

# THE ULTIMATE WEEK



LUKE: PART III

MARCH 3 - APRIL 7

# THE ULTIMATE INJUSTICE

LUKE 22:63-23:25

63 NOW THE MEN WHO WERE HOLDING JESUS IN CUSTODY WERE MOCKING HIM AS THEY BEAT HIM.

64 THEY ALSO BLINDFOLDED HIM AND KEPT ASKING HIM, "PROPHECY! WHO IS IT THAT STRUCK YOU?" 65 AND THEY SAID MANY OTHER THINGS AGAINST HIM, BLASPHEMING HIM.

66 WHEN DAY CAME, THE ASSEMBLY OF THE ELDERS OF THE PEOPLE GATHERED TOGETHER, BOTH CHIEF PRIESTS AND SCRIBES. AND THEY LED HIM AWAY TO THEIR COUNCIL, AND THEY SAID,

67 "IF YOU ARE THE CHRIST, TELL US." BUT HE SAID TO THEM, "IF I TELL YOU, YOU WILL NOT BELIEVE, 68 AND IF I ASK YOU, YOU WILL NOT ANSWER. 69 BUT FROM NOW ON THE SON OF MAN SHALL BE SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE POWER OF GOD." 70 SO THEY ALL SAID, "ARE YOU THE SON OF GOD, THEN?" AND HE SAID TO THEM, "YOU SAY THAT I AM." 71 THEN THEY SAID, "WHAT FURTHER TESTIMONY DO WE NEED? WE HAVE HEARD IT OURSELVES FROM HIS OWN LIPS."

23 THEN THE WHOLE COMPANY OF THEM AROSE  
AND BROUGHT HIM BEFORE PILATE. 2 AND THEY  
BEGAN TO ACCUSE HIM, SAYING, "WE FOUND THIS  
MAN MISLEADING OUR NATION AND FORBIDDING  
US TO GIVE TRIBUTE TO CAESAR, AND SAYING  
THAT HE HIMSELF IS CHRIST, A KING." 3 AND  
PILATE ASKED HIM, "ARE YOU THE KING OF THE  
JEWS?" AND HE ANSWERED HIM, "YOU HAVE SAID  
SO."

4 THEN PILATE SAID TO THE CHIEF PRIESTS AND  
THE CROWDS, "I FIND NO GUILT IN THIS MAN." 5  
BUT THEY WERE URGENT, SAYING, "HE STIRS UP  
THE PEOPLE, TEACHING THROUGHOUT ALL JUDEA,  
FROM GALILEE EVEN TO THIS PLACE."

6 WHEN PILATE HEARD THIS, HE ASKED WHETHER  
THE MAN WAS A GALILEAN.

7 AND WHEN HE LEARNED THAT HE BELONGED TO  
HEROD'S JURISDICTION, HE SENT HIM OVER TO  
HEROD, WHO WAS HIMSELF IN JERUSALEM AT  
THAT TIME. 8 WHEN HEROD SAW JESUS, HE WAS  
VERY GLAD, FOR HE HAD LONG DESIRED TO SEE  
HIM, BECAUSE HE HAD HEARD ABOUT HIM, AND HE  
WAS HOPING TO SEE SOME SIGN DONE BY HIM. 9  
SO HE QUESTIONED HIM AT SOME LENGTH, BUT  
HE MADE NO ANSWER. 10 THE CHIEF PRIESTS  
AND THE SCRIBES STOOD BY, VEHEMENTLY  
ACCUSING HIM.

11 AND HEROD WITH HIS SOLDIERS TREATED HIM WITH CONTEMPT AND MOCKED HIM. THEN, ARRAYING HIM IN SPLENDID CLOTHING, HE SENT HIM BACK TO PILATE. 12 AND HEROD AND PILATE BECAME FRIENDS WITH EACH OTHER THAT VERY DAY, FOR BEFORE THIS THEY HAD BEEN AT ENMITY WITH EACH OTHER.

