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In the dark of night

after midnight, Friday

1st Trial – Jesus was questioned by **Annas** – the former high priest, (the father in law of the current high priest Caiaphas)

John 18:19-24 The high priest then asked Jesus about His disciples and His doctrine.

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In the darkness - **Caiaphas** (current high priest) accused and condemned Jesus

- **Luke 22:63-65** Now the men who held Jesus mocked Him and beat Him. ⁶⁴ And having blindfolded Him, they struck Him on the face and asked Him, saying, "Prophecy! Who is the one who struck You?"
⁶⁵ And many other things they blasphemously spoke against Him.
- **Mark 14:64** You have heard the blasphemy! What do you think?"
And they all condemned Him to be deserving of death.
- (Luke 22:60 – rooster crowed)

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- ^{NIV} **Matthew 27:1** *Early in the morning*, all the chief priests and the elders of the people came to the decision to put Jesus to death.
- ^{NIV} **Mark 15:1** *Very early in the morning*, the chief priests, with the elders, the teachers of the law and the whole Sanhedrin, reached a decision.
- ^{NIV} **Luke 22:66** *At daybreak* the council of the elders of the people, both the chief priests and teachers of the law, met together, and Jesus was led before them.

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• **Luke 22:70-71** ⁷⁰ Then they all said, "Are You then the Son of God?" So He said to them, "You rightly say that I am." ⁷¹ And they said, "What further testimony do we need? For we have heard it ourselves from His own mouth."

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(this could have been around 6:30 -7:00am)

- The Sanhedrin took Jesus from the Temple **to Pilate** who lived at the palace of Herod the Great.
- **Matthew 27:2** ² And when they had bound Him, they led Him away and delivered Him to Pontius Pilate the governor.
- **John 18:28-31** ²⁸ Then they led Jesus from Caiaphas to the Praetorium, and it was early morning.

*Praetorium – Roman governor's official **residence***

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- **John 18:29** Pilate then went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this Man?"
- **John 18:33** Then Pilate entered the Praetorium again, called Jesus, and said to Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?"
- **John 18:38** Pilate said to Him, "What is truth?" And when he had said this, he went out again to the Jews, and said to them, "I find no fault in Him at all.
- **Luke 23:5** But they were the more fierce, saying, "He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee to this place."

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Still early morning 5th trial – Jesus is questioned by **Herod**

(it could be 7 30 – 8am)

- **Luke 23:9** Then he questioned Him with many words, but He answered him nothing.
- **Luke 23:11** Then Herod, with his men of war, treated Him with contempt and mocked Him, arrayed Him in a gorgeous robe, and sent Him back to Pilate.

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In the morning – 6th trial – Herod sends Jesus **back to Pilate**

- Pilate repeatedly declares Jesus **NOT GUILTY**
- **Luke 23:20-22** Pilate, therefore, wishing to release Jesus, again called out to them. ²¹ But they shouted, saying, "Crucify Him, crucify Him!" ²² Then he said to them the third time, "Why, what evil has He done? I have found no reason for death in Him. I will therefore chastise Him and let Him go."
- **John 19:1** So then Pilate took Jesus and **scourged** Him.
- mastigoo {mas-tig-o'-o} beating with a lash or whip *flog, scourge, whip*

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- There were 3 forms of corporal punishment employed by the Romans, in increasing degree of severity: (1) *fustigatio* (beating), (2) *flagellatio* (flogging), and (3) *verberatio* (severe flogging, scourging).

