-16; Lk. 22:1-13; Jn. 12:20-50; 13:1

#### **Introduction:**

We have been studying each of the last seven days of the last week in the physical life of The Lord Jesus Christ on Earth. On Sunday, He was served a cooked meal at **Baythah-néeah** (Bethany) in the dwelling of Simon the leper, prepared and served by **Máhrthah** and eaten in second evening (sunset til dark) on Sunday, 9 Nisán (March 29), ‘six days before Passover.’ Jesus and His disciples retired to spend the night at **Baythah-néeah** (Bethany). They began the journey to Jerusalem in the next morning, Monday, 10 Nisán (March 30). He made His Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem and entered The Temple. Then He returned to and passed Monday night also at **Baythah-néeah**.

Then on Tuesday morning, on their journey to Jerusalem. That day The Lord Jesus demonstrated and expressed four of His emotions by: Cursing the Fig Tree, Crying over Jerusalem, Cleansing The Temple, and Conveying Compassion upon the Helpless in the court of The Temple. They spent the night on the Mount of Olives.

On Wednesday, Jesus spent more time teaching His disciples and the multitudes in The Temple with more details using parables in His teaching recorded by Matthew, Mark, and Luke, than any other day of His three year ministry. Early Wednesday morning before dawn (c. 6:00 A.M.) on their way to The Temple from The Mount of Olives, Jesus and His twelve disciples beheld the fig tree, which Jesus had cursed the day before, completely dried up from the roots. He taught his disciples on this day during three segments of time throughout the day. First in early morning, **Lessons Taught on the Way to The Temple**, c. 6:00 -c. 7:30 A.M.); then **His Ministry in The Temple**, c. 8:00 A. M.-c. 6:30 P.M.); and **His Ministry on the Mount of Olives**, from c. 6:30 P.M. to Sundown. In most of His Teachings on this day Jesus used parables to illustrate and emphasize The Truth He intended to communicate.

On Thursday, these six events took place in Jerusalem: The Consultation of The Priests, The Covenant to Betray Jesus, The Concern of the of the Greek-speaking Jews, The Concern of the Disciples, The Command to Prepare The Passover; and The Compliance In Preparation. When He finished His sayings on The Mount of Olives on Wednesday, it was nearly Sundown when Jesus announced He was going to be betrayed to the chief priests and scribes, then finished His Teachings on the Mount of Olives. It was at that same time that Judas **Eeskahreōtays** (Iscariot) slipped away from the disciples and journeyed to contract with the chief priests and military leaders of the Temple custody (guard) to betray Jesus for thirty silver shekels. Early in the day the disciples approached Jesus and expressed a concern about the customary observance of the Passover. Jesus sent Peter and John with explicit instructions as to where they would observe the Passover. Therefore Peter would be the host and most responsible for preparation of the meal. The two left to obey their Master’s orders. During the day, Thursday, certain Hellenists (Greek-speaking Jews) came to Jerusalem, from Gentile-occupied foreign countries to observe the annual Passover in Jerusalem. They heard about Jesus and His supernatural works and desired to see Him personally. The remainder of the day was spent by The Lord replying to the Hellenists and teaching the crowd that surrounded them in their reaction to the unusual thunderous answer from The God to

Jesus' brief prayer, "Father, glorify Your Name!"

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Then in the second evening, from sunset until dark, "When the hour of His (to eat the Passover on the day of His crucifixion) had come, He sat down and His disciples with Him." They began to eat, then Jesus arose out of dinner and washed the disciples feet and wiped them with the towel he had wrapped around His waist. Then He applied His example of the act of foot-washing to them to wash the feet of one another and instituted The Lord's Supper and then announced His betrayal and gave the sop to Judas **Eeskahreeōtays**. Judas went out and it was night.

Then we observed the start of the last day, which began shortly before dark after which Judas went out into the dark. Thereafter we observed the breaks of time according to the four three-hour segments called watches or guards of the night.

#### I. The Second Guard of the Night: 9:00 P.M. to Midnight

While still in the Upper Room, The Lord Jesus Christ: announced His imminent glorification; gave The New Commandment; stated His first prediction of Peter's denial after Peter questioned where Jesus was slipping away and why he could not follow Jesus now. Then Jesus gave instructions for future service. About 9:25 P.M. Jesus began to deliver His Promissory Discourse of His coming again. Together they exited the Upper Room to begin the journey to **Gethsaymahnáy** on the Mount of Olives. After exiting the house (around 10:20 P.M.), as they walked through the city, Jesus declared His disciples will be offended. He predicted Peter's denial a second time. Jesus discoursed on New Relationships on the way to the Garden: The Vine and The Branches; Love; The World; The Paraclete; and His Own Departure.

