

Unique Information or Features in Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, and the JST

Explanation

Each of the four Gospels provides unique information about the arrest, interrogations, trials, and execution of Jesus. The following charts spell out the data that is found exclusively in each of these accounts. Charts 10-3 through 10-6 are based on the Greek text of the New Testament, further details of which are conveniently displayed in tabular form in Kurt Aland, *Synopsis of the Four Gospels*, published by the German Bible Society. Careful readers of the New Testament will gain appreciation for each of the four Gospels by seeing how each one uniquely contributes to our understanding of the trial of Jesus. Chart 10-2 points out the details supplied exclusively by the Joseph Smith Translation.

References

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Unique Information or Features in Luke

1. Disciples asked Jesus whether they should “strike with the sword” (22:49).
2. Jesus healed the servant’s ear (22:51; also Mk 14:53 JST “put forth his finger”).
3. In the arresting crowd were the Chief Priests, officers of the temple, and elders (22:52).
4. Jesus said, “This is your hour” (22:53).
5. The arresting crowd took Jesus to the High Priest’s *house* (22:54).
6. Upon Peter’s third denial, “the Lord turned, and looked upon Peter,” and then Peter remembered what Jesus had said (22:61).
7. The arresters “blasphemed” Jesus (22:65).
8. Jesus told the elders, “If I tell you, you will not believe” (22:67).
9. The Jews accused Jesus first after taking him to Pilate (23:2).
10. Jesus was accused of perverting the nation, forbidding taxation, and saying he was Christ King (23:2).
11. An accusation of blasphemy against Jesus is never mentioned.
12. Once Pilate said he found no fault with Jesus, the Chief Priests and multitudes were “urgent, saying ‘He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee even to this place’” (23:5).
13. Jesus was taken to Herod, who was glad to see him and who hoped to see a sign. Herod’s men mocked Jesus and dressed him in a gorgeous robe (23:6–11).

14. The Chief Priests and scribes vehemently accused Jesus (23:10).
15. Pilate proposed to flog Jesus and let him go (23:16).
16. Pilate said three times, "What evil has he done?" (23:4, 13–16, 22).
17. The crowd *all* urgently cried for Jesus' crucifixion (23:18, 23).
18. Pilate wanted to release Jesus (23:22).
19. Pilate gave *formal sentence* that the crowd's demand for Jesus to be killed be granted (23:24).
20. Jesus prophesied to the women as he was led to the hill (23:28–31).
21. Along with the women, at a distance, were "all his acquaintance[s]" (23:49).
22. The two criminals executed with Jesus were led out with him (23:32).
23. Jesus said, "Father, forgive them" (23:34).
24. Dialogue between Jesus and the thieves crucified with him; Jesus said, "Today you will be with me in paradise" (23:39–43).
25. The sun's light failed between the sixth and the ninth hours (23:44–45).
26. Jesus said, "Father, into thy hands I entrust my spirit" [KJV, commend my spirit] (23:46).
27. The crowds returned home beating their breasts (23:48).
28. Joseph of Arimethea had not consented to the Sanhedrin's purpose and deed (23:51).