

JESUS CHRIST
SON OF MAN
THE MISSION OF JESUS - THE LAST DAYS

1. JESUS BEFORE GOVERNMENT POWER

- a. **Luke 23:1-56** Then the whole assembly rose and led him off to Pilate. ²And they began to accuse him, saying, "We have found this man subverting our nation. He opposes payment of taxes to Caesar and claims to be Christ, a king." ³So Pilate asked Jesus, "Are you the king of the Jews?" **"Yes, it is as you say,"** Jesus replied. ⁴Then Pilate announced to the chief priests and the crowd, "I find no basis for a charge against this man." ⁵But they insisted, "He stirs up the people all over Judea by his teaching. He started in Galilee and has come all the way here." ⁷On hearing this, Pilate asked if the man was a Galilean. ⁷When he learned that Jesus was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem at that time.

I. GOVERNMENT - PURPOSE

- (1) **Exodus 18:16-21** Whenever they have a dispute, it is brought to me, and I decide between the parties and inform them of God's decrees and laws." ¹⁹Listen now to me and I will give you some advice, and may God be with you. You must be the people's representative before God and bring their disputes to him. ²⁰Teach them the decrees and laws, and show them the way to live and the duties they are to perform. ²¹But select capable men from all the people--men who fear God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain--and appoint them as officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens.

(a) Today

- (i) **Romans 13:1.** Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.
- (ii) **1 Peter 2:13** Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every authority instituted among men: whether to the king, as the supreme authority,

II. FALSE CHARGES

- (1) **Exodus 20:16** "You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
- (2) **Exodus 23:1** "Do not spread false reports. Do not help a wicked man by being a malicious witness.
- (3) **Matthew 15:19** **For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander.**

(A) WHAT THEY SHOW!

(i) **OUR NATION**

- 1) **THEY WERE NOT CITIZENS OF ROME, THEREFORE IT WAS NOT THEIR NATION.**

(ii) **OPPOSES PAYMENT OF TAXES TO CAESAR**

(iii) **CLAIMS TO BE CHRIST, A KING**

- 1) Christ = **Christos**, Greek 5547, Strong's **Christos**, *khris-tos*'; from Greek 5548 (chrío); *anointed*, i.e. the *Messiah*, an epithet of Jesus :- Christ. = ANOINTED OF GOD.
- 2) **KING = BASILEUS**, GREEK 935, STRONG'S **BASILEUS**, *BAS-IL-YOOCE*';

PROBABLY FROM GREEK 939 (BASIS) (THROUGH THE NOTION OF A FOUNDATION OF POWER); A SOVEREIGN (ABSACT, RELATIVE OR FIGURATIVE) :- KING.

III. QUESTIONED BY PILOT

(1) "ARE YOU THE KING OF THE JEWS?"

IV. JESUS REPLIED

(1) YES, IT IS AS YOU SAY

V. WHAT PILOT SAYS

(1) "I FIND NO BASIS FOR A CHARGE AGAINST THIS MAN."

VI. WHAT WOULD YOU EXPECT TO HAPPEN AT THIS POINT?

(1) **Romans 13:1-5** Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. ²Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. ³For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and he will commend you. ⁴For he is God's servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing. He is God's servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. ⁵Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also because of conscience.

VII. WHAT DID HAPPEN?

VIII. WHY?

IX. WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?

2. JESUS BEFORE THE NATION

a. Luke 23:⁶⁻¹²On hearing this, Pilate asked if the man was a Galilean. ⁷When he learned that Jesus was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem at that time. ⁸When Herod saw Jesus, he was greatly pleased, because for a long time he had been wanting to see him. From what he had heard about him, he hoped to see him perform some miracle. ⁹He plied him with many questions, but Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰The chief priests and the teachers of the law were standing there, vehemently accusing him. ¹¹Then Herod and his soldiers ridiculed and mocked him. Dressing him in an elegant robe, they sent him back to Pilate. ¹²That day Herod and Pilate became friends--before this they had been enemies.