#### II. The Third Guard of the Night: Midnight -3:00 A.M.

This guard or watch was broken into two segments according to what transpired.

##### A. Journey to **Gethsaymahnáy**: Midnight to c. 1:15 A.M.

1. At Midnight Jesus continued His discourse on New Relationships on the way to the Garden: His Departure by Death: Sorrow and Joy, Prayer, His Second Advent, Tribulation, and Peace.
2. About 12:30 A.M. Jesus began His High Priestly Prayer.
3. About 1:15 A.M. Together they exited Jerusalem) and crossed the **Kéhdrōn** Brook.

##### B. In The Garden of **Gethsaymahnáy**: c. 1:25-2:45 A.M.

1. The Hour of Prayer: c. 1:25-2:25 A.M.

After entering **Gethsaymahnáy** in the middle of the third watch of the night, He asked his disciples to pray with Him for one hour. Then Jesus went a stone's throw away and prayed three times in one hour, returning after each time and found them sleeping. The third time He prayed more intently resulting in sweating clots of blood. At the close of the hour of prayer, Jesus returned and said to them, ". . . Sleep the remaining [time] and refreshingly repose yourselves! Lo! the hour has drawn near and The Son of /Man<sup>[Human]</sup> is being betrayed into <sup>0</sup>hands of sinners. <sup>46</sup>Be arising! Let us pass on! Lo! The<sup>+</sup> one betraying Me has drawn near" (Mt. 26:45,46 APT).

In the meantime, Judas had been leading a company of Temple guards and attendants of the chief priests and Pharisees, carrying lanterns, torches, and weapons on the way to **Gethsaymahnáy** to abduct Jesus. The crowd led by Judas emerged alongside in the garden with an agreed upon signal to identify Jesus.

2. c. 2:25-3:00 A.M.: Jesus was Betrayed by Judas and Arrested in the Garden of **Gethsaymahnáy**.

Jesus approached the multitude being led by Judas **Eeskahree-ótays** and asked, “Whom are you seeking?” When they named Him, He told them, “I AM Myself continuously being.” Then they fell back on the ground away from Him. This was repeated, and Judas kissed Him. Then Peter cut off the outer ear of the high priest’s servant, **Mahlkhóhs**. Jesus touched and cured it. The company of Temple Militia bound Jesus and all the disciples abandoned Him and fled. The Militia and the crowds led Jesus in bonds from **Gethsaymahnáy** on the Mount of Olives to Jerusalem. Peter and John followed the procession afar off. They crossed the brook Kidron, entered the city at the Gate of Ophel and went toward the house where they observed the Passover.

### III. The Fourth Guard of the Night: 3:00 - 6:00 A.M.

3. c. 3:00-3:40 A.M. Jesus, being bound, was led through the streets across the city of Jerusalem to the southwest corner, just north of the house with the upper room, to the dwellings of **Ahnnahs** and **Kaiáfahs**, with a courtyard between the dwellings, to undergo two trials. Along the way, young John Mark was awakened. He started to follow the crowd surrounding Jesus, clothed only with a bed sheet (‘fine linen cloth’). He was grabbed by other young men but successfully fled leaving his bed sheet behind (Lk. 14:51,52). They went to the dwelling of **Ahnnahs** first with Peter following from afar off. John, being an acquaintance to the high priest, entered the gateway courtyard. But Peter lingered at the door til John came and spoke to the doorkeeper, who admitted him.

#### B. c. 3:40-4:00 A.M. Peter’s Three Denials Twice Amid The Two Trials of Jesus Before the High Priests, **Ahnnahs** and **Kaiáfahs**.

1. The First Set of three denials occurred while Jesus was tried in the dwelling of **Ahnnahs** before the first cock crow (Mk. 14:68).  
First Occasion of Denial: (#1) To the young-female-bondslave-doorkeeper while Peter was standing with the attendants warming themselves at the fire (Jn. 18:15-17-18);  
Second Occasion of Denial: (#2) To a certain young-female-bondslave while Peter was now sitting near the fire (Lk. 22:55-57; Mt. 26:69,70; Mk. 14:54b,c,66-68d);  
Third Occasion of Denial: (#3) To another of the same kind male (bondslave or attendant) a short time later, while still in the courtyard (Lk. 22:58).