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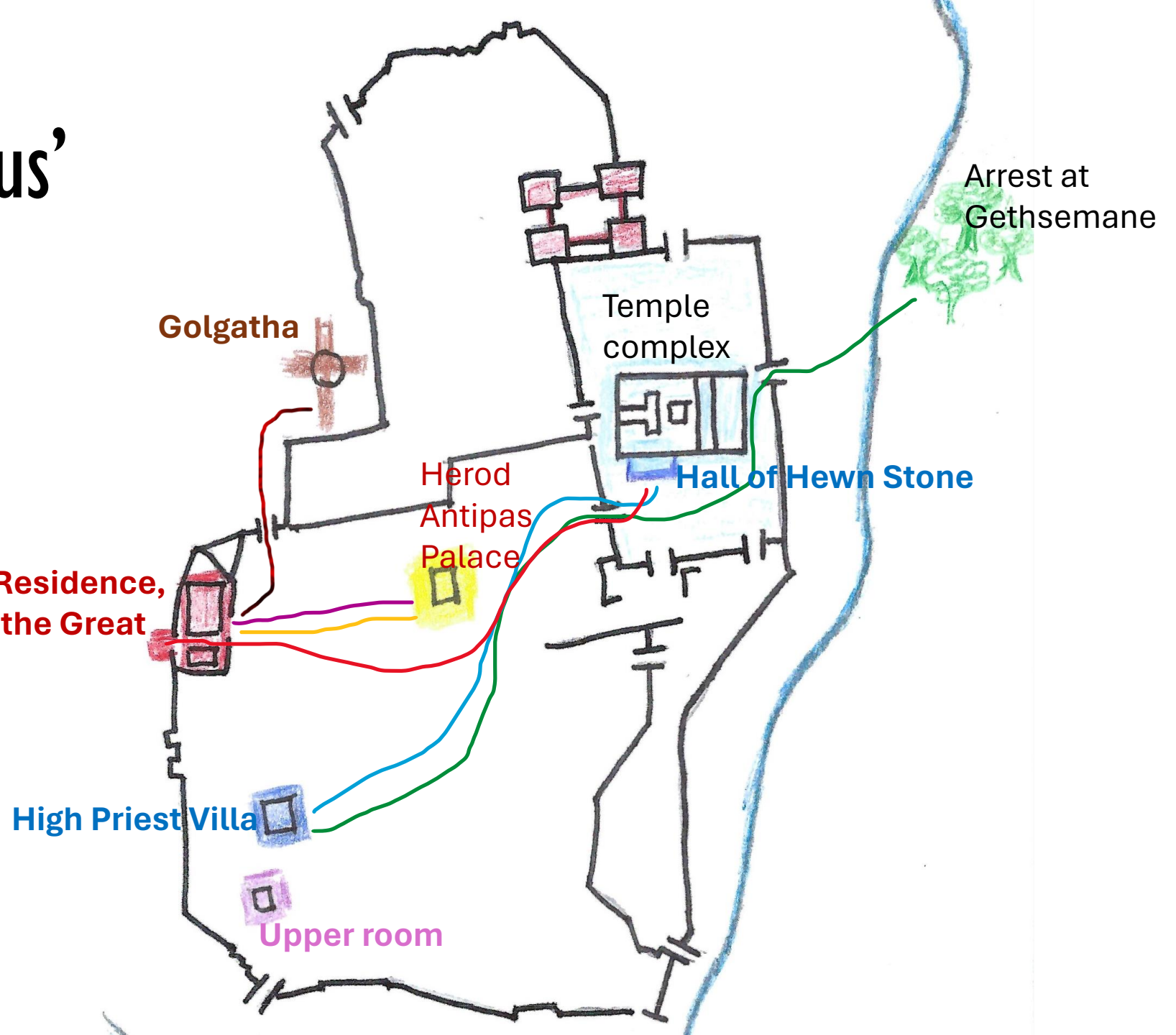
- **In the morning** - before 9:00am
- **John 19:2-6** ² And the soldiers twisted a crown of thorns and put *it* on His head, and they put on Him a purple robe. ³ Then they said, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they struck Him with their hands. ⁴ Pilate then went out again, and said to them, "Behold, I am bringing Him out to you, that you may know that I find no fault in Him." ⁵ Then Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. And *Pilate* said to them, "Behold the Man!" ⁶ Therefore, when the chief priests and officers saw Him, they cried out, saying, "Crucify *Him*, crucify *Him*!" Pilate said to them, "You take Him and crucify *Him*, for I find no fault in Him."

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- **In the morning** - before 9:00am
- **Luke 23:23-24** ²³ But they were insistent, demanding with loud voices that He be crucified. And the voices of these men and of the chief priests prevailed. ²⁴ So Pilate gave sentence that it should be as they requested.

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Praetorium: Pilate's Residence, was Palace of Herod the Great



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- The Jewish religious leaders had been **plotting** to put Jesus to death for months.
- God had been planning to make Jesus our Savior **since before time began.**

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