

“We most commonly hear the story of Jesus’ death as a composite of the gospels and the New Testament as a whole. [...] Though Matthew and Luke basically follow Mark’s narrative, each differs in some respects.” [1]

SYNOPTICS

1. Simon of Cyrene (Matthew, Luke, Mark – mentions his sons)
2. Jesus speaks with the weeping women (Luke)
3. Two Criminals (Matthew, Mark, Luke)
4. Signage:
 - a. "Jesus, King of the Jews" (Matthew, Mark)
 - b. "This is the King of the Jews" (Luke)
5. “Father forgive them for they know not what they do” (Luke)
6. Begins at 9:00 (Mark)
7. Darkness at noon (Matthew, Mark, Luke)
8. Taunts from witnesses (Matthew, Mark, Luke)
9. Taunts from rebels (Matthew, Mark) One criminal believes Jesus (Luke)
10. “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” call for Elijah (Matthew, Mark)
11. “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit” (Luke)
12. Temple torn in two (Matthew, Mark, Luke)
13. Tombs opened and resurrections (Matthew)
14. Centurian:
 - a. Surely this man was the “Son of God” (Matthew, Mark)
 - b. Surely this man was “innocent” (Luke)
15. Women:
 - a. Many women, plus the named (Matthew, Mark)
 - b. Women are mentioned but not named (Luke)
16. Day of Passover Preparation (Luke)
17. Joseph brings linen and buries Jesus in his tomb
 - a. Matt: his own, new tomb, hewn in the rock & a rolling stone
 - b. Mark: a tomb hewn in rock & a rolling stone
 - c. Luke: a rock-hewn tomb, no rolling stone
18. Women see where Jesus is buried (Matthew, Mark, Luke)

JOHN

1. Jesus carries his own cross, no Simon of Cyrene
2. Four named women, “Behold your son/Behold your mother”
3. Crucified with two “others”
4. Signage: "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews." Chief priests argue for Pilate to change the wording
5. “I am thirsty”
6. No timeline
7. No taunts
8. Wine on hyssop (see Exodus 12:3-6, 22)
9. It is finished
10. Jesus is crucified on the day the lambs are sacrificed for Passover (Luke) John mentions this twice (vv31,42)
11. Broken legs and pierced side/scripture fulfilled
12. Nicodemus joins Joseph and brings 100lbs of myrrh and aloe
13. A garden cemetery and new tomb
14. No mention of rolling stone
15. No women present at the burial