Then Peter exited into the vestibule and the first cockcrow occurred (Mk. 14:68e). About one hour intervened between the third denial just before first cockcrow at c. 4:00 A.M. and the first denial after the first cockcrow, which is actually the fifth denial (Lk. 22:59a). During this hour Jesus was taken across the courtyard to **Kaiáfahs’** dwelling where the trial continued (Mt. 26:57-68 cf. Mk. 14:55-65; Jn. 18:24).

2. The Second Set of three denials occurred after the first cockcrow while Jesus was tried and took place in the gateway (forecourt) or vestibule (Mt. 26:71) before the second cockcrow (Mk. 14:72a:).

Fourth Occasion of Denial: (1) to the second (#2 above) female-bondslave the second time (Mt. 26:71,72; Mk. 14:69,70a); after which Jesus was sent to **Kaiáfahs** (Jn. 18:24).

Fifth Occasion of Denial: (2) Repeatedly before some male attendants standing alongside with Peter warming themselves c. 4:55 A.M. (Jn. 18:25; Mt. 26:73-74b; Mk. 14:70b-71; Lk. 22:59,60).

Sixth Occasion of Denial: (3) Before a bondslave (kinsman to **Máhlkhohs** (Jn. 18:26,27) just before the second cockcrow. So that actually The Lord's twofold prophecy (Lk. 22:34; Jn. 13:38 cf. Mt. 26:34; Mk. 14:30) was fulfilled twice, first at c. 4:00 A.M. before the first cockcrow and again after the first but before the second cockcrow at c. 5:00 A.M. Therefore there were six incidents of denial all together since there were two sets of three incidents in which Peter denied The Lord Jesus.

C. c. 5:00-5:45 A.M. - Second Cockcrow to Daybreak. After Peter exited the vestibule to the courtyard of the high priests' dwellings about 5:00 A.M., Jesus received more violent, physical abuse by the chief priests, elders, and Scribes. They thrashed Him, blindfolded Him, repeatedly beat His face and demanded Him to prophesy who smote Him. Also He suffered much verbal abuse by their mocking, blaspheming, and repeatedly speaking against Him. This continued for about forty-five minutes.

D. At Daybreak (c. 5:45 A.M.), the body of elders gathered together, bound Jesus, and led Him to the Court Tribunal of The Sanhedrin at the southwest corner of the Temple outside the Temple wall for judicial confirmation to condemnation (Lk. 22:63-65; 22:66-71; Mt. 27:1).

IV. 6:00-9:00 A.M. - The First Morning Watch:

A. At c. 6:00 A.M. - At the Tribunal, the Sanhedrin condemned Jesus to death; they bound and led Jesus to Pilate in the Herod Antipas Palace called the **Πραιτώριον** (Praitōreeohn) and the Provincial Trial began. When He saw that Jesus was condemned to death, Judas **Ees-kahreeōtays** approached the chief priests and elders to return the betrayal money, most likely outside the **Πραιτώριον** (Praitōreeohn) and not the Fortress of Antonia. But they refused and asked him, "What is that to us?" Judas went into the court Temple to throw down the thirty silver shekels into The Holy Place (Mt. 27:5)]. Then while the trial of Jesus before Pilate proceeded, Judas departed and hung himself upside down (Acts 1:18). After Pilate questioned Jesus about the false accusations that the Jews presented to him, Pilate expressed three times, "I find not one thing culpable (guilty of a crime or deserving censure or moral blame) in This Human" (Lk. 23:4,14,22). Then about 6:30 A.M., when Pilate heard that Jesus was a Galilean belonging to Herod's authority, he sent Jesus to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem, lodging in the Palace Residence (Mk. 15:1-5; Lk. 23:1-7; Mt. 27:2-4,11-14; Jn. 18:28-38).

B. c. 6:40-7:10 A.M. - Jesus stood before Herod Antipas for Trial where He was interrogated. Although it was so early in the morning, Herod was joyful to meet Jesus because he determinedly willed to behold Him for a considerable amount of time. Jesus answered Herod's questions with not one word while the chief priests and Scribes vehemently accused Him. Then Herod treated Jesus with contempt. Jesus was mocked by Herod's troops, who arrayed Him in shining apparel. After Jesus was found faultless by Herod (Lk. 23:15), he sent Jesus back to Pilate to pass judgment (Lk. 23:7-12).

