

The Final Hours Betrayal, Denials and Trials

Mat. 26:46-27:26

(Pt. 2)

GOOD MORNING!!

AT THE CROSS

Alas, and did my Savior bleed
And did my Sovereign die?
Would He devote that sacred head
For sinners such as I?
Chorus:

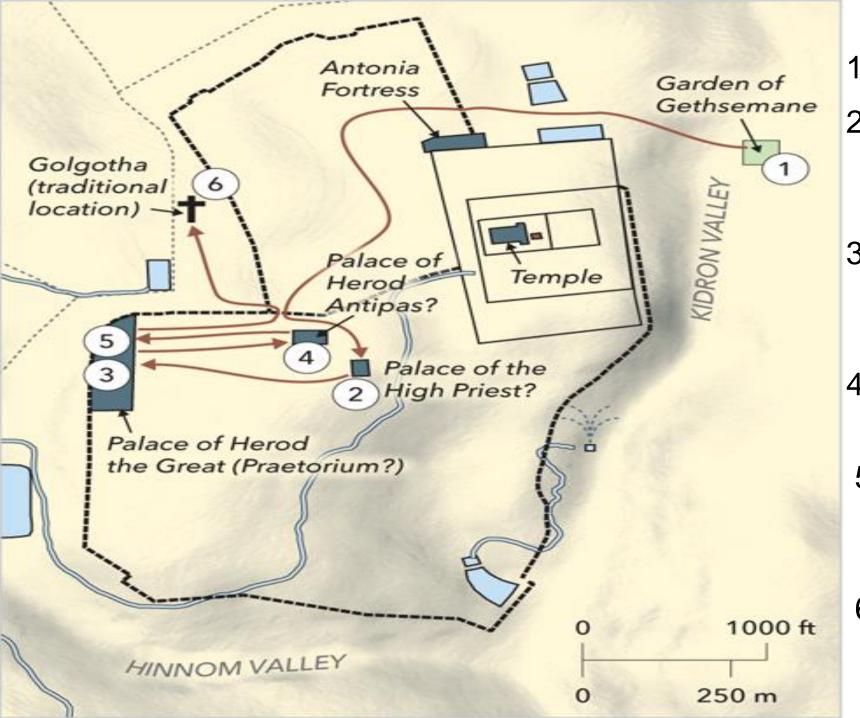
At the cross, at the cross
Where I first saw the light
And the burden of my heart rolled away
It was there by faith, I received my sight
And now I am happy all the day!

AT THE CROSS

But drops of grief can ne'r repay
The debt of love I owe
Here, Lord, I give myself away
'Tis all that I can do
Chorus:

At the cross, at the cross
Where I first saw the light
And the burden of my heart rolled away
It was there by faith, I received my sight
And now I am happy all the day!

(repeat last two lines)



- 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. Mat. 26:57-27:26
 - a. 26:57-27:1: Illegal trials before Jewish council. Encapsulated in Peter going in the courtyard of the high priest (26:58) and when he goes out from the courtyard (26:75).
 - b. 27:2-26: Begins with Jesus is handed over to Gentile Pilate and ends with Pilate handing Him over to be crucified.

- 2. Mat. 26:57-68: Jesus before Caiaphas and Sanhedrin.
 - a. Between 12 and 6AM (night)—Jesus is taken to Caiaphas/ Jesus's death was a foregone conclusion.
 - b. In accord with the Law, they tried to produce 2-3 witnesses who agreed but they couldn't (Mk. 14:56). They were all false witnesses, saying He said things that He had not said (Mat. 59-61 cp. Jn. 2:19-21; Mk. 14:58-59).

- 2. (con't) Mat. 26:57-68: Jesus before Caiaphas and Sanhedrin.
 - c. Jesus does not defend Himself in accord with Is. 53 (26:62-63) until Caiaphas demanded Him by the Living God, to say who He is.
 - d. Jesus affirmed that He is the Christ, the Son of God (26:63) and added that He was also the Son of Man who would come in Power and Glory to establish His Kingdom on the Earth (Mat. 26:64, 24:30; Lk. 22:67-68; Dan. 7:13-14) and adds I AM—He is the Jehovah God of Israel (Mk. 14:62; Jn. 18:6).
 - e. This gave Caiaphas all he needed to declare blasphemy and declare the death sentence (26:65-66). Jesus knew it all (Jn. 18:4)

- 3. Mat. 26:69-75: Simultaneously, Peter denies Jesus 3 times.
 - a. Peter was no coward (Pilate was the coward)—he fought with the sword and followed Jesus (albeit from afar). Peter's problem was that when he replaced God's plan with his own plan, everything fell apart, resulting in defeat and despair, making him powerless. Peter goes to watch the train wreck from afar.
 - --The only end he could see (26:58) was hopelessness!
 - b. Peter denied the Jesus—I don't know what you are saying (26:69-70).

- 3. (con't) Mat. 26:69-75: Simultaneously, Peter denies Jesus 3X.
 - c. Peter again denied Jesus, this time with an oath—I don't know the Man! (26:71-72; 5:33-37).
 - d. Peter again denied Jesus, this time with curses added to the oath—I know not this Man! And then the cock crew. (26:73 -74).
 - e. Jesus's teaching that he replaced with his own teachings and the teachings of men that had become hidden to him was now revealed, and Peter melted away(26:75 cp. Jn. 21:15 -17—love 3X)

- 4. The Faithful and unfaithful servants:
 - a. AS the suffering Servant of Is. 53, who embraced the Fathers words and plan, 3 Affirmations of Christ:
 - --Christ, the Son of God,
 - --I AM (the Jehovah God of Israel),
 - --You will see me coming as the Son of Man in Power and Glory in fulfillment of Daniel's prophecy.
 - b. As the disciple who rejected Jesus words and the Father's plan, 3 denials of Christ.
 - --I don't know what you are talking about.
 - --With an untruthful oath: I know not the Man.
 - --With an untruthful oath and violent curses: I know not the Man.