I. PASSING THE BUCK!

(1) NOT DOING THE JOB YOU ARE APPOINTED OR ELECTED TOO!

(A) DO WE HAVE THIS TODAY.

(I) WHY?

II. HOW DID HEROD REGARD JESUS?

(1) IS THIS THE WAY THE NATION REGARDED HIM?

(A) HOW ABOUT MANY PEOPLE TODAY?

III. HOW DID JESUS RESPOND TO THIS?

(1) HOW ABOUT TODAY?

(A) DO WE NEED TO EXAMINE OUR VIEW OF THE LORD?

IV. WHEN JESUS DOES NOT “PERFORM” HOW IS HE TREATED?

(1) HOW ABOUT TODAY?

V. THEN THIS!

(1) ¹²THAT DAY HEROD AND PILATE BECAME FRIENDS--BEFORE THIS THEY HAD BEEN ENEMIES.

(A) GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE BECOME UNITED IN ONE PURPOSE!

(I) WHAT PURPOSE?

3. TEST OF GOVERNMENT

a. Luke 23:¹³⁻²⁶Pilate called together the chief priests, the rulers and the people, ¹⁴and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was inciting the people to rebellion. I have examined him in your presence and have found no basis for your charges against him. ¹⁵Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us; as you can see, he has done nothing to deserve death. ¹⁶Therefore, I will punish him and then release him." ^{17 18}With one voice they cried out, "Away with this man! Release Barabbas to us!" ¹⁹(Barabbas had been thrown into prison for an insurrection in the city, and for murder.) ²⁰Wanting to release Jesus, Pilate appealed to them again. ²¹But they kept shouting, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" ²²For the third time he spoke to them: "Why? What crime has this man committed? I have found in him no grounds for the death penalty. Therefore I will have him punished and then release him." ²³But with loud shouts they insistently demanded that he be crucified, and their shouts prevailed. ²⁴So Pilate decided to grant their demand. ²⁵He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, the one they asked for, and surrendered Jesus to their will. ²⁶As they led him away, they seized Simon from Cyrene, who was on his way in from the country, and put the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus.

I. AGAIN, WHEN JESUS IS TESTED, WHO IS HE TESTED BEFORE? WHO IS BRINGING THIS CHARGE?

(1) THE CHIEF PRIESTS, THE RULERS AND THE PEOPLE

II. AGAIN WHAT DOES PILOT FIND?

(1) I HAVE EXAMINED HIM IN YOUR PRESENCE AND HAVE FOUND NO BASIS FOR YOUR CHARGES AGAINST HIM

III. AGAIN, WHAT DID HE SAY ABOUT HEROD?

(1) ¹⁵NEITHER HAS HEROD, FOR HE SENT HIM BACK TO US; AS YOU CAN SEE, HE HAS DONE NOTHING TO DESERVE DEATH

IV. THIS BEING THE CASE WHAT SHOULD THE RULING OF THE PERSON WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY TO RULE BE?

(1) ¹⁶THEREFORE, I WILL PUNISH HIM AND THEN RELEASE HIM

V. DID THIS MAKE EVERYONE HAPPY?

(1) WHAT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF PEOPLE WHO RULE?

(A) YOU MUST BE THE PEOPLE'S REPRESENTATIVE BEFORE GOD AND BRING THEIR DISPUTES TO HIM. ²⁰TEACH THEM THE DECREES AND LAWS, AND SHOW THEM THE WAY TO LIVE AND THE DUTIES THEY ARE TO PERFORM.

(I) DID THE RULER PASS THE TEST?

1) ²⁴SO PILATE DECIDED TO GRANT THEIR DEMAND.

(2) AND WHAT IS THE DEMAND OF THE PEOPLE?

(A) ²³BUT WITH LOUD SHOUTS THEY INSISTENTLY DEMANDED THAT HE BE CRUCIFIED

VI. SO WHAT WAS THE FAILURE OF THE GOVERNMENT?

(1) WHAT IS THE FAILURE TODAY?