C. c. 7:20 to c. 8:35 A.M. - Jesus was returned to be further tried before Pilate the Second Time.

When Pilate received Jesus back into his custody, he summoned together the chief priests, the rulers, and the people to himself. He sought unsuccessfully to set Jesus loose, even though Pilate himself declared six times that he found Jesus innocent of the things the Jews accused Him.

[Luke recorded three of those times (Lk. 23:14,15,22) before Bahrahbbáhs was released and John recorded three times, one time of which was before and two times after Bahrahbbáhs was set loose that he “found not one flaw in Him” (Jn. 18:38; 19:4 and 6). Additionally, Matthew recorded that Pilate’s wife and Pilate declared Jesus to be “That Righteous One” (Mt. 27:19,24).]

After Pilate expressed the third time, “. . . I found not one thing culpable of death in Him” (Lk. 23:22 APT), he told the crowd, “Therefore after chastising Him, I will set Him loose.” In response they called for Pilate to do according to custom at Festival-time (Mk. 15:6 APT), that he set loose a prisoner to them. Bahrahbbáhs, a notorious murderer and insurrectionist, was being held prisoner.

Pilate unsuccessfully attempted to reason with the Jews the third time to release Jesus. Then about 7:35 A.M. Pilate’s wife sought to persuade him to have nothing to do with Jesus. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to call for Pilate to set loose Bahrahbbáhs. Pilate put forth greater effort to release Jesus and claimed that he was not finding one fault in Him for the fourth time (Jn. 18:35). But the crowd prevailed upon Pilate to release Bahrahbbáhs and crucify Jesus. Twice more (fifth and sixth times) Pilate did not find any fault in Jesus (Jn. 19:4,6). When Pilate saw that he was not benefitting one bit, he took a basin and washed his hands and declared himself to be “innocent of the blood of This Righteous One.” All the people answered, “His blood be upon us and upon our children” (Mt. 27:25). Finally Pilate yielded to their demands.

About 7:50 A.M. Pilate released Bahrahbbáhs. Then after Jesus was scourged by being lashed violently with a leather whip made of sharp metal or bone scraps inserted along three long leather strips, plowing His back as an open field the soldiers led Him away into the enclosed courtyard. The whole military cohort of 600 infantrymen was summoned together to further abuse Jesus before taking Him away for crucifixion. They unclashed Him and placed around Him a short, royal, scarlet cape worn by military commanders, causing it to adhere to His raw, bleeding back. Then they wove a victor’s crown out of thorns and placed it upon His head and a reed in His right hand. Then they cast around Him a purple outer garment, slapped His face, and repeatedly spat upon Him, while repeatedly beating Him on His head with the reed. After that they mockingly, repeatedly bowed in homage before Him. At that time Pilate exited to the crowd leading The Lord Jesus wearing the victor’s crown of thorns and the purple outer garment.

Pilate stated for the fifth time that he found not any culpability in Jesus. He said, “Behold The Human!” The chief priests and attendants shouted, “Crucify! Crucify!” Again Pilate stated for the sixth time that he is not finding blame in Him. The Jews retorted, “We ourselves have Law. And according to the law of ours, He is legally obligated to die off because He made Himself Son of The

God” (Jn. 19:7). When Pilate heard this, he reentered in fear and parleyed with Jesus. Then again he sought repeatedly to set Jesus loose, to no avail. Pilate led Jesus out to the **Báymah** in **Gahb-bah-tháh**, the ‘pavement’ outside The Antonia Palace at about the sixth hour after Jesus’ arrest (c. 2:30 A.M.). Pilate declared, “Behold your King!” But the Jews shouted, “Carry off! Carry off! Crucify Him!” Pilate asked, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priests answered, We have no king except Caesar. After further exchange, Pilate finally capitulated to them and delivered Jesus to be crucified (Mt. 27:15-30; Mk. 15:6-19; Lk. 23:13-25; Jn. 18:38-19:16).

