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Judgment Day

Chapter Summary

Before the Sanhedrin, false witnesses fumble while Jesus remains silent—until sworn under oath, when He declares the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of Power. The council condemns Him, mocks Him, and marches Him to Pilate. Pilate questions Jesus about kingship and truth, then punts to Herod; Herod mocks and returns Him. Though Pilate repeatedly finds no guilt, the leaders stir the crowd to demand Barabbas' release and Jesus' crucifixion.

Pilate flogs and presents Jesus—thorn-crowned and robed—yet the chant only hardens: "Crucify Him." Pressured by politics, Pilate washes his hands and hands Him over. Meanwhile Judas, seized with remorse, throws back the silver and dies in the "Field of Blood," fulfilling Scripture. The innocent King is numbered with rebels and led toward Golgotha while the guilty goes free.

Main Truth: Innocence condemned, mercy released.

Jesus, the true King, stands silent under lies so the guilty may go free. Earthly power juggles optics and order, but heaven's plan advances through surrender: the Lamb absorbs our blame to open royal mercy for enemies. His cross unmasks our crowds, comforts our conscience, and calls us to truth-telling courage under pressure.

Week 26 Recap

- 1 What was something new you learned last week?
- 2 What stood out the most from last week's study?
- 3 Did you do anything as a result of what you have learned?

Key Scripture

John 18:37

"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."

FINAL DAY TIMELINE

THURSDAY 2

6 A.M.

12 P.M.

6 P.M.

FRIDAY 3

APRIL AD 33

Jesus arrested
Questioned by Annas
Peter's third denial
Questioned by Caiaphas
Questioned by Pilate
Jesus nailed to the cross
Jesus buried at the garden tomb
High Sabbath begins



Day 1 – Night Court, True Confession

Chapter 27:1–10

Day 1 Truth:

The silent Lamb tells the truth.

Day 1 Scripture:

Matthew 26:64

“From now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

Day 1 Prayer:

Righteous Judge, teach me when to speak and when to be still; anchor me in Your authority so I don't chase vindication but trust Your verdict.

1. Where do you see justice twisted and truth upheld in Jesus' silence?
2. Why does Jesus break silence only to confess His identity?
3. How do Daniel 7–style claims (“Son of Man... coming with clouds”) intensify the moment?
4. Where do you need courage to confess Christ without defensiveness?

Day 2 – Before Pilate and Herod

Chapter 27:11–25

Day 2 Truth:

Truth stands when politics sway.

Day 2 Scripture:

John 18:36

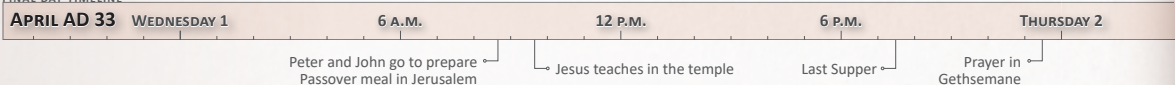
“My kingdom is not of this world.”

Day 2 Prayer:

King Jesus, free me from fear of crowds and careers; make me faithful to Your kingdom when expediency shouts for compromise.

5. What does “My kingdom is not of this world” correct in Pilate's assumptions?
6. How does Jesus' way of truth differ from force, spin, or fear?
7. Why do religious leaders weaponise Rome while avoiding ritual defilement?
8. Where are you tempted to secure outcomes rather than obey truth?

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The Jesus Bible Study

Day 3 – Barabbas or Jesus

Chapter 27:26–34

9. What drove the crowd to choose the violent rebel over the righteous King?
10. How does envy shape leaders, and how can we guard our hearts?
11. What does Pilate's compromise teach about fear of people?
12. In your week, where must you choose Christ over convenience?

Day 3 Truth:

Crowned with our curse.

Day 3 Scripture:

John 19:5

"Behold, the man!"

Day 3 Prayer:

Suffering King, I behold You in thorns and stripes; let Your love undo my pride and teach me to embrace costly obedience.

Day 4 – The Purple Robe and Thorns

Chapter 27:35–44

13. How do the soldiers' mock honours unintentionally preach the gospel?
14. What does the crown of thorns say about the curse Jesus carries for us?
15. Where have you minimised the cost He bore in your place?
16. How might honouring Jesus publicly redeem past silence?

Day 4 Truth:

Justice requires courageous ears.

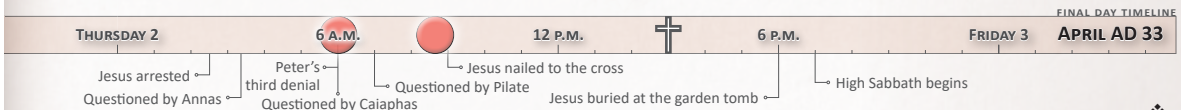
Day 4 Scripture:

John 19:12

"If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend."

Day 4 Prayer:

Spirit of truth, stiffen my spine when threats arise; tune my ears to heaven's voice above the noise of fear and favour.



Day 5 Truth:

The guilty go free.

Day 5 Scripture:

Isaiah 53:5

"He was pierced for our transgressions... and with his wounds we are healed."

Day 5 Prayer:

Merciful Saviour, thank You for taking my place; deepen my repentance and send me as a witness of Your healing grace.

Day 5 – The Bema Seat and the Verdict

Chapter 27:45–61

17. Why is the "innocent yet condemned" theme central to the cross?
18. How does Pilate's hand-washing echo our own evasions?
19. What does the release of Barabbas reveal about substitution and grace?
20. How will you identify with Jesus when the crowd moves the other way?

Day 6 Truth:

Scripture fulfilled, courage required.

Day 6 Scripture:

Matthew 27:54

"Truly this was the Son of God!"

Day 6 Prayer:

Father, write courage into our church; help us bear truthful, tender witness to Jesus—whatever the cost, wherever You send.

Day 6 – The Field of Blood

Chapter 27:62–68

21. What's the difference between remorse and repentance in Judas' story?
22. How do Zechariah's "thirty silver" threads confirm God's sovereign plan?
23. Where do you need to bring hidden guilt into Christ's mercy today?
24. If our church lived this chapter, what would change first?

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