4. JUDGEMENT OF THE PEOPLE

- a. Luke 23: ²⁷⁻³¹ A large number of people followed him, including women who mourned and wailed for him. ²⁸Jesus turned and said to them, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹For the time will come when you will say, 'Blessed are the barren women, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' ³⁰Then " 'they will say to the mountains, "Fall on us!" and to the hills, "Cover us!" ' ³¹For if men do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

I. IN THIS CROWD TWO GROUPS OF PEOPLE.

(1) ONE WANTING JESUS DEAD!

(2) ANOTHER SORRY FOR WHAT IS ABOUT TO HAPPEN!

II. WHOM DID JESUS ADDRESS?

(1) "DAUGHTERS OF JERUSALEM

(a) **Song 5:15-16** His legs are pillars of marble set on bases of pure gold. His appearance is like Lebanon, choice as its cedars. ¹⁶His mouth is sweetness itself; he is altogether lovely. This is my lover, this my friend, O daughters of Jerusalem.

(i) JESUS NOW SPEAKS TO THOSE SALOMON WROTE TO.

1) THE WOMAN OF JERUSALEM.

2) TO THE PREVIOUS TEACHINGS ON THESE WOMAN IN THE BOOK OF LUKE

III. THE PEOPLE ARE TO BE JUDGED FOR THEY HAVE FAILED THE TEST AS JESUS AND SAID THEY WOULD.

5. GREEK - LATIN - HEBREW = LAW - GOVERNMENT - RELIGION

- a. Luke 23: ³²⁻³⁸ Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. ³³When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals--one on his right, the other on his left. ³⁴Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots. ³⁵The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One." ³⁶The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar ³⁷and said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself." ³⁸There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

- i. **Luke 23:32-38** And there were also two others, malefactors, led with him to be put to death. ³³And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left. ³⁴Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots. ³⁵And the people stood beholding. And the rulers also with them derided him, saying, He saved others; let him save himself, if he be Christ, the chosen of God. ³⁶And the soldiers also mocked him, coming to him, and offering him vinegar, ³⁷And saying, If thou be the king of the Jews, save thyself. ³⁸And a super

scription also was written over him in letters of Greek, and Latin, and Hebrew, THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

II. TWO = WITNESS

(1) WHO IS JESUS BEING IDENTIFIED WITH? OR WHAT ARE THEY?

(A) one on the right hand, and the other on the left

(B) malefactors,

(2) WHAT IS HAPPENING TO THEM?

(A) WHY ARE THEY BEING KILLED?

III. WHAT DID JESUS DO?

(1) **FORGIVE THEM**

(A) WHOSE IS THEM?

(I) THE PEOPLE STOOD BEHOLDING

(II) RULERS ALSO WITH THEM DERIDED *HIM*,

(III) THE SOLDIERS ALSO MOCKED HIM

IV. WHAT ID "THEM" KNOW ABOUT JESUS?

(1) HE SAVED OTHERS

V. WHO AND WHAT IS BEING JUDGED THIS DAY?

(1) GREEK - LATIN - HEBREW = LAW - GOVERNMENT - RELIGION

VI. BUT LET US NEVER FORGET THE RESPONSE OF JESUS

(1) **Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.**

6. LET THIS TRUTH RING IN YOUR HEART TODAY, TOMORROW AND FOREVER!'

a. Luke 23: ³⁹⁻⁴³One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? ⁴¹We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴²Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³Jesus answered him, **"I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise."**

I. TWO UNFORGIVEN MEN ON THE CROSS.

(1) GUILTY, GUILTY, GUILTY.

II. ONE LOOKS ON JESUS AS MUCH OF THE WORLD TODAY.

(1) hurled insults at him:

III. BUT THE OTHER. WHAT ARE WE TOLD?

(1) the other criminal

(A) AS THE CRIMINAL HUNG THERE YOU COULD SEE NOT DIFFERENCE IN THEM!

