



SUNDAY TO SUNDAY #4:

**Jesus' Final Days
(Friday & Saturday)**

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Intro:

There were FIVE Crowds that played a role in Jesus' Crucifixion on that Passover Friday.

Which one were you or are you in?

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1. The Religious Crowd (*Matthew 26:57-68*)

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Matt. 26:57 Then those who had seized Jesus led him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had gathered.

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58 And Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and going inside he sat with the guards to see the end.

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59 Now the chief priests and the whole council were seeking false testimony against Jesus that they might put him to death,

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⁶⁰ but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward ⁶¹ and said, “This man said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to rebuild it in three days.’”

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62 And the high priest stood up and said, "Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?"

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63 But Jesus remained silent. And the high priest said to him, "I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God."

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64 Jesus said to him, “You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

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65 Then the high priest tore his robes and said, "He has uttered blasphemy. What further witnesses do we need? You have now heard his blasphemy."

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66 What is your judgment?"

**They answered, "He
deserves death."**

**67 Then they spit in his face
and struck him. And some
slapped him,**

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68 saying, “Prophecy

to us, you Christ!

Who is it that struck

you?”

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2. The Ruling Crowd (*John 18:33-38,* *19:9-11; Matt. 27:24*)

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John 18:33 So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?"

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34 Jesus answered, “Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?”

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³⁵ Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?"

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³⁶ Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world.”

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³⁷ Then Pilate said to him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.”

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**38 Pilate said to him,
“What is truth?”**

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John 19:9 He entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer.

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¹⁰ So Pilate said to him, “You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have authority to release you and authority to crucify you?”

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¹¹ Jesus answered him, “You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above.

Therefore he who delivered me over to you has the greater sin.”

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Matt. 27:24 So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, “I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.”

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3. The Rejecting Crowd (*Mark 15:6-15*)

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Mark 15:6 Now at the feast he used to release for them one prisoner for whom they asked.

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⁷ And among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in the insurrection, there was a man called Barabbas.

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⁸ And the crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do as he usually did for them.

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⁹ And he answered them, saying, “Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?”

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10 For he perceived that it was out of envy that the chief priests had delivered him up.

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¹¹ But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release for them Barabbas instead.

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¹² And 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."

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14 And Pilate said to them, "Why? What evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him."

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¹⁵ So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

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4. The Receptive Crowd (*Luke 23:39-43*)

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Luke 23:39 One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!"

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⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?"

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**⁴¹ And we indeed justly,
for we are receiving the
due reward of our deeds;
but this man has done
nothing wrong.”**

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⁴² And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

⁴³ And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

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5. The Regretful Crowd (*John 19:38-42*)

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John 19:38 After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away his body.

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³⁹ Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight.

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⁴⁰ So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews.

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⁴¹ Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid.

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⁴² So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.



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