

## **Matthew 27**

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              Delivering Jesus to the Gentiles
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--The Personnel

Annas	Greedy, serpent-like, vindictive
Caiaphas	Rude, sly, hypocritical
Pilate	Crafty, superstitious, self-seeking
Herod	Immoral, ambitious, superficial

--The Proceedings

1. The *arrest* of Jesus was effected as a result of a bribe.
2. No *trial* for life was allowed during the night. No trial *conviction* was allowed at night. Executing a *sentence* on a feast day was against Jewish regulations.
3. Jesus was asked to *incriminate* Himself.
4. Jewish law forbade a sentence of death to be pronounced until the day *after* the accused had been convicted.

# The Seven Words of Christ from the Cross

## Matthew and Mark

“My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?”

## Luke

“Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”

“Assuredly, I say to you, ‘Today you shall be with Me in Paradise.’”

“Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit.”

## John

“Woman, behold your son! . . . . “Behold your mother!”

“I thirst.”

“It is finished.”

# The Role of the Jewish Leaders in the Death of Christ

(9:1ff “This Man blasphemes!”)

26:4 Devised the plot against Christ.

:14 Paid the blood money for betrayal by Judas.

:47 Their officers are involved in the arrest of Jesus.

:59 Sought false witnesses against Jesus at the Jewish “trial,” in order to execute Him.

:66 Condemned Christ as worthy of death.

:67 Spit on Him, beat Him with fists, slapped Him around, mocked Him.

27:1 Betrayed Him to Roman authorities.  
(Delivered Him to the Gentiles.)

:12 Accused Him of wrongdoing to Pilate

:20 Stirred up and persuaded the people to call for the release of Barabbas rather than for Christ.

:23 Intimidated Pilate to crucify the Lord.

:41 Mocked the Sinless One as He hung on the cross.

## Betrayal # 2: Delivering Jesus to the Gentiles

Matthew 27:1-2

The Time

The Personnel

The Betrayal--cf. 20:17-19

## Judas (Betraye# 1) Commits Suicide    Matthew 27:3-10

The remorse of Judas

The sad confession

What did Judas lack?

The response of the Jewish religious leaders

A desperate act of a desperate man

The fulfillment of prophecy

## Jesus Before Pilate

Matthew 27:11-14

“Are You the King of the Jews?”

## The People’s Choice

Matthew 27:15-26

“Barabbas or Christ”

Barabbas

Pilate’s indecision

Pilate’s weak leadership v. 24

Pilate’s erroneous theology

“What can wash away my sin?”

The people’s foolish vow

Jesus is scourged

## Gentiles Mocking the King

Matthew 27:27-31

Encircling the Savior

The Royal Robe

The Royal Crown

The Royal Scepter

The Mocking Posture

The Mocking Words

The Despicable Physical Treatment

## Mocking on the Cross

Matthew 27:32-44

Bearing the cross

Fulfilling prophecy

Watching the spectacle

The accusation

Three crosses

The blasphemous mocking

## Death of the King

Matthew 27:45-56

The dark hours

The cry from the cross

Christ's final act

The accompanying phenomena

## The Burial of the King

Matthew 27:57-61

Two council members  
Cf. John 19:38ff

## Guarding the Tomb

Matthew 27:62-66

Foolish man's futile endeavor



## Trials in Matthew 26 and 27

### Matthew 26

Jewish

Ecclesiastical court

A question of Christ's  
PERSON

The charge:

Blasphemy against God

The verdict:

GUILTY

### Matthew 27

Gentile

Civil court

A question of Christ's  
CHARACTER

The charge:

Rebellion against Rome

The verdict:

(GUILTY)  
Cf. vv. 19, 23, 24

# Progressive Predictions of Christ's Passion

Matthew 16:21

*Necessity*

1. Go to Jerusalem
2. Suffer many things from religious leaders
3. Be killed
4. Be raised the third day

Matthew 17:9-12

*Imminency*

“is about to suffer” (v. 12)

Matthew 17:22-23

*Betrayal # 1*

(--by Judas)

(--to Jewish religious leaders)

Matthew 20:17-19

*Betrayal # 2*

--by Jewish religious leaders

--to Gentiles

*Mocking*

*Scourging*

*Crucifixion*