

## *The Chronology of Yeshua's Last Week of Life*

### Part 4

#### **John 18:28-38**

- <sup>28</sup> They led Yeshua from Caiaphas into the Praetorium. It was early, and they themselves did not enter into the Praetorium, that they might not be defiled, but might eat the Passover.
- <sup>29</sup> Then Pilate went out to them, and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?"
- <sup>30</sup> They answered and said to him, "If this man weren't an evildoer, we would not have delivered Him up to you."
- <sup>31</sup> Then Pilate said to them, "Take Him yourselves, and judge Him according to your Torah." Therefore, the Jews said to him, "It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death,
- <sup>32</sup> that the word of Yeshua might be fulfilled, which He spoke, signifying by what kind of death He should die.
- <sup>33</sup> Then Pilate entered again into the Praetorium, and called Yeshua, and said to Him, "Are you the King of the Jews?"
- <sup>34</sup> Yeshua answered him, "Do you say this by yourself, or did others tell you about me?"
- <sup>35</sup> Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests delivered you to me. What have you done?"
- <sup>36</sup> Yeshua answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then my servants would fight, that I would not be delivered to the Judeans. But now My kingdom is not from here."
- <sup>37</sup> Then Pilate said to Him, "Are you a king then?" Yeshua answered, "You say that I am a king. For this reason, I have been born, and for this reason I have come into the world, that I should testify to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice."
- <sup>38</sup> Pilate said to Him, "What is truth?" And when he had said this, he went out again to the Judeans, and said to them, "I find no fault in Him."

#### **Luke 23:5-12**

- <sup>5</sup> But they insisted, saying, "He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee even to this place."
- <sup>6</sup> When Pilate heard of Galilee, he asked if the man was a Galilean.
- <sup>7</sup> When he found out that he was in Herod's jurisdiction, he sent Him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem in those days.
- <sup>8</sup> Now when Herod saw Yeshua, he was exceedingly glad, for he had wanted to see Him for a long time, because he had heard many things about Him. And he hoped to see some miracle done by Him.
- <sup>9</sup> He questioned Him with many words, but he gave no answers.
- <sup>10</sup> The chief priests and the Torah teachers stood, vehemently accusing Him.
- <sup>11</sup> Herod with his soldiers humiliated Him and mocked Him. Dressing Him in luxurious clothing, they sent Him back to Pilate.
- <sup>12</sup> Herod and Pilate became friends with each other that very day, for before that they were enemies with each other.

#### **Matthew 27:19**

- <sup>19</sup> While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent to him, saying, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered many things today in a dream because of Him."

#### **Luke 23:13-16**

- <sup>13</sup> Pilate called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people,
- <sup>14</sup> and said to them, "You brought this man to me as one that misleads the people, and behold, having examined Him before you, I found no guilt in this man concerning those things of which you accuse Him.
- <sup>15</sup> Neither has Herod, for I sent you to him, and see, nothing worthy of death has been done by Him.
- <sup>16</sup> I will therefore chastise Him and release Him."

#### **Mark 15:6-14**

- <sup>6</sup> Now at the feast, he used to release to them one prisoner, whom they asked of him.
- <sup>7</sup> There was one called Barabbas, bound with his fellow insurgents, men who in the insurrection had committed murder.
- <sup>8</sup> The multitude, crying aloud, began to ask him to do as he always did for them.
- <sup>9</sup> Pilate answered them, saying, "Do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?"
- <sup>10</sup> For he perceived that for envy the chief priests had delivered Him up.

- <sup>11</sup> But the chief priests stirred up the multitude, that he should release Barabbas to them instead.  
<sup>12</sup> Pilate again asked them, “What then should I do to Him whom you call the King of the Jews?”  
<sup>13</sup> They cried out again, “Crucify Him!”  
<sup>14</sup> And Pilate said to them, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they cried out exceedingly, “Crucify Him!”

