

The Final Hours (Pt. 1)

Mat. 26:31-27:33

GOOD MORNING!!

I STAND AMAZED IN THE PRESENCE

Of Jesus the Nazarene
And wonder how He could love me
A sinner, condemned, unclean

CHORUS

How marvelous! How wonderful!

And my song shall ever be

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Is my Savior's love for me

I STAND AMAZED IN THE PRESENCE

He took my sins and my sorrows
He made them His very own
He bore the burden to Calvary
And suffered and died alone

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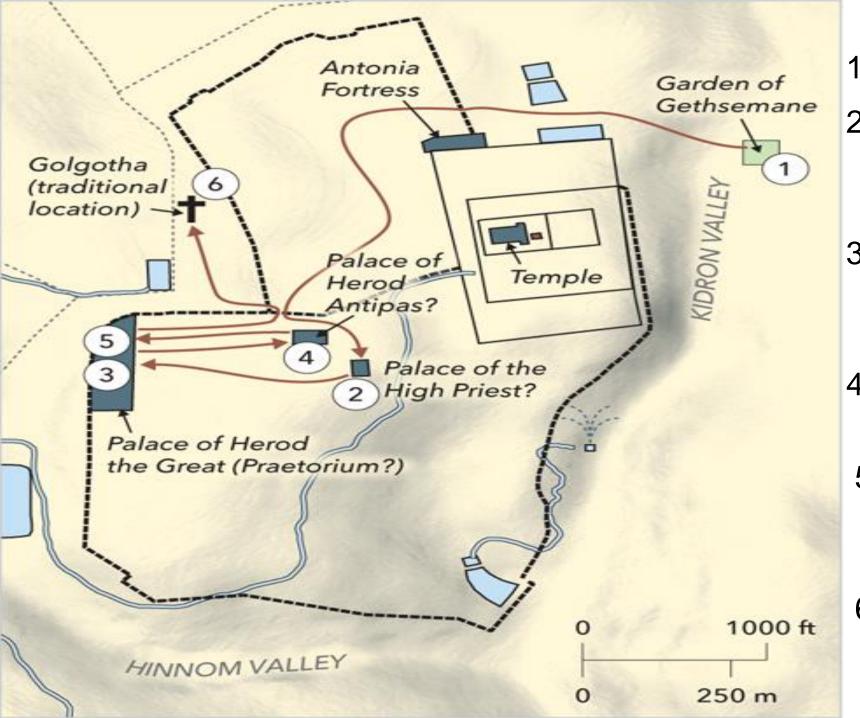
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A PASSOVER SUPPER	THE LAST SUPPER (Mat. 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:23-25)	A LORD'S SUPPER (1 Cor. 10:16)
Moses	Jesus: Israel's Prophetic Program	Paul: Body of Christ's Mystery Prog.
Old Covenant:Grace Jeh. Name	New Covenant: Law Love	Pauline Grace: Unity in Agape Love
Body of the Lamb—A Remembrance of the Exodus	Based on Christ Dying for His Friends. The Bread FIRST, which represents His broken physical body for them. The Cup SECOND of Wrath and Death represents the blood of New Covenant for the many/them/Israel.	Based on Christ Dying for His Enemies. The Cup FIRST of Blessing and Life—fellowship that flows out of the blessings from the blood of Christ for ALL. The Bread SECOND represents His heavenly people, the Body of Christ.
Remember the Exodus	Memorial of remembrance during Tribulation Period because the Lord will not share it with them again UNTIL AFTER HE RETURNS to eat and drink it with them in the Kingdom. They will receive Him by looking on the broken body—the one they piercedand receive New Covenant Blessings (Mat. 26:29; Zech. 12:10).	Not memorial of remembrance but a Memorial of proclamation of the death of Christ through Love during the Disp. Of Grace UNTIL HE RETURNS. (1 Cor. 11:26; Phil. 1:5-12).



- 1. Garden of Gethsemane
- 2. Taken to Annas (unknown location) who send him to the high priest, Caiaphas.
- 3. Jewish leader appealed to Roman Governor Pilate to put him to death.
- 4. Luke says Pilate sent Jesus to Herod Antipas.
- 5. Herod sent Jesus back to Pilate without giving any judgment.
- 6. Pilate then sent Jesus to be crucified at Golgotha.

- 1. Jesus wants His disciples to stay with Him:
 - a. 26:20: He sat down together with His disciples.
 - b. 26:29: He will eat and drink again with them in the Kingdom.
 - c. 26:37: In Gethsemane, He wanted the three together with Him.
 - d. 26:38, 40-41: He wanted them to tarry, watch and pray with Him.
- 2. But because of unbelief going all the way back to Mat. 16:21-24, they refuse to obey Ps. 118 and escort the sacrifice to the altar, instead falling into spiritual slumber, apart from God and Jesus, that would lead them to desert and deny Jesus rather than stay with Him (Mat. 26:31).

- 3. They are not savoring things of God but of men.
- They should have realized that no one was putting Jesus to death. Rather, it was the will of the Father. Jesus was taking Himself to the Cross.
 - a. With one word He could blow away the mop with swords (Jn. 18:6)
 - b. And in one moment He could have called 12 legions of angels (Mat. 26:53).
- 5. No man was putting Jesus to death: The Lord will smite the Shepherd—God the Father's plan puts God the Son on the Cross (Mat. 26:31; Zech. 13:7; Is. 40:10-11). They should have believed.

6. Because His friends, whom He was dying for, and who should have known that He would arise again in 3 days, refused to escort Him to the Cross, reciting Ps. 118 the whole way there, Jesus had to rely on His enemies and sinners to take Him there all alone.

7. Instead they will be offended and will unwillingly fulfill Zech. 3:7—they will deny and desert Jesus, leaving Him alone to do it all on His Own at the hand of enemies and sinners.

8. Instead of going with Christ to the "altar" in faith like Abraham offered up Isaac in accord with God's will, understanding that God would raise Him from the dead, like Abraham, they would end up being offended and deserting Christ, leaving Him to carry it out by Himself all alone (Mat. 26:56).

9. They refused to understand that this wasn't a death like any other human death. This death is according to God's plan in which He promises to raise Him from the dead soon after.

10.He assures them again that He will rise from the dead. Think like Abraham: If Isaac is put to death I'm not worried because God will raise Him from the dead (Mat. 26:32; Heb. 11:17-19).

- 11.He is giving them hope: His death isn't the end of the world; It doesn't mean all their plans have come to nothing.
 - a. Rather, it means all their plans can now come to fulfillment.
 I'll be raised from the dead and meet with you again in 3 days in Galilee!
 - b. Mat. 26:54, 56; 27:9-10, 35; Mk. 14:49, 15:28; Lk. 24:44; Jn. 13:18, 15:25, 17:12, 18:8-9, 31-32, 19:24, 28, 36.

- 12. Instead of going with Christ to the "altar" in faith, understanding that God would raise Him from the dead, they would end up being offended: first they will fall asleep in Gethsemane and then they will run away from Christ at His betrayal, leaving Him to carry it out all by Himself (Mat. 26:56).
- 13. They refused to trust in God and His Word:
 - a. They refused to believe what Jesus had been telling them about His death and resurrection (Mat. 16:21-23)
 - a. They refused to operate in faith, singing Ps. 118 (Mat. 26:30).
 - b. They didn't believe Jesus when He said they would all be offended by Him that night (Mat. 26:31).
 - c. And Peter and the others didn't believe Jesus's words that he would deny Him 3 times before the cock crows (Mat. 26:34-35)