

# Behold the Man No 80 The Day I Nailed Him to the Cross!

## **John 13:**

Was I NOT Peter? I remember it well,,, It was the feast of Passover,,, The Master spoke of his "hour" again saying ,,,

[1] ... that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

His sense of purpose was so clear,,, Just then,,, during the Passover,,, he,,,

[4] rose from supper, laid aside his garments, and girded himself with a towel.

[5] Then he poured water into a basin, and began to wash **our** feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which he was girded.

I sat there thinking,,, Lord do you not remember? I,,,

**Luke 5:8**

fell down at **your** knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord."

**But when it was my turn I said,,,**

**John 13:**

[6] ..."Lord, do you wash my feet?"

[7] Jesus answered **me**, "What I am doing you do not know now, but afterward you will understand."

**No Lord...**

[8]..."You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered **me**, "If I do not wash you, you have no part in me."

**No part my Lord? I desire to serve you all the days of my life! I desire no share of the promised land,,, only to serve you in the House of Your Father!**

[9]..."Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!"

[10] Jesus said to **me**, "He who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but he is

clean all over; and you are clean, but not every one of you."

[12] When he had washed **our** feet, and taken his garments, and resumed his place,

**He said to us, , ,**

[18] ... I know whom I have chosen; it is that the scripture may be fulfilled, 'He who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.'

[19] I tell you this now, before it takes place, that when it does take place you may believe that I am he.

[20] Truly, truly, I say to you, he who receives any one whom I send receives me; and he who receives me receives him who sent me."

[21] When Jesus had thus spoken, he was troubled in spirit, and testified, "Truly, truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me."

**Betray you my Lord! Never, , ,  
who, , , which of us will be  
betray you? John was closest to  
our Lord so I asked him, , ,**

[24] ... "Tell us who it is of whom he speaks."

[25] So lying thus, close to the breast of Jesus, he

said to him, "Lord, who is it?"

[26] Jesus answered, "It is he to whom I shall give this morsel when I have dipped it." So when he had dipped the morsel, he gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot.

[27] Then after the morsel, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, "What you are going to do, do quickly."

[30] So, after receiving the morsel, he immediately went out; and it was night.

[31] When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of man glorified, and in him God is glorified;

That's when the 3rd cup was mixed,,, the berakah,,, the cup of blessing,,, wine mingled with water! Then Jesus, standing in the place of the the Father, said...

### **Luke 22:**

[15] ... "I have earnestly desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer;

[16] for I tell you I shall not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."

[17] And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks

Saying over the cup: " Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who creates the fruit of the vine" (Mishnah, Berakoth 6:1)

[17]... Then he said, "Take this, and divide it among yourselves;

[18] for I tell you that from now on I shall not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

[19] And he took bread, and when he had given thanks

Saying over the bread: "Blessed are you, Lord God, who brings forth bread from the earth" (Mishnah, Berakoth 6:1)

[19]... he broke it and gave it to us, saying, "This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

[20] And likewise the cup after supper, saying,  
"This cup which is poured out for you is the new  
covenant in my blood.

My ears must have betrayed me...  
did you hear what he said? The  
New Covenant my Lord? Are we  
the 12 Priests which Moses set  
out on 12 pillars to offer  
sacrifice for the people? Are  
we really to pour out your  
blood... to offer your body? Are  
we to take and eat this flesh?  
Drink this blood? My Lord... is  
this what you meant in  
Capernaum when you said?

**John 6:**

[53] ... "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat  
the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood,  
you have no life in you;

[55] For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is  
drink indeed.

My Lord surly, , ,

[60] ... "This is a hard saying; who can listen to

it?"

[68] ... "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life;

[69] and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God."

### **Luke 22:**

Jesus turned and said to us,,

[28] "You are those who have continued with me in my trials;

[29] and I assign to you, as my Father assigned to me, a kingdom,

[30] that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Then he turned to me and said...

[31] "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat,

[32] but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail; and when you have turned again, strengthen your brethren."

Satan? Has demanded to sift me?

Again, I was stunned at the very sound of such a thing,, I will not betray you,, in fact,,

[33] ... "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death."

What he said to me next,, broke my heart,,

[34] ... "I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you three times deny that you know me."

How I suffered to hear this from my Master... whom I love... whom I have given everything to follow. Did he not make me his Chief Steward? Im I not to strengthen the others? How can I lead them when I will fail him... him who Loves us so?

## **Mark 14:**

With a heavy heart I mixed the



4th cup and we sang the great Hallel,,, but... He didn't drink it! It seemed so strange to interrupt the Passover... why not drink the last cup... the cup of consummation? What could this mean? Instead he rose and we all left to cross the Kidron valley Like King David did so many years ago going,,,

### **2 Samuel 15:**

[30] up the ascent of the Mount of Olives, weeping as he went, barefoot and with his head covered;

So we too went weeping,,,

### **Mark 14:**

[26] ... out to the Mount of Olives.

