

Bible Passages of the Passion

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Why chart out passages of the 4 Gospels? Scientists chart out data to look for patterns and reveal things hidden when examining only one sample or context. Students of the Bible can do the same thing. As a person who grew up in the later part of the 20th Century, my first theological information came from Saturday morning cartoons on TV. This was followed by Hollywood movies of Bible stories and characters. While these things were great at exposing a generation or two to the Bible, they were heavily filtered and interpreted by the creators of the visual media. Later I was exposed to JEDP and Jesus Seminar theories of Biblical scholarship. This meant I came to the scriptures with a prejudice. I learned to see things that were not actually in the passage and/or ignore things that were in the actual scripture passages. By intentionally setting aside assumptions, as I was able, then reading each passage carefully and comparing the passages from one Gospel to another, the following chart is the result. My assumptions are that each writer was inspired by the Holy Spirit, but wrote through their own personality and style, based upon information they had as either eye witnesses or received from eye witnesses. I also assume that these disciples were in communication with one another, so that it would be impossible to completely isolate and identify source material, especially between Matthew, Mark, and Luke, which were written at about the same time. (In a similar way, Newton and Leibnez, developed calculus at the same time that they were sharing information directly with each other. It was not a team effort, but there was a great deal shared.) John is the Gospel that is most different from the others, since it was written decades later. It was obvious John was well aware of the other three Gospels. Was he trying to fill in the gaps, correct misconceptions, put his own emphasis on events, or a combination of all three. Regardless of the intent, a few things are clear. Each Gospel writer's work stands alone as an independent (but not isolated) witness. All four Gospels work together (not as a team, but as different perspectives of the same event) to give a more wholistic view of the work and words of the earthly ministry of Jesus the Christ. By using a chart, some things are clarified and some new questions are raised. Either way, my purpose is to be drawn closer to a more accurate understanding of the ministry of Jesus, and to be drawn closer to the true and living Lord and Savior. What follows here are the passages of Jesus Passion, beginning with Gethsemane and ending with being placed in the tomb for burial. While the order of the description of the events is not identical, it is amazing how often there is chronological agreement of the events.

| <u>Matthew</u> | <u>Mark</u> | <u>Luke</u> | <u>John</u> |
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| 1. To Gethsemane (after a hymn) 26:30-32 | | 22:39 | 18.1 |
| 2. Denial Predicted 26:33-35 | 14:26-31 | 22:31-38 | |
| 3. In Gethsemane (Peter, James & John with Jesus) 26:36-46 | 14:32-42 | 22:40-46 | |
| 4. Betrayal & Capture (disciples flee) 26:47-56 | 14:43-52 | 22:47-53 | 18:2-11 |
| 5. Jesus taken to Annas' House (1 st Interrogation) 26:59-61 | 14:51-52 | 22:54-55 | 18:12-14, 19-24 |
| 6. Jesus before Caiaphas (2 nd Interrogation & beating) 26:62-68 | 14:53-65 | 22:63-65 | 18:22-24 |
| 7. Peter's Denials (at two locations) 26:69-75 | 14:66-72 | 22:55-62 | 18:15-18, 25-27 |
| 8. Trial of Sanhedrin | | | |

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| 27:1-2 | 15:1-2 | 22:66-23:1 | |
| 9. Judas Repents & Dies | | | |
| 27:3-10 | | | |
| 10. To Pilate (1st Questioning) | | | |
| 27:2 | 15:2-5 | 23:2-5 | 18:28-37 |
| 11. Herod's Interrogation | | | |
| | 23:6-12 | | |
| 12. Jesus Scourged by Pilate (2nd Questioning) | | | |
| 27:26 | 15:15 | 23:13-22 | 18:38- 19:6 |
| 13. Pilate Condemns Jesus to please the crowd | | | |
| 27:15-26 | 15:6-15 | 23:13-25 | 19:17-24 |
| 14. Jesus taken to Golgotha and Crucified | | | |
| 27:27-37 | 15:16-20 | 23:26-33 | 19:17 |
| 15. Jesus on the Cross | | | |
| 27:38-45 | 15:27-33 | 23:33-44 | 19:25-27 |
| 16. Jesus Dies | | | |
| 27:46-56 | 15:34-41 | 23:45-49 | 19:28-37 |
| 17. Jesus is Buried | | | |
| 27:57-66 | 15:42-47 | 23:50-56 | 19:38-42 |
| 18. Setting the Guard at the Tomb | | | |
| 27:62-66 | | | |