**John 19:1-15**

- <sup>1</sup> So then, Pilate took Yeshua and flogged Him.  
<sup>2</sup> The soldiers twisted thorns into a crown, and put it on his head, and dressed Him in a purple garment.  
<sup>3</sup> They kept saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” and they struck Him with their hands.  
<sup>4</sup> Then Pilate went out again, and said to them, “Behold, I bring Him out to you, that you may know that I find no basis for a charge against Him.”  
<sup>5</sup> Then Yeshua came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple garment. And Pilate said to them, “Behold, the man!”  
<sup>6</sup> Therefore, when the chief priests and the officers saw Him, they shouted, saying, “Crucify! Crucify!” Pilate said to them, “Take Him yourselves, and crucify Him, for I find no basis for a charge against Him.”  
<sup>7</sup> The Judeans answered him, “We have a law, and by our law He ought to die, because He made Himself the Son of God.”  
<sup>8</sup> Therefore, when Pilate heard this saying, he was more afraid.  
<sup>9</sup> He entered into the Praetorium again, and said to Yeshua, “Where are you from?” But Yeshua gave him no answer.  
<sup>10</sup> So, Pilate said to Him, “Are You not speaking to me? Do You not know that I have power to release You, and have power to crucify You?”  
<sup>11</sup> Yeshua answered, “You would have no power at all against Me, unless it were given to you from above. Therefore, he who delivered Me to you has greater sin.”  
<sup>12</sup> At this, Pilate was seeking to release Him, but the Judeans cried out, saying, “If you release this man, you are not Caesar’s friend! Everyone who makes himself a king speaks against Caesar!”  
<sup>13</sup> When Pilate therefore heard these words, he brought Yeshua out, and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called “The Pavement,” but in Hebrew, “Gabbatha.”  
<sup>14</sup> Now it was the Preparation Day of the Passover, at about the sixth hour. And he said to the Judeans, “Behold, your King!”  
<sup>15</sup> They cried out, “Away with Him! Away with Him! Crucify Him!” Pilate said to them, “Shall I crucify your King?” The chief priests answered, “We have no king but Caesar!”

**Matthew 27:24-25**

- <sup>24</sup> So when Pilate saw that nothing was being gained, but rather that a disturbance was starting, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, “I am innocent of the blood of this righteous man. You see to it.”  
<sup>25</sup> All the people answered, “May his blood be on us, and on our children!”

**Luke 23:24-25**

- <sup>24</sup> Pilate adjudged that what they asked for should be done.  
<sup>25</sup> He released Him who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, for whom they asked, but he delivered Yeshua up to their will.

**Mark 15:20-21**

- <sup>20</sup> When they had mocked Him, they took the purple off Him, and put His own garments on Him. And they led Him out to crucify Him.  
<sup>21</sup> And they compelled one passing by, coming from the country, Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to go with them, that he might bear his cross.

**Luke 23:27-31**

- <sup>27</sup> Now, a great multitude of the people followed Him, including women who also mourned and lamented Him.  
<sup>28</sup> But Yeshua, turning to them, said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, don’t weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children.  
<sup>29</sup> For behold, the days are coming in which they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren, the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.’  
<sup>30</sup> Then will they begin to tell the mountains, ‘Fall on us!’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’  
<sup>31</sup> For if they do these things in the green tree, what will be done in the dry?”

**John 19:17-24**

- <sup>17</sup> He went out, bearing His cross, to the place called “The place of a skull,” which is called in Hebrew, “Golgotha,”  
<sup>18</sup> where they crucified Him, and with Him two others, on either side one, and Yeshua in the middle.  
<sup>19</sup> Pilate also wrote a title, and put it on the cross. There was written, “Yeshua of Nazareth, the king of the Jews.”  
<sup>20</sup> Therefore, many of the Judeans read this title, for the place where Yeshua was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek.  
<sup>21</sup> The chief priests of the Judeans therefore said to Pilate, “Don’t write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but, ‘He said, I am King of the Jews.’”  
<sup>22</sup> Pilate answered, “What I have written, I have written.”  
<sup>23</sup> Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Yeshua, took His garments and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also the coat. Now the coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout.  
<sup>24</sup> Then they said to one another, “Let’s not tear it, but cast lots for it, to decide whose it will be,” that the Scripture might be fulfilled, which says, “They parted my garments among them. For my cloak they cast lots.” Therefore, the soldiers did these things.

**Luke 23:34**

- <sup>34</sup> Then Yeshua said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And, dividing his garments among them, they cast lots.

**Mark 15:25**

- <sup>25</sup> It was the third hour, and they crucified Him.

**Matthew 27:38-44**

- <sup>38</sup> Then there were two robbers crucified with Him, one on his right and one on the left.  
<sup>39</sup> Those who passed by blasphemed Him, wagging their heads,  
<sup>40</sup> and saying, “You who destroy the temple, and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross!”  
<sup>41</sup> Likewise the chief priests also mocking, with the Torah teachers, the Pharisees, and the elders, said,  
<sup>42</sup> “He saved others, but He cannot save Himself. If He is the King of Israel, let Him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in Him.  
<sup>43</sup> He trusts in God. Let Him deliver Him now, if He wants Him; for He said, ‘I am the Son of God.’”  
<sup>44</sup> The robbers also who were crucified with Him cast on Him the same reproach.

