

New Vine Fellowship Sermon Outline May 17, 2026

Message: "On the Cross-Jerusalem"

I. FOUNDATIONS:

John 3:16 (NIV)

16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 14:6 (NIV)

6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Acts 4:11-12 (NIV)

(Peter before Sanhedrin)

11 Jesus is "the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone." 12 Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."

II. Review: TRIAL BY ISRAEL

A. Peter Luke 22:61-62 (NLT)

61 At that moment the Lord turned and looked at Peter. Suddenly, the Lord's words flashed through Peter's mind: "Before the rooster crows tomorrow morning, you will deny three times that you even know me." 62 And Peter left the courtyard, weeping bitterly.

B. High Council Luke 22:66-68 (NLT)

66 At daybreak all the elders of the people assembled, including the leading priests and the teachers of religious law. Jesus was led before this high council, 67 and they said, "Tell us, are you the Messiah?" But he replied, "If I tell you, you won't believe me. 68 And if I ask you a question, you won't answer.

C. Son of God Luke 22:69-71 (NLT)

69 But from now on the Son of Man will be seated in the place of power at God's right hand." 70 They all shouted, "So, are you claiming to be the Son of God?" And he replied, "You say that I am." 71 "Why do we need other witnesses?" they said. "We ourselves heard him say it."

III. REVIEW: ROMAN TRIAL

A. Pilate's Question Luke 23:3-4 (NLT)

3 So Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" Jesus replied, "You have said it." 4 Pilate turned to the leading priests and to the crowd and said, "I find nothing wrong with this man!"

B. Accusation Luke 23:5-6 (NLT)

5 Then they became insistent. "But he is causing riots by his teaching wherever he goes—all over Judea, from Galilee to Jerusalem!" 6 "Oh, is he a Galilean?" Pilate asked.

C. Herod's Questions Luke 23:7-9 (NLT)

7 When they said that he was, Pilate sent him to Herod Antipas, because Galilee was under Herod's jurisdiction, and Herod happened to be in Jerusalem at the time. 8 Herod was delighted at the opportunity to see Jesus, because he had heard about him and had been hoping for a long time to see him perform a miracle. 9 He asked Jesus question after question, but Jesus refused to answer.

D. Mocking Luke 23:10-12 (NLT)

10 Meanwhile, the leading priests and the teachers of religious law stood there shouting their accusations. 11 Then Herod and his soldiers began mocking and ridiculing Jesus. Finally, they put a royal robe on him and sent him back to Pilate. 12 (Herod and Pilate, who had been enemies before, became friends that day.)

IV. REVIEW: BACK TO PILATE

A. Pilate's Verdict Luke 23:13-16 (NLT)

13 Then Pilate called together the leading priests and other religious leaders, along with the people, 14 and he announced his verdict. "You brought this man to me, accusing him of leading a revolt. I have examined him thoroughly on this point in your presence and find him innocent. 15 Herod came to the same conclusion and sent him back to us. Nothing this man has done calls for the death penalty. 16 So I will have him flogged, and then I will release him."

B. Feast Tradition Luke 23:17 (NASB)

[NOTE: Best MSS do not contain this verse.]

17 (For of necessity he must release one unto them at the feast.)

C. Barabbas Luke 23:18-19 (NLT)

18 Then a mighty roar rose from the crowd, and with one voice they shouted, "Kill him, and release Barabbas to us!" 19 (Barabbas was in prison for taking part in an insurrection in Jerusalem against the government, and for murder.)

D. Pilate's Plea Luke 23:20-22 (NLT)

20 Pilate argued with them, because he wanted to release Jesus. 21 But they kept shouting, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" 22 For the third time he demanded, "Why? What crime has he committed? I have found no reason to sentence him to death. So I will have him flogged, and then I will release him."

E. Mob Rule Luke 23:23-25 (NLT)

23 But the mob shouted louder and louder, demanding that Jesus be crucified, and their voices prevailed. 24 So Pilate sentenced Jesus to die as they demanded. 25 As they had requested, he released Barabbas, the man in prison for insurrection and murder. But he turned Jesus over to them to do as they wished.

V. THE CROSS

A. Simon from Cyrene Luke 23:26 (NLT)

26 As they led Jesus away, a man named Simon, who was from Cyrene, happened to be coming in from the countryside. The soldiers seized him and put the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus.

B. The Women Luke 23:27-29 (NLT)

27 A large crowd trailed behind, including many grief-stricken women. 28 But Jesus turned and said to them, "Daughters of Jerusalem, don't weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. 29 For the days are coming when they will say, 'Fortunate indeed are the women who are childless, the wombs that have not borne a child and the breasts that have never nursed.'"

C. Mountains Luke 23:30-31 (NLT)

30 People will beg the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and plead with the hills, 'Bury us.' 31 For if these things are done when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry? "

D. Two Criminals Luke 23:32-33 (NLT)

32 Two others, both criminals, were led out to be executed with him. 33 When they came to a place called The Skull, they nailed him to the cross. And the criminals were also crucified—one on his right and one on his left.

VI. — LAST WORDS

#1

A. Forgiveness Luke 23:34 (NLT)

34 Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they are doing." And the soldiers gambled for his clothes by throwing dice.

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B. Today, Paradise Luke 23:42-43 (NLT)

42 Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom." 43 And Jesus replied, "I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise."

#3

C. Eli, Eli Matthew 27:45-46; (Mark 15:34) (NIV)

45 From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land. 46 About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lemasabachthani?” (which means “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”).

#4

D. Mother John 19:25-27 (NIV)

25 Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. 26 When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, “Woman, here is your son,” 27 and to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

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E. Thirst John 19:28-29 (NIV)

28 Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, “I am thirsty.” 29 A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus’ lips.

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F. Darkness Luke 23:44-46 (NLT)

44 By this time it was about noon, and darkness fell across the whole land until three o’clock. 45 The light from the sun was gone. And suddenly, the curtain in the sanctuary of the Temple was torn down the middle. 46 Then Jesus shouted, “Father, I entrust my spirit into your hands!” And with those words he breathed his last.

#7

G. Finished Luke 24:46 (NLT)

46 Then Jesus shouted, “Father, I entrust my spirit into your hands!” And with those words he breathed his last.

John 19:30 (NIV)

30 When he had received the drink, Jesus said, “It is finished.” With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

VII. SUNDAY MORNING

A. Really Risen! Luke 24:32-34 (NLT)

32 They said to each other, “Didn’t our hearts burn within us as he talked with us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?” 33 And within the hour they were on their way back to Jerusalem. There they found the eleven disciples and the others who had gathered with them, 34 who said, “The Lord has really risen! He appeared to Peter.”

B. Jesus Is Here Luke 24:34-36 (NLT)

35 Then the two from Emmaus told their story of how Jesus had appeared to them as they were walking along the road, and how they had recognized him as he was breaking the bread. 36 And just as they were telling about it, Jesus himself was suddenly standing there among them. “Peace be with you,” he said.