

PASSION WEEK

FROM THE TABLE TO THE TOMB





TABLE

A large, glowing blue sphere is centered in the frame. The word "TEARS" is written across the middle of the sphere in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The sphere is surrounded by concentric ripples, suggesting a drop of water hitting a surface. The background is a gradient of blue, with the sphere appearing to glow from within.

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- The charges brought before Pilate were completely different from the charges in the Jewish trials.

The image features a stylized silhouette of a pair of scales of justice, centered against a dramatic, cloudy sky with a warm, reddish-orange glow. A large, semi-transparent white circle is superimposed over the center of the scales. The word "TRIAL" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font across the middle of this circle. The scales themselves are dark grey or black, with two pans hanging from a central beam. The background sky is filled with textured clouds, suggesting a sunset or sunrise.

TRIAL

Before Annas

First they led him to Annas, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year.

(John 18:13 ESV)

The high priest then questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching.

(John 18:19 ESV)

Jesus answered him, “I have spoken openly to the world. I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. Why do you ask me? Ask those who have heard me what I said to them; they know what I said.”

(John 18:20-21 ESV)

When he had said these things, one of the officers standing by struck Jesus with his hand, saying, “Is that how you answer the high priest?”

(John 18:22 ESV)

Jesus answered him, “If what I said is wrong, bear witness about the wrong; but if what I said is right, why do you strike me?”

(John 18:23 ESV)

Annas then sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

(John 18:24 ESV)

Before Caiaphas

And they led Jesus to the high priest. And all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes came together.

(Mark 14:53 ESV)

Now the chief priests and the whole council were seeking testimony against Jesus to put him to death, but they found none.

(Mark 14:55 ESV)

For many bore false witness against him, but their testimony did not agree. And some stood up and bore false witness against him, saying, “We heard him say, ‘I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.’” Yet even about this their testimony did not agree.

(Mark 14:56-59 ESV)

And the high priest stood up in the midst and asked Jesus, “Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?” But he remained silent and made no answer.

(Mark 14:60-63 ESV)

Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?” And Jesus said, “I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven.” And the high priest tore his garments and said, “What further witnesses do we need?”

(Mark 14:60-63 ESV)

You have heard his blasphemy. What is your decision?”
And they all condemned him as deserving death.

(Mark 14:64 ESV)

And some began to spit on him and to cover his face and to strike him, saying to him, "Prophecy!" And the guards received him with blows.

(Mark 14:65 ESV)

Before Sanhedrin

When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people gathered together, both chief priests and scribes. And they led him away to their council, and they said,

(Luke 22:66 ESV)

“If you are the Christ, tell us.” But he said to them, “If I tell you, you will not believe, and if I ask you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man shall be seated at the right hand of the power of God.”

(Luke 22:67-69 ESV)

So they all said, “Are you the Son of God, then?” And he said to them, “You say that I am.” Then they said, “What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips.”

(Luke 22:70-71 ESV)

Then the whole company of them arose and brought him before Pilate.

(Luke 23:1 ESV)

Before Pilate

Then they led Jesus from the house of Caiaphas to the governor's headquarters. It was early morning. They themselves did not enter the governor's headquarters, so that they would not be defiled, but could eat the Passover.

(John 18:28 ESV)

So Pilate went outside to them and said, “What accusation do you bring against this man?”

(John 18:29 ESV)

They answered him, “If this man were not doing evil, we would not have delivered him over to you.”

(John 18:30 ESV)

Pilate said to them, “Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law.” The Jews said to him, “It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death.”

(John 18:31 ESV)

This was to fulfill the word that Jesus had spoken to show by what kind of death he was going to die.

(John 18:32 ESV)

And they began to accuse him, saying, “We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding us to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ, a king.”

(Luke 23:2 ESV)

So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus answered, “Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?”

(John 18:33-37 ESV)

Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?” Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world.”

(John 18:33-37 ESV)

Then Pilate said to him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.”

(John 18:33-37 ESV)

Pilate said to him, “What is truth?” After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them, “I find no guilt in him.

(John 18:38 ESV)



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But they were urgent, saying, “He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee even to this place.”

(Luke 23:5 ESV)

When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him over to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time.

(Luke 23:6-7 ESV)

Before Herod

When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had long desired to see him, because he had heard about him, and he was hoping to see some sign done by him. So he questioned him at some length, but he made no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. And Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him.

(Luke 23:8-12 ESV)

Then, arraying him in splendid clothing, he sent him back to Pilate. And Herod and Pilate became friends with each other that very day, for before this they had been at enmity with each other.

(Luke 23:8-12 ESV)

Before Pilate

Pilate then called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, and said to them, “You brought me this man as one who was misleading the people.

(Luke 23:13-16 ESV)

And after examining him before you, behold, I did not find this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither did Herod, for he sent him back to us. Look, nothing deserving death has been done by him. I will therefore punish and release him.”

(Luke 23:13-16 ESV)

Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas.

(Matthew 27:15-16 ESV)

But they all cried out together, “Away with this man, and release to us Barabbas” —a man who had been thrown into prison for an **insurrection** started in the city and for **murder**.

(Luke 23:18-19 ESV)

They cried out again, “Not this man, but Barabbas!”
Now Barabbas was a **robber**.

(John 18:40 ESV)

So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them,
“Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas,
or Jesus who is called Christ?” For he knew that it was
out of envy that they had delivered him up.

(Matthew 27:17-23 ESV)

Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, “Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream.”

(Matthew 27:17-23 ESV)

Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. The governor again said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?” And they said, “Barabbas.”

(Matthew 27:17-23 ESV)

Pilate said to them, “Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?” They all said, “Let him be crucified!” And he said, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Let him be crucified!”

(Matthew 27:17-23 ESV)

A third time he said to them, “Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no guilt deserving death. I will therefore punish and release him.”

(Luke 23:22 ESV)

So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, “I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.”

(Matthew 27:24-26 ESV)

And all the people answered, “His blood be on us and on our children!”

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Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified.

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this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.

(Acts 2:23 ESV)

For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

(1Pet 3:8 KJV)

For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly.

(1 Peter 2:21-23 ESV)