

## PASSION of the CHRIST

Luke 22 (p.970)

What is your passion?

Passion < Late Latin: *passionem*, "suffering, enduring"

The final period in the life of Jesus covering his triumphal entry to Jerusalem and leading to his crucifixion on Mount Calvary; defining the climactic event central to the doctrine of Salvation.

### A. Setting

1. Time: Passover.

Like that first Passover, it is by faith in Christ's blood that we escape spiritual death.

2. Location: Jerusalem, Mount Moriah.

### B. Players

1. Antagonists: Religious Leaders.

2. Arch-villain: Satan. Judas was filled with pure evil.

3. Supporting Characters: the Disciples.

### C. Foreshadowing

Luke 18:31-34

### D. The Reflection

For One so holy to bear the sins of mankind was nearly overwhelming.

"Nevertheless, not My will, but Yours, be done."

### E. The Final Conflict

The disciples fled. Peter denied. The Sanhedrin accused. The false witnesses lied. The mob turned. Herod mocked. The soldiers nailed. The women wept. The sky grew dark. The demons squealed. The blood flowed.

The Sacrifice was made.

### F. The Triumph

Just when it seemed that all was lost. Jesus rose from the grave. Death was defeated. The way to forgiveness and eternal life was opened.