(2) this man has done nothing wrong

(A) THIS MAN KNEW SOMETHING OF JESUS AND CONFESSED IT!

(3) "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom

(A) AND THEN HE ASKED A SIMPLE REQUEST.

(I) WE HAVE SEEN IN THE BOOK OF LUKE THAT JESUS ALWAYS ANSWERS THESE REQUESTS.

1) HE NEVER LOOKS AT THE PERSON AND SAYS YOU ARE NOT WORTHY.

2) WHY DO YOU WANT WHAT YOU ARE ASKING FOR?

3) HE ALWAYS GIVES THE PERSON WHAT THE PERSON REQUESTED!

A) **Romans 10:9-10** That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is

Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.

b) WHAT MAGICAL THING DID THIS MAN DO?

IV. WHAT WILL JESUS DO THIS TIME?

- (1) HE IS NOT GUILTY - HE IS BEING KILLED BY MAN.
- (2) HE IS TAKING THE SIN OF THE WHOLE WORLD UPON HIMSELF.
- (3) HE IS BEING HUMILIATED BEFORE HEAVEN AND EARTH.
- (4) WHAT WILL HE DO?
 - (A) "I TELL YOU THE TRUTH, TODAY YOU WILL BE WITH ME IN PARADISE."
 - (i) THE SAME THING HE ALWAYS DOES.
 - 1) FOR HE IS THE SAME YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND FOREVER.
 - 2) THANK YOU GOD!

7. The JUDGEMENT OF MAN

a. **Luke 23:** ⁴⁴⁻⁴⁹It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, ⁴⁵for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last. ⁴⁷The centurion, seeing what had happened, praised God and said, "Surely this was a righteous man." ⁴⁸When all the people who had gathered to witness this sight saw what took place, they beat their breasts and went away. ⁴⁹But all those who knew him, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

i. Sixth Hour = Hour of Man

- (1) Jesus in the Book of Luke = Son of Man
- (2) and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour
 - (a) **Genesis 1:2** Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.
 - (b) **Job 38:9** when I made the clouds its garment and wrapped it in thick darkness,
 - (c) **Jeremiah 4:23** I looked at the earth, and it was formless and empty; and at the heavens, and their light was gone.
 - (i) DARKNESS = JUDGEMENT
 - 1) **Proverbs 20:20** If a man curses his father or mother, his lamp will be snuffed out in pitch darkness.
 - 2) **Isaiah 8:22** Then they will look toward the earth and see only distress and darkness and fearful gloom, and they will be thrust into utter darkness.
 - 3) **Isaiah 13:10** The stars of heaven and their constellations will not show their light. The rising sun will be darkened and the moon will not give its light.
 - 4) **Jeremiah 4:28** Therefore the earth will mourn and the heavens above grow dark, because I have spoken and will not relent, I have decided and will not turn back."

- (3) CAME OVER THE WHOLE LAND UNTIL THE NINTH HOUR, ⁴⁵FOR THE SUN STOPPED SHINING.

(A) THE NINTH HOUR

(I) NINE = JUDGMENT AND CONCLUSION

- 1) THE JUDGMENT OF MAN IS COMPLETE
- 2) THE WORK ON THE CROSS IS COMPLETE

a) **Hebrews 7:25** Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

(4) . AND THE CURTAIN OF THE TEMPLE WAS TORN IN TWO.

(A) NO LONGER IS THERE A SEPARATION BETWEEN A HOLY GOD AND MAN

(I) MAN COULD NOT COME INTO THE FULL GLORY OF GOD BECAUSE OF HIS SIN.

(B) JESUS AND TAKEN THAT SIN, ALL SIN, AND GOD THE FATHER INVITES US INTO HIS COURTS WITH PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING.

(i) **Rev. 11:16-17** And the twenty-four elders, who were seated on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God, ¹⁷saying: "We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, the One who is and who was, because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign.

(II) WHY?

