

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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John W. Welch and Matthew G. Wells, "Recent Bibliography on the Trials of Jesus," *BYU Studies* 32/4 (1992): 78–86.

Unique Information or Features in Mark

1. Jesus says nothing when the High Priest's slave's ear is cut off (14:48).
2. Judas told the crowd to take Jesus away "under guard" (14:44).
3. Jesus had taught in the temple "right before" the crowd's eyes, not just there or with them (14:49).
4. A young man flees naked (14:51–52).
5. Jesus said, "I *will* destroy this temple," not just "I am able to" (14:58).
6. The false witnesses did not agree with each other (14:56, 59).
7. Jesus said, "I am" (14:62).
8. All present in the Sanhedrin condemned Jesus (14:64).
9. The Jewish guards took and beat Jesus (14:65).
10. Pilate turned Jesus over to the crowd in order to satisfy them (15:15).
11. The Roman soldiers bowed down in mock homage (15:19).
12. Simon of Cyrene was the father of Alexander and Rufus (15:21).
13. Jesus was crucified the third hour of the day (15:25).
14. Jesus "expired" [KJV, gave up the ghost] (15:37).
15. Salome, who had ministered to and followed Jesus in Galilee, was with the other women at the cross (15:40–41).
16. Jesus was crucified on the day of preparation, the day before the Sabbath (15:42).
17. Joseph of Arimathea "took courage" [KJV, went in boldly] to ask for the body of Jesus (15:43).
18. Pilate wondered and asked a centurion whether Jesus was already dead (15:44).