

The Gospel of Mark

Session 27 – August 7th – Chapter 15

When & Other Related Events

Preparations for the Last Supper: Day before Passover, Thursday, April 2, AD 33
Sundown, Friday, April 3, AD 33 begins:

- Passover meal/Lord's Supper instituted
- Prayer & Arrest in Gethsemane
- Before the Jewish High Council & Pilate
- Crucifixion, death, & hasty burial before sundown

Saturday (Sabbath/Day of Rest), April 4, AD 33: In the grave

Sunday, April 5, AD 33: Resurrection

Another historical insight on the AD 33 timing of Jesus' death & resurrection.

- We know from the Gospels when John began his ministry, approximately how many years Jesus public ministry lasted, and that the crucifixion happened before the Sabbath, which narrows the years down to either AD 30 or AD 33.
- Besides being a tight fit for at least 3 years of public ministry, a historical insight helps support AD 33.
- Pilate was nominated to procurator by Lucius Sejanus (Sejanus) in AD 26, a friend of Emperor Tiberius, who effectively controlled the empire for Tiberius beginning about that same time. Sejanus was very anti-Jewish & controlled the flow of information to Tiberius. Pilate's early treatment of the Jews reflected Sejanus' attitude. In October of AD 31, Sejanus was executed for poisoning Tiberius' son. Pilate, appointed by Sejanus, now had to show his loyalty to Tiberius. See John 19:12.
- Pilate, the Jews, Herod's sons, & golden shields. Luke 23:12
- Alternate minority opinion: Wed. death

Delivered to the Gentiles (vv. 9:31, 10:33)

v. 15 Pilate was doing so well until now.

Mocked (vv. 9:12, 10:34)

v. 21 Note the personal details

Crucified (vv. [8:34] 9:31, 10:34)

- v. 27 James & John's request
- v. 32 Notice what those outside the kingdom/reign/ruling of God want.
- v. 38 Tearing Revisited. See 1:10.
- v. 39 Another bookend. See 1:1. And note who sees Jesus clearly.

Buried (vv. [9:31], [10:34])

Chapter 16: The resurrection – Jesus' prophecies come true, III
Concluding topics: The end of Mark's Gospel; What has St. Peter taught us?