[27] And Jesus said to **us**, "You will all fall away; for it is written, `I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.'

[28] But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee."

## **Matthew 26:**

We entered the garden where He liked to come and pray in solitude. He said to us...

[36] ... "Sit here, while I go yonder and pray."

I recall how strange his behavior was the further into the garden we went... James, John and I followed him watching carefully every move,,, he said to us,,,

[38] ... "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me."

[39] And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt."

I can't explain it... the more I tried to watch and pray.. the more weary I became. I don't know what came over me but the urge to close my eyes was so great. There was something

stirring in the air that night...  
we knew something big was about  
to happen but we didn't yet  
fully understand. He was  
offering, , ,

### **Hebrews 5:**

[7]... up prayers and supplications, with loud  
cries and tears, to him who was able to save him  
from death, and he was heard for his godly fear.

### **Matthew 26:**

The shame I felt when I was  
awoken by Him, , , saying to ME, , ,

[40] ... "So, could you not watch with me one  
hour?

[41] Watch and pray that you may not enter into  
temptation; the spirit indeed is willing, but the  
flesh is weak."

[42] Again, for the second time, he went away  
and prayed, "My Father, if this **cup** cannot pass  
unless I drink it, thy will be done."

[43] And again he came and found **us** sleeping,  
for **our** eyes were heavy.

[44] So, leaving **us**, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words.

A third time we could not resist the draw to sleep... it was as if we had no control... something was tempting us... pulling us to sleep and we could not resist.

[45] ... "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

[46] Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand."

Then we looked and saw the horde coming along the path with torches, swords and clubs... there was Judas leading them! I was confused,, why was he leading this crowd to this of all places, at this time of night? Was this why he left the Passover? What is he up to? Like David who was betrayed by

(Ah-Hith-Ah-Fell) Ahith'ophel (2 Sam. 15:31) so Judas betrays our Lord?

Was I NOT Judas? I made the deal with Ciaphas and the Chief Priests... 30 pieces of silver... I just needed to lead them to where Jesus would be. I had given them a signal... so they would know which one was Jesus...

[48]... "The one I shall kiss is the man; seize him."

So I, , ,

[49] ... came up to Jesus at once and said, "Hail, Master!" And I kissed him.

I don't know why but, at that very moment I was recalling the time in Capernum, , , when He went on and on about His flesh and blood, , , being the new manna come down from heaven. Like he was the Prophet Moses promised would come. This was

too much to bare... we are forbidden to eat the flesh of man and drink the blood of anything! Does he NOT know the law? My heart grew even harder when he said to us,,,

### **John 6:**

[70] ... "Did I not choose you, the twelve, and one of you is a devil?"

[71] He spoke of **me** , , , Judas the son of Simon Iscariot, for **I**, one of **His** twelve, was to betray him.

The Devil? Really... I'll show you the Devil!!! For truly,,,

`He who ate **your** bread has lifted his heel against **you**.'

### **Luke 22:**

[48] but Jesus said to **me**, "Judas, would you betray the Son of man with a kiss?"

The look in eyes... the pain he felt for me at that moment... it pierced my heart. I expected his judgment for my betrayal... I

wanted his wrath... but I was not ready for his anguish over my sin! I could see it in his eyes and yet he didn't say a word. What did I do? I have betrayed the son of man! I have given over my Master! I am doomed! How will there ever be forgiveness,,, for me? I have sent our Lord to die on Calvary... I have become (Ah-Hith-Ah-Fell)! So I

### **2 Samuel 17:**

[23] ... went off ... to my own city. And set my house in order, and hanged myself; and I died, and was buried in the tomb of my father.

### **John 18:**

Was I NOT Caiaphas: So my officers seized Jesus and brought him bound to Annas first, and then to me... I had

worked too hard to be named High Priest that year to allow some back woods Messiah from Nazareth to ruin it for me. Did he NOT think I wouldn't notice all that he was doing???,,, appointing the 3, the 12, the 70? So he wants to be a new Moses does he? Set up new elders, new Princes, a new Priesthood, with a new sanhedrian? He'll take away my authority and give it to another nation who will bear its fruits, will he? Well,,, we will see about that,,, I have the power of Rome on my side! What do you have? The prostitutes? The tax-collectors? Sinners all of them!

[14] It was I who had given counsel to the Jews that it was expedient that one man should die for



the people.

When they arrived with the accused I knew John followed Him, his family is close to mine,, and I noticed how he brought in the one called Kepha, to watch the proceedings... can you imagine... the audacity of this man Jesus to name him as his Chief Steward,,, as if he were another King David... and to name him Kepha,,, a name for God himself,,, blasphemous! This Kepha... he stayed outside near the fire.

