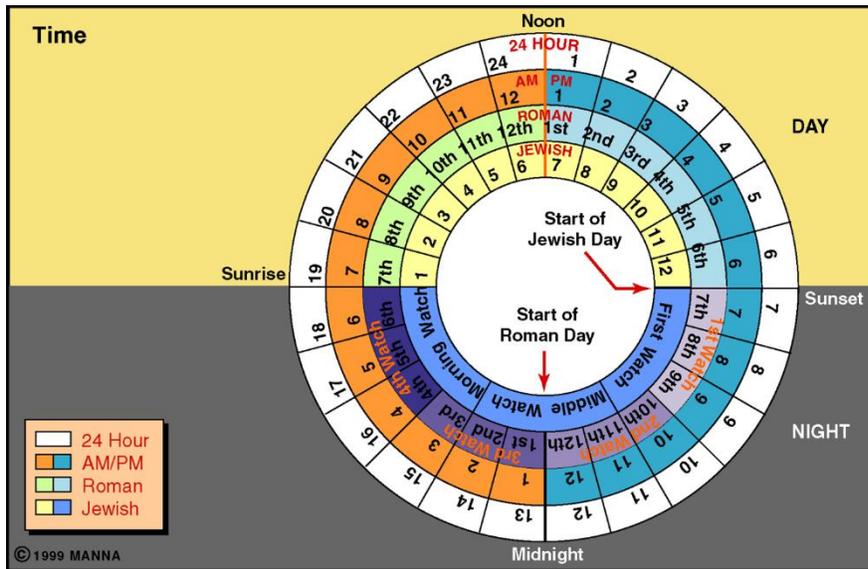


47—Last Four Sayings and Burial

Matt 27:45-66; Mk 15:33-47; Lk 23:44-56

1. What happens during “the sixth hour” of the day during the crucifixion of Jesus (see Matthew 27:45; Mark 15:33; Luke 23:44-45)? What time of day does this correspond to on our clocks?



2. What is the fourth saying of Jesus on the cross and what does this mean (Matthew 27:46-47; Mark 15:34-35)? How does knowing this is a quotation from David in Psalm 22:1 help us understand Jesus?

3. What would have happened to Jesus physically after profuse sweating, loss of blood, and a crucifixion at midday in the hot sun? What is his fifth saying on the cross (Matthew 27:48-49; Mark 15:36; John 19:28-29; cp. Psalm 69:21)?

4. The sixth saying of Jesus is “It is finished!” What exactly was Jesus referring to when he made this statement (Matthew 27:50; Mark 15:37; Luke 23:46; John 19:30-37)?

5. What is the seventh saying of Jesus on the cross? Based upon this statement, was the death of Jesus voluntary or involuntary (John 10:18)?

6. What was customarily done to the victims of crucifixion to hasten death (John 19:31-32)? Why is this act not performed on Jesus and what is done instead (19:33-34)? How does John connect this to the Passover Lamb (see John 19:36)?

7. What happened to the “veil of the temple” at the crucifixion of Jesus (Matthew 27:51)? What did this “veil” symbolize and what did the tearing of the veil represent (cp. Hebrews 9:7-8; Ephesians 2:14-15)?

8. What other strange events occur at this time and what effect do they have upon the Roman centurion (Matthew 27:51-56; Mark 15:38-41; Luke 23:47-49)?

9. After the death of Jesus, what two surprising disciples play a role in the burial of Jesus (Matthew 27:57-61; Mark 15:42-47; Luke 23:50-56; John 19:38-42)? Why was he hurriedly buried and what did the women plan to do after the Sabbath (Luke 23:54-56; John 19:41-42; cp. Deuteronomy 21:22-23)?

10. Why does Pilate set a guard at the tomb (Matthew 27:62-66)? What does this fear of the Jews subtly indicate about the reputation of Jesus?