

Picks up with Caiaphas. He seeks Pilate to condemn Jesus to crucifixion. Robed black Satan moving among the crowds. Jesus thrown down temple steps. Judas throws betrayal money to temple guard.

Peter's denial occurs at this point. Guard doesn't believe Peter's denial doesn't convince the guard. The guard violently knocks Peter to the ground. Jesus reminds Peter of the earlier prediction.

Scene changes to Judas. He throws rope over a tree and hangs himself. Twitching feet for a few seconds after he jumps, then goes limp.

Scene changes to Pilate coming into his wife having a bad dream of an innocent, holy man being beaten. Warns Pilate that he was the one who killed this man.

Caiaphas and elders come to see Pilate. Jews cannot execute, because they would incur defilement. Cannot wait until after Passover because the matter is urgent. They appeal to Pilate's fear of insurrection, claiming Jesus has claimed to be king. Pilate agrees to see Jesus.

Pilate asks questions of Jesus. Jesus admits to being a king, but not of this world. Jesus has come to testify of the truth. Dialogue based on John 18. Pilate's wife recognizes Jesus as the one she saw in the dream. Warns Pilate. Pilate's hands are tied. His political career must not be jeopardized

Pilate argues with the Jews. Pilate doesn't see a reason to execute him. Jews insinuate chaos will result if Jesus is allowed to live. Pilate allows the people to decide which prisoner will be crucified.

Pilate orders lashing of Jesus. Jesus' mother standing outside the gate, watching. Pilate observes that it appears Jesus knows this must happen. Mother weeps. Pilate's wife sees. Jesus taken back to cell. Crown of thorns placed upon him, robe of purple placed upon him.

Temple guards control access to who gets to enter Pilate's court. Pilate offers Barabbas or Jesus to be freed. Caiaphas announces Jesus is not their king. "We have no king but Caesar." Crowd demands Barabbas to be released. Mary, outside the courtyard, screams for Jesus. Pilate looks on in disgust. Crowd demands Jesus be crucified. Mary's voice is quickly drowned out. Jewish leaders look on in satisfaction. Pilate's disgust deepens. Pilate approves crucifixion. He washes his hands.

Soldiers clearing out road to Golgotha. Jesus carrying cross, falls. Struggles. Shaking. (Historically only the crossbeam was carried - though still heavy. Odd that only Jesus is carrying the full cross. The two others are carrying just the crossbeam.) Soldier on horseback demands Jesus move. Soldier on ground whips Jesus to try to get him to move. Camera changes to perspective from Jesus. Jesus flashes back to triumphant entry. Scourge returns him to reality. Black Satan in the crowd, watching. Jesus whipped again, falls. Crowd tries to get to Jesus to help, driven back by the soldiers. Jesus' mother reaches him. He says, "Do not be afraid, everything is possible with God." She raises the cross back up so Jesus can continue. Jesus struggles to stand back up. Staggeres and falls again. Simon pressed into carrying Jesus' cross. Helps Jesus carry the cross the rest of the way.

Pilate decides what the sign above the cross will read. Jews object. Pilate does not budge.

Jesus falls again. A woman in the crowd comes and wipes blood off of Jesus' face. Driven off. Jesus kicked.

Shofars sounded, Passover begins. A lamb is slaughtered at the temple. Golgotha seen in the background. Condemned make their way