[17] The maid who kept the door said to **Kepha**, "Are not you also one of this man's disciples?"

He said, "I am not."

[19] **I** then questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching.

[20] Jesus answered **me**, "I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all Jews come together;

I have said nothing secretly.

[21] Why do you ask me? Ask those who have heard me, what I said to them; they know what I said."

[25] Now **Kepha** was standing and warming himself. They said to him, "Are not you also one of his disciples?" He denied it and said, "I am not."

[26] One of **my** servants , a kinsman of the man whose ear **Kepha** had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?"

[27] Peter again denied it; and at once the cock crowed.

I called witnesses to testify against him... he's possessed by the devil they shouted,,, he called for the destruction of the temple they proclaimed,,, but he didn't say a word... like a lamb led the slaughter he opened not his mouth! Nothing was working... I needed him to condemn himself if I was going

to have my way with him! I am the High Priest... he must obey!

**Matthew 26:**

[63] ... "I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God."

[64] Jesus said to me, "You have said so. But I tell you, hereafter you will see the Son of man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven."

That was it! This is what I was waiting for! I could not have even payed for a better confession! I shouted,,,

[65] ... "He has uttered blasphemy. Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy.

[66] What is your judgment?" They answered, "He deserves death."

[67] Then they spat in his face, and struck him; and some slapped him,

[68] saying, "Prophecy to us, you Christ! Who is it that struck you?"

As they carried him away I remembered how, just a few days earlier he rode into Jerusalem on an ass... right up the temple... causing an uproar in the court of Gentiles, healing and giving sight to the blind and restoring the withered hands... My heart sank as I recalled the words of the prophet Zachariah,,,

**Zachariah 11:**

[17] Woe to my worthless shepherd,  
who deserts the flock!

...

Let his arm be wholly withered,  
his right eye utterly blinded!"

What have I done?

**Matthew 26:**

Was I NOT Pontius Pilot?

Caiaphas was having the the one

called Jesus brought to me early the morning of their day of preparation on the Passover feast. Caiaphas had been scheming for some time to put this one to death... he didn't like the competition! What do I care of Jewish prophecies about a Messiah? Rome wants peace and I intend to give it to them, at any cost!

[29] So I went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?"

[30] They answered me, "If this man were not an evildoer, we would not have handed him over."

[31] I said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law." The Jews said to me, "It is not lawful for us to put any man to death."

Death? You want me to kill this man for you? The audacity of Caiaphas to come here and put me in the middle of this mess!

I had Jesus brought into my praetorium and I questioned him...

[33] ... "Are you the King of the Jews?"

[34] Jesus answered, "Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?"

[35] I answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me; what have you done?"

[36] Jesus answered, "My kingship is not of this world; if my kingship were of this world, my servants would fight, that I might not be handed over to the Jews; but my kingship is not from the world."

[37] I said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth. Every one who is of the truth hears my voice."

[38] I said to him, "What is truth?" After I said this, I went out to the Jews again, and told them, "I find no crime in him."

[39] But you have a custom that I should release one man for you at the Passover; will you have me release for you the King of the Jews?"

[40] They cried out again, "Not this man, but Barab'bas!" Now Barab'bas was a robber.

How ironic I thought... here is the one who claims to be the Son of God, their own redeemer and savior... and yet they call instead for the release of Barabbas... or latterly... the son of the Father... one is a guilty of murder and theft... and the other,,, about to be himself murdered,,, his life stolen from him! My wife begged me to have no part in this man but, my hands are tied! I ordered him to be scourged!

### **John 19:**

[2] And the soldiers plaited a crown of thorns, and put it on his head, and arrayed him in a purple robe;

[3] they came up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and struck him with their hands.

[4] I went out again, and said to them, "See, I am bringing him out to you, that you may know that I find no crime in him."

[5] So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. I said to them, "Behold the man!"

[6] When the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out, "Crucify him, crucify him!"

I said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no crime in him."

[12] Upon this I sought to release him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend; every one who makes himself a king sets himself against Caesar."

[13] When I heard these words, I brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Pavement, ...

At the 6th hour I proclaimed to all the Jews, , ,

[14] ... "Behold your King!"

[15] They cried out, "Away with him, away with



him, crucify him!" I said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar."

[16] Then I handed him over to them to be crucified.

Was I NOT the Centurion? Pilot handed the prisoner over to me and ordered me to crucify him... I had his cross placed upon him and marched him out to Calvary! It was remarkable... do you have any idea how many I have scourged, beaten, and crucified... for Rome... too many! Yet this one was different than all the rest. Not once did he curse me... not once did he revile me... he seemed to long for death like none other that I have ever seen. This one was eager for Calvary,,,

**John 19:**

[18] There I crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them.