13 PILATE THEN CALLED TOGETHER THE CHIEF PRIESTS AND THE RULERS AND THE PEOPLE,



14 AND SAID TO THEM, "YOU BROUGHT ME THIS MAN AS ONE WHO WAS MISLEADING THE PEOPLE.

AND AFTER EXAMINING HIM BEFORE YOU, BEHOLD, I DID NOT FIND THIS MAN GUILTY OF ANY OF YOUR CHARGES AGAINST HIM. 15 NEITHER DID HEROD, FOR HE SENT HIM BACK TO US. LOOK, NOTHING DESERVING DEATH HAS BEEN DONE BY HIM. 16 I WILL THEREFORE PUNISH AND RELEASE HIM."

18 BUT THEY ALL CRIED OUT TOGETHER, “AWAY WITH THIS MAN, AND RELEASE TO US BARABBAS” – 19 A MAN WHO HAD BEEN THROWN INTO PRISON FOR AN INSURRECTION STARTED IN THE CITY AND FOR MURDER. 20 PILATE ADDRESSED THEM ONCE MORE, DESIRING TO RELEASE JESUS, 21 BUT THEY KEPT SHOUTING, “CRUCIFY, CRUCIFY HIM!” 22 A THIRD TIME HE SAID TO THEM, “WHY? WHAT EVIL HAS HE DONE? I HAVE FOUND IN HIM NO GUILT DESERVING DEATH. I WILL THEREFORE PUNISH AND RELEASE HIM.”

23 BUT THEY WERE URGENT, DEMANDING WITH  
LOUD CRIES THAT HE SHOULD BE CRUCIFIED. AND  
THEIR VOICES PREVAILED. 24 SO PILATE DECIDED  
THAT THEIR DEMAND SHOULD BE GRANTED. 25  
HE RELEASED THE MAN WHO HAD BEEN THROWN  
INTO PRISON FOR INSURRECTION AND MURDER,  
FOR WHOM THEY ASKED, BUT HE DELIVERED  
JESUS OVER TO THEIR WILL.

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GALILEE

IN THE FIFTEENTH YEAR OF THE REIGN OF TIBERIUS  
CAESAR, PONTIUS PILATE BEING GOVERNOR OF  
JUDEA, AND HEROD BEING TETRARCH OF GALILEE,  
AND HIS BROTHER PHILIP THE TETRARCH OF THE  
REGION OF ITURAEA AND TRACHONITIS, AND  
LYSANIAS TETRARCH OF ABILENE, DURING THE  
HIGH PRIESTHOOD OF ANNAS AND CAIAPHAS, THE  
WORD OF GOD CAME TO JOHN THE SON OF  
ZECHARIAH IN THE WILDERNESS.”

LUKE 3:1



“HE WAS OPPRESSED, AND HE WAS AFFLICTED,  
YET HE OPENED NOT HIS MOUTH; LIKE A LAMB  
THAT IS LED TO THE SLAUGHTER, AND LIKE A  
SHEEP THAT BEFORE ITS SHEARERS IS SILENT, SO  
HE OPENED NOT HIS MOUTH.”

ISAIAH 53:7

THE ULTIMATE INJUSTICE

THE MURDERER RELEASED  
THE INNOCENT ONE CONDEMNED

# THE ULTIMATE INJUSTICE

JESUS SUBJECTED HIMSELF TO INJUSTICE  
TO PAY FOR OUR INJUSTICE.

THE ULTIMATE INJUSTICE WAS FOR OUR  
ULTIMATE SALVATION.

“WHAT THEN IS MY REWARD? THAT IN MY PREACHING I MAY PRESENT THE GOSPEL FREE OF CHARGE, SO AS NOT TO MAKE FULL USE OF MY RIGHT IN THE GOSPEL.”

1 CORINTHIANS 9:18

THE SPREAD OF THE ETERNAL GOSPEL IS  
MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE SECURITY OF  
OUR EARTHLY RIGHTS.

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