

Luke 23

“Crucify,  
Crucify  
Him!”

# THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

Sunday,  
June 14

The beginning of **Luke 23** finds Jesus being brought before the Roman governor \_\_\_\_\_. The Jewish elders, chief priests, and scribes began to accuse Jesus, “We have found this man misleading our nation and \_\_\_\_\_ us to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ, a king.” (**23:2**)

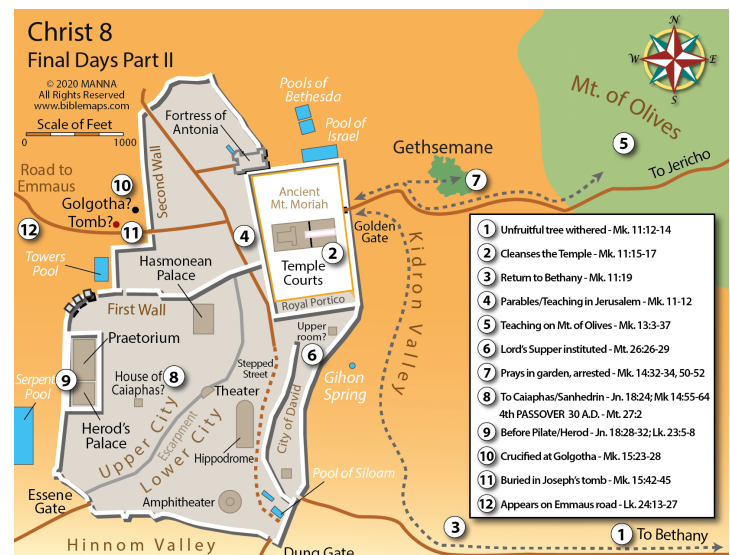
These Jewish authorities were determined to say whatever they had to say in order to get Jesus killed by the Roman Empire.

When Pilate heard that Jesus had been teaching in Galilee, he sent him to \_\_\_\_\_, who was also in Jerusalem at that time (**23:6-12**). When Jesus would not answer him, Herod and his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him, sending him back to Pilate. Three times Pilate said he found no guilt in Jesus deserving death, but eventually the voices of the mob prevailed and Pilate delivered Jesus over to their will (**23:13-25**). The rest of **Luke 23** describes several who were involved in these last hours of Jesus’ life:

- **23:26** - \_\_\_\_\_ of Cyrene
- **23:27-31** - a great multitude of the people and women who were \_\_\_\_\_ and lamenting for him
- **23:32-33, 39-43** - two \_\_\_\_\_ crucified with him
- **23:34, 36-38** - Roman soldiers who mocked him, cast lots for his \_\_\_\_\_, and offered him sour wine
- **23:35** - Jewish rulers who scoffed at him and taunted him to \_\_\_\_\_ himself

All the while, Jesus prays, “Father, \_\_\_\_\_ them, for they know not what they do” (**23:34**). **Luke 23:44-49** describes several incredible things revolving around Jesus’ death, but in **23:46**, we read about him finally breathing his last.

How does **Luke 23** help us grow in certainty about Jesus? Let’s talk about it...



## For Class & Family Discussion:

- Who was Pilate and why do you think the Jewish leaders make the accusation against Jesus to Pilate that they did in [Luke 23:2](#)?
- Who was Herod and where else have we run across him in Luke's "orderly account"?
- Why do you think Jesus wouldn't give any answer to Herod ([23:9](#))?
- [Luke 23:18-25](#) tells us a great deal. What do we learn about Barabbas? What do we learn about the Jewish crowd? What do we learn about Pilate?
- What did Jesus mean when he turned and spoke to the women who were mourning and lamenting for him ([23:27-31](#))?
- "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do" ([23:34](#)). How should those words shape the hearts of Jesus' disciples, even today?
- Carefully read [Luke 23:39-43](#). What can we learn from this incredible paragraph?
- How would you describe the significance of the details documented by Luke in [23:44-47](#)? What is going on? What does it mean? What does it tell us, even today?
- Remember the goal of Luke's Gospel—"that you may have certainty" ([1:4](#)). How does [Luke 23](#) help us grow in certainty about Jesus?