**Luke 23:36-43**

- <sup>36</sup> The soldiers also mocked Him, coming to Him and offering Him vinegar  
<sup>37</sup> and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!”  
<sup>38</sup> An inscription was also written over Him in Greek, Latin, and Hebrew: “This is the King of the Jews.”  
<sup>39</sup> One of the criminals who was hanged insulted Him, saying, “If you are the Messiah, save yourself and us!”  
<sup>40</sup> But the other answered, and rebuking him said, “Do you not even fear God, seeing you are in the same condemnation?  
<sup>41</sup> And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.”  
<sup>42</sup> Then he said to Yeshua, “Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”  
<sup>43</sup> Yeshua said to him, “Amen, I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

**John 19:25-27**

- <sup>25</sup> But standing by the cross of Yeshua were His mother, His mother’s sister, Miriam the wife of Klopah, and Miriam of Magdala.  
<sup>26</sup> Therefore, when Yeshua saw his mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing there, He said to his mother, “Woman, behold your son!”  
<sup>27</sup> Then He said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” And from that hour, the disciple took her to his own home.

**Matthew 27:45-49**

- <sup>45</sup> Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour.  
<sup>46</sup> About the ninth hour Yeshua cried with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?” That is, “My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?”

<sup>47</sup> Some of them who stood there, when they heard it, said, “This man is calling Elijah.”

<sup>48</sup> Immediately one of them ran, and took a sponge, and filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave Him a drink.

<sup>49</sup> The rest said, “Let Him be. Let us see whether Elijah comes to save Him.”

### **John 19:30**

<sup>30</sup> Therefore, when Yeshua had received the vinegar, He said, “It is finished.” He bowed His head, and gave up His spirit.

## *The Timing of the Crucifixion*

Yeshua’s death occurred shortly after the ninth hour on the sixth day of the week, which is 3:00 p.m. on Friday afternoon in our modern way of reckoning time. According to the historian Josephus, the slaughter of the Passover lambs normally took place beginning at 3:00 p.m. and concluding by 5:00 p.m. (*Wars of the Jews*, Book 6, Ch 9, v. 3). This is consistent with the need to cook the animal immediately afterward and to eat it in the evening.

The *Mishnah* in *Pesachim 58a* also indicates that on years when the slaughter of the lambs occurred on the eve of a weekly Sabbath, thus making it a “high Sabbath” because it coincided with the special Sabbath for the feast, the slaughter took place one hour earlier at 2:00 pm. and ended at 4:00 p.m. so that people had adequate time to cook it before the Sabbath began. According to John 19:31, this was one of those years. In other words, the slaughter of the lambs began one hour before Yeshua died and ended one hour afterward, which means His death occurred at the same time when the Passover lambs were dying.

There is another relevant aspect of the way that the lambs were slaughtered. According to *Mishnah Pesachim 64a*, during the two-hour period of the slaughter, people were admitted to the temple area with their lambs in three groups. Each time a group entered and lined up to complete the process with a priest, Levites with trumpets sounded a tekiah note, then a teruah and another tekiah.

Because the area where the slaughter of the animals took place was inside of the walls nearest to Golgotha, which was outside the walls, that means the sound would have easily travelled to the crucifixion site. When the third group of people entered, and thus the third time the trumpets were blown, that would have occurred about the exact time that Yeshua died. In other words, He would have heard the sound while hanging on the cross, and would have recognized that the slaughter of the lambs was finishing, and so was His life, and that is when He willingly gave up His Spirit.

### **Matthew 27:51-54**

<sup>51</sup> Behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from the top to the bottom. And the earth quaked and the rocks were split.

<sup>52</sup> The tombs were opened, and many bodies of the holy ones who had fallen asleep were raised;

<sup>53</sup> and coming forth out of the tombs after his resurrection, they entered into the holy city and appeared to many.

<sup>54</sup> Now the centurion, and those who were with him watching Yeshua, when they saw the earthquake, and the things that were done, feared exceedingly, saying, “Truly this was the Son of God.”

### **John 19:31-37**

<sup>31</sup> Therefore the Judeans, because it was the Preparation Day, so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a special one), asked of Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away.

<sup>32</sup> Therefore, the soldiers came, and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who was crucified with Him;

<sup>33</sup> but when they came to Yeshua, and saw that He was already dead, they didn’t break his legs.

<sup>34</sup> However, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out.

<sup>35</sup> He who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true. He knows that he tells the truth, that you may believe.

<sup>36</sup> For these things happened, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, “Not a bone of Him shall be broken.”

<sup>37</sup> Again, another Scripture says, “They will look on Him whom they pierced.”