D. 8:35-9:00 A.M. Friday 14 Nisán (April 3) A.D. 33 - From **Gahbbahtáh** to **Gohlgotháh**.

The Roman soldiers took off the purple outer garment and then the scarlet cape from Jesus and put His own clothes back upon Him. Then they led Him “bearing His cross” to be crucified. The way from the **Πραιτώριον** to **Gohl-goh-tháh** was a narrow footpath not more than five feet wide progressing upward with six inch stone steps the width of the path for c. 450 yards to Herod’s gate. On the way to crucify Jesus the soldiers found **Seemōn**, a **Kooraynah-écohn** and coerced him to carry off His cross to **Gohl-goh-tháh**, which means Skull. Two criminals were also led to execution with Jesus, while a great multitude of people including women were following Him, lamenting with a dirge. Jesus rebuked them with a prophecy concerning the future destruction of Jerusalem (Lk. 23:27-31). From Herod’s gate to the crucifixion site was c. 150 yards. When they arrived at the top of **Gohl-goh-tháh**, they gave Him vinegar mingled with gall (poppy juice) and myrrh to drink, which He refused after tasting it (Mt. 27:34). [Mk. 15:20-23; Mt. 27:31-34; Lk. 23:26-32; Jn. 19:17]

We shall suspend our study here and resume with careful consideration with the hours from 9:00 A.M.-6:30 P.M. next week.

#### **Conclusion:**

Today we continued to observe the events that took place on the seventh day in The Last Week in the physical life of The Lord Jesus Christ, on Friday, 14 Nisán (April 3) A.D. 33. We reviewed our study from just after sunset at 9:00 P.M., Thursday in the upper room in Jerusalem after Judas departed into the night from The Second Guard of the Night: 9:00 P.M. to Midnight through Third Guard of the Night: Midnight - 3:00 A.M. This guard was broken into two segments according to what transpired: The journey to **Gethsaymahnáy** from Midnight to c. 1:15 A.M. on the way to the Garden. Then in The Garden of **Gethsaymahnáy** Jesus spent the hour agonizing in Prayer from c. 1:25-2:25 A.M. after which Jesus was betrayed by Judas and arrested. Then from c. 2:40-3:00 A.M. the Militia and the crowds led Jesus in bonds from **Gethsaymahnáy** on the Mount of Olives to Jerusalem. They continued leading Jesus to the dwelling of **Áhnnahs** first with Peter following from afar off. John, being an acquaintance to the high priest entered the gateway courtyard between the two dwellings, but Peter lingered at the door until John came and spoke to the doorkeeper and ushered in Peter. Then in the Fourth Guard of the Night from c. 3:00-5:00 A.M.

Peter’s Three Denials Twice Amid The Two Trials of Jesus Before the High Priests, **Áhnnahs** and **Kaiáhfahs** were reviewed. It was noted that there were six incidents of denial all together since there were two sets of three incidents in which Peter denied The Lord Jesus before the second cockcrow at c. 5:00 A.M. so that actually The

Lord's twofold prophecy the Peter would deny The Lord Jesus three times was fulfilled twice since there were six incidents of denial all together with two sets of three incidents in which Peter denied The Lord Jesus Christ.

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5:45-6:30 A.M. - Daybreak and Morning Watch: After the Sanhedrin condemned Jesus, they led Jesus bound to Pilate and the Roman Trial began with false accusations by the Jews. After Pilate questioned Jesus about the false accusations that the Jews presented to him, Pilate expressed three times, "I find not one thing culpable in This Human" (Lk. 23:4,14,22).

c. 6:30 A.M., when Pilate heard that Jesus was a Galilean belonging to Herod's authority, he sent Jesus to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem, lodging in the Palace Residence. [It takes about ten minutes to go from the end of the **Πραιτώριον** in Pilate's Judgment Hall to the other end where Herod was lodging.

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**Application:** Now we all come to the place in our lives as we do right now, looking on and faced with the fact as the hymn-writer implied, Jesus is on trial and in your hearts and mine as we reflect on His trial. As Pilate asked, “What will you do with Jesus? Neutral you cannot be! Some day your heart will be asking , ‘What will He do with me?’” What about you? What about me? **WHAT WILL YOUR ANSWER BE?**

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For next week: **Read and meditate upon: the afternoon hours of Jesus’  
Final Day of Physical Life on Earth -- The Day of Crucifixion:**

12:00-6:30 P.M.: Mt. 27:32-61; Mk. 15:31-47; Lk. 23:26-56; Jn. 19:17-42