1) NOT BECAUSE OF WHAT I DID OR DID NOT DO, BUT BECAUSE OF JESUS!

(5) THE ACT OF JESUS, THE ACT OF YOU AND I EVERYDAY!

(a) "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.

(i) The QUESTION?

1) Can I trust GOD?

2) Do I know what GOD wants From ME?

a) **Isaiah 28:16** So this is what the Sovereign LORD says: "See, I lay a stone in Zion, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone for a sure foundation; the one who trusts will never be dismayed.

b) **Luke 8:50** But when Jesus heard *it*, he answered him, saying, Fear not: believe only, and she shall be made whole.

(6) WHAT DID THE ROMAN SOLDIER DO?

(A) PRAISED GOD AND SAID, "SURELY THIS WAS A RIGHTEOUS MAN."

(7) WHAT DID THE LEADERS DO?

(A) BEAT THEIR CHESTS

(I) A SIGN OF GREAT FEAR AND WONDER. SIMILAR TO TEARING THEIR GARMENTS.

(8) AND WHAT ABOUT THE FOLLOWERS OF JESUS?

(A) ⁴⁹BUT ALL THOSE WHO KNEW HIM, INCLUDING THE WOMEN WHO HAD FOLLOWED HIM FROM GALILEE, STOOD AT A DISTANCE, WATCHING THESE THINGS.

(I) THEY HAD SEEN THE SAME SIGNS AS THE ROMAN.

(II) THEY WOULD HAVE HAD THE SAME WITNESS IN THEIR SPIRIT AS HE HAD.

1) BUT STILL, THEY STOOD AT A DISTANCE.

8. The act of a man named Joseph

a. Luke 23:⁵⁰⁻⁵⁶Now there was a man named Joseph, a member of the Council, a good and upright man, ⁵¹who had not consented to their decision and action. He came from the Judean town of Arimathea and he was waiting for the kingdom of God. ⁵²Going to Pilate,

he asked for Jesus' body. ⁵³Then he took it down, wrapped it in linen cloth and placed it in a tomb cut in the rock, one in which no one had yet been laid. ⁵⁴It was Preparation Day, and the Sabbath was about to begin. ⁵⁵The women who had come with Jesus from Galilee followed Joseph and saw the tomb and how his body was laid in it. ⁵⁶Then they went home and prepared spices and perfumes. But they rested on the Sabbath in obedience to the commandment.

i. WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT HIM?

(1) HIS NAME.

(A) Joseph

II. WHAT HIS POSITION WAS.

(1) a member of the Council

III. HIS STANDING WITH GOD

(1) a good and upright man,

IV. HOW HE STOOD WITH THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE RULING CLASS

(1) had not consented to their decision and action

V. WHERE HE CAME FROM

(1) Judean town of Arimathea

VI. WHAT HE WAS DOING WITH HIS LIFE

(1) he was waiting for the kingdom of God.

(A) THE THING THAT JESUS SAID HIS FOLLOWERS SHOULD BE DOING.

VII. WHAT DID HE DO?

(1) HE ASKED FOR JESUS' BODY

(2) TOOK IT DOWN

(3) , WRAPPED IT IN LINEN CLOTH

(4) PLACED IT IN A TOMB CUT IN THE ROCK,

(A) NOTHING GREAT, BUT ALL VERY IMPORTANT.

VIII. WHAT WERE HIS FOLLOWERS DOING?

(1) ⁵⁴IT WAS PREPARATION DAY, AND THE SABBATH WAS ABOUT TO BEGIN

(2) ⁵⁵THE WOMEN WHO HAD COME WITH JESUS FROM GALILEE FOLLOWED JOSEPH AND SAW THE TOMB AND HOW HIS BODY WAS LAID IN IT.

(3) WHAT WOULD HAPPEN TO THEM?

(A) ⁵⁶THEN THEY WENT HOME AND PREPARED SPICES AND PERFUMES. BUT THEY RESTED ON THE SABBATH IN OBEDIENCE TO THE COMMANDMENT.