



MARK

The Gift of God



What Do You Think?



**What comes to your mind
when you hear the word
passion?**

Passion



- *Merriam-Webster Dictionary:*
 - Intense, driving, or overmastering feeling or conviction
 - Emotions as distinguished from reason
 - The state or capacity of being acted on by external agents or forces (*suffer*)



The Passion of Our Savior

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Timeline of *the Passion*:

1. *Early*: 6 AM – 9 AM (1-21)
2. *Third Hour*: 9 AM – 12 PM (22-32)
3. *Sixth Hour*: 12 PM – 3 PM (33)
4. *The Ninth Hour* (34-41)
5. *Evening*: 3 PM – 6 PM (42-47)

6 AM – 9 AM



- Sanhedrin met *early* (1a)
 - Formal condemnation and charges
- They took Jesus to Pilate (1b)
 - Time for civil business (like executions)
- Accusations and questioning (2-5)
- Jesus rejected / Barabbas released (6-15)

6 AM – 9 AM



- Scourging and mocking (15-20)
 - How long did this last?
- Simon pressed to carry Jesus' cross (21)
 - Known in Rome? (see Rom. 16:13)

9 AM – 12 PM



- Jesus taken to *Golgotha* (22)
 - *The place of the skull*
- Refused wine with myrrh (23)
 - Narcotic affect, either to (1) deaden pain, or (2) make victim more compliant

9 AM – 12 PM



- And they crucified Him (24)
 - Absolutely cruel, slow death (2-3 days)
 - Every breath was torture
 - Exhaustion, *hypercarbia*, asphyxiation

9 AM – 12 PM



- Cast lots for His clothing (24; Ps. 22:18)
 - Five articles of clothing / four soldiers
- Inscription: THE KING OF THE JEWS
 - Most likely to mock the Jews/Sanhedrin
 - Yet it proclaimed the truth to the world

9 AM – 12 PM



- Two *robbers* - most likely insurrectionists with Barabbas (27; see John 18:40)
- Abused by passersby (29-30)
- Mocked by chief priests & scribes (31-32)
 - Both groups: “Save Yourself!”
- Insulted by the two robbers (32)

12 PM – 3 PM



- *darkness fell over the whole land (33)*
 - What was this *darkness*? Eclipse was impossible. Like in Egypt (Ex. 10:21-22)? Like at Mt. Sinai (Deut. 4:11; 5:23)?
 - *Whole land = Jerusalem, Israel or whole earth?*

12 PM – 3 PM



- *darkness fell over the whole land*
- Nothing else recorded for these 3 hours
 - Was this the time of God's wrath?
 - Darkness & Judgment (e.g. – Joel 2:31)
 - He was made sin for us (2 Cor. 5:21)
and a curse for us (Gal. 3:13)

The Ninth Hour



- When did the darkness lift? (33)
- Jesus cried out *with a loud voice* (34)
 - “MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?” (Ps. 22:1)
 - No break in the Trinity
 - Anguish and hope (Ps. 22)

The Ninth Hour



- Cry mistaken as a call for Elijah (35)
- Given sour wine (36; cf. Ps. 22:15)
- Another loud cry (37a)
 - “It is finished!” (John 19:30)
- Breathed His last (37b; Luke 23:46)
 - *Dismissed* His spirit (John 19:30; cf. 10:18)

The Ninth Hour



- Time of evening sacrifice (cf. Num. 28:4)
 - And Passover sacrifice (cf. Ex. 12:6)
- Temple veil torn from top to bottom (38)
 - *Handbreadth* thick, 30 feet high
 - Opened the *Holy of Holies* (Heb. 6:19-20; 10:19-22)

The Ninth Hour



- The centurion (39)
 - In charge of the three 4-man squads
 - “Truly this man was the Son of God!” (39)
- The women (40-41; cf. 47; 16:1)
 - Important eyewitnesses (47)

3 PM – 6 PM



- *Evening* – from the sacrifice till sundown
 - “the preparation day, that is, the day before the Sabbath” (42)
 - Sabbath laws took affect at sundown
 - *Preparations for no work* the next day

3 PM – 6 PM



- Lev. 23:1-8
 - Work 6 days -- seventh is Sabbath (3)
 - *Passover* – 14th day of first month (5)
 - At *twilight* – ‘sunset’ (Deut. 16:6)
 - According to Josephus: 3-6 pm
 - *Unleavened Bread* – 15th thru 21st day (6)
 - One week, starting on the Sabbath (7-8)

3 PM – 6 PM



- Joseph of Arimathea (43)
 - “He had not consented to their plan and action” (Luke 23:51)
- Waiting for *the Kingdom (Messiah)*
 - Recognized Jesus, but was afraid to *go public* (John 19:38)

3 PM – 6 PM



- Joseph of Arimathea (43)
 - He *gathered up courage*
- Pilate (44)
 - Jesus dead in less than seven hours?
- *The* centurion (39, 44, 45)
 - Fully responsible, *on pain of death*

3 PM – 6 PM



- Joseph took the body (46)
 - *Unclean* for Passover (cf. John 18:28)
 - Didn't know/understand Jesus would rise from the dead
 - Placed Jesus' body in his own tomb (Matt. 27:60; cf. Isa. 53:9)

So What?



- Why did Jesus die?
 - Love (John 3:16; Rom. 5:8, *et al*)
 - A ransom for many (Mark 10:45)
 - God's plan for redemption (1 Cor. 15:1-8)
 - *Blood* -> sacrifice/atonement (Rom. 5:9)
 - *Cross* -> suffering/*passion* (Acts 3:18; 17:3; Heb. 13:12)

So What?



- Why did Jesus die?
 - *Propitiation* – satisfy God's justice (Rom. 3:21-26; Heb. 2:17; 1 John 2:2; 4:10)
 - As our vicarious sacrifice, Jesus provided the means of atonement, removal of sin, and establishment of righteousness



So What?

- Accepting Jesus' death in our place has serious implications for our lives
 - “and He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.” (2 Cor. 5:15; cf. 1 Pet. 2:24)

So What?



**“If anyone wishes to come after Me,
he must deny himself,
and take up his cross
and follow Me”
(Mark 8:34)**