

The Harmony Of The Cross

There are two main ways that you can read the gospels. You can read them one at a time from start to finish, or taking a particular passage of scripture you can read it from start to finish in each gospel.

The second way is to harmonise the gospels. This is where you read them in chronological order, in other words every event in time order, across each gospel. This means that you may read 4 versions of the same event and you may find yourself jumping forwards and backwards through the books as the authors wrote some of the miracles and parables in a different order.

The following list contains the scriptures that recount the trial, crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. They are grouped into sections so that you can find any part of the events with ease and within every section are all of the scriptures from each of the 4 gospels that are relevant to that part of the narrative.

The betrayal

Matt 26:47-56
Mark 14:43-52
Luke 22:47-53
John 18:2-11

Jesus stands before Annas and Caiaphas. Peter denies Him

Matt 26:57-58, 26:69-75
Mark 14:53-54, 14:66-72
Luke 22:54-65
John 18:12-27

Jesus stands before the Sanhedrin

Matt 26:59-68
Mark 14:55-65
Luke 22:66-71

Jesus stands before Pilate

Matt 27:1-2, 27:11-14
Mark 15:1-5
Luke 23:1-6
John 18:33-40

The traitor's death

Matt 27:3-10

Jesus stands before Herod

Luke 23:7-12

Jesus is accused and condemned

Matt 27:15-26
Mark 15:6-15
Luke 23:13-25
John 18:29; 19:16

The soldiers mistreat Jesus

Matt 27:27-31
Mark 15:16-20
Luke 23:36-37
John 19:1-3

The crucifixion

Matt 27:32-38
Mark 15:21-28
Luke 23:26-34
John 19:17-24

Mary at the cross

John 19:25-27

People mock Jesus

Matt 27:39-44
Mark 15:29-32
Luke 23:35-39

The criminal forgiven

Luke 23:40-43

Jesus Dies

Matt 27:45-53
Mark 15:33-38
Luke 23:44-46
John 19:28-30

The bystanders

Matt 27:54-56
Mark 15:39-41
Luke 23:47-49

His side is pierced

John 19:31-37

Jesus is buried

Matt 27:57-61
Mark 15:42-47
Luke 23:50-56
John 19:38-42

The guard at the tomb

Matt 27:62-66; 28:11-15

Jesus is resurrected

Matt 28:1-10
Mark 16:1-11
Luke 24:1-12
John 20:1-18

Disciples going to Emmaus

Mark 16:12-13
Luke 24:13-35

Jesus appears in Jerusalem and Thomas doubts

Mark 16:14-18
Luke 24:36-49
John 20:19-29

Jesus appears at the sea of Tiberias

John 21:1-23

Jesus appears on the mount of Galilee

Matt 28:16-20

So much more

John 20:30-31;
John 21:24-25

Jesus ascends to heaven

Mark 16:19-20
Luke 24:50-53