After hanging him on the tree I had the title which Pilot had written, posted above him,,,

[19] ... it read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews."

The sight of this man was more than most could bear.. his flesh torn and tattered like a discarded rag, the blood drenching his beard from the crown we placed on his head.. hanging there, he was slowly drowning in his own fluids. I was sure to nail through the most sensitive parts of his hands and feet. The only way for him to speak was to pull himself up on those nails.. enduring the most horrendous pain one can imagine.. yet the

thief to his left is willing to endure such pain to spew curses at Jesus... imagine that! But,,, Jesus,,, he didn't curse, he FORGAVE! He didn't seek vengeance... rather he endured the nails I placed to ensure his mother was provided for!

[26] When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!"

[27] Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

[28] After this Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said "I thirst."

[29] A bowl full of vinegar stood there; so **we** put a sponge full of the vinegar on hyssop and held it to his mouth.

[30] When Jesus had received the vinegar, he said, "It is finished"; and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

The one called John, who took

His Mother, spoke out... "the 4th cup... he has completed the Passover... it is consummated"!

[32]... we came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him;

[33] but when I came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, I did not break his legs.

[34] But I pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water.

Just then... I heard a Jew quoting from one of their prophets saying, , ,

Zachariah 14:

[8] On that day living waters shall flow out from Jerusalem, ...

[9] And the LORD will become king over all the earth; on that day the LORD will be one and his name one.

**Matthew 26:**

[54] ... I was filled with awe, and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

Was I NOT St. Paul: I sent him to his death but death could not hold him! Instead like a blinding light he came to me, throwing me from the pride of my position and rolled back the scales from my eyes! If only I could convince you of what I myself had seen... maybe then you would have faith!

### **Galatians 3:**

[1] O foolish **Christians!** Who has bewitched you, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified?

### **1 Corinthians 15:**

[3] For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures,

[4] that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures,

[5] and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

[8] Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.

[9] For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

[10] But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain.

It was my sin that sent Jesus on his journey to Jerusalem... to suffer, die, and be buried that day! It was my betrayal, my scheming, my cowardice, every lust of my heart, every selfish, hate-filled, covetous and greedy action... I turned my back to God... I scourged him, I spit upon, I mocked him, I nailed him to the tree and cried out "Crucify him"... and he died because of me! Yet... it was the Grace of God that raised him from the dead... just for me!

### **Romans 5:**

[8] But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.

[9] Since, therefore, we are now justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

[19] For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

**Extra;**

Was NOT I one of the Disciples on the road that Easter day!

**Luke 24:**

[32] **We** said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the scriptures?"

[33] And **We** rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem; and **We** found the eleven gathered together and those who were with them,

[34] who said, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!"

[35] Then **We** told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to **US** in the

breaking of the bread.

[36] As **We** were saying this, Jesus himself stood among **US**.

### **John 18:**

[4] Then Jesus, knowing all that was to befall him, came forward and said to them, "Whom do you seek?"

[5] They answered him, "Jesus of Nazareth."

Jesus said to them, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them.

[6] When he said to them, "I am he," they drew back and fell to the ground.

[7] Again he asked them, "Whom do you seek?"

And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth."

[8] Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he; so, if you seek me, let these men go."

[9] This was to fulfil the word which he had spoken, "Of those whom thou gavest me I lost not one."

[10] Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's slave and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus.



[11] Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup which the Father has given me?"

### **Matthew 26:**

Was I NOT Judas? I remember it well... He said to us...

[2] "You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of man will be delivered up to be crucified."

I don't want him to be handed over nailed to a tree... I want him enthroned and Israel restored as God's Empire, with me right next to Him! We all knew how much Caiphas and the others wanted Him dead... they were constantly scheming on how to kill him... they just didn't want the people to turn against them, they didn't have the guts to do what it takes! This was Jesus' chance to strike... the

people were on HIS side and still he refused to act!

Well we made our way to Bethany... to the House of Simon the Leper... thats when Mary Magdalen shows up... with her expensive jar of ointment. Do you have any idea how many swords we could have purchased with that? At the very least we could have given it to the infernal poor! I wasn't alone in this... the others saw it too!

[8] ... "Why this waste?

[9] For this ointment might have been sold for a large sum, and given to the poor."

But Jesus said to us...

[10] "Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a beautiful thing to me.

[11] For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me.

[12] In pouring this ointment on my body she has

done it to prepare me for burial.

[13] Truly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her."

That's when I had enough... if he will not act now to bring back the glory of God's people then maybe Caiaphas can force it out of him! Something must be done, he's our best chance. That's when I ... one of His 12 ...

[14] ... Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests

[15] and said, "What will you give me if I deliver him to you?"

And they gave me 30 pieces of silver ... From that moment on I waited for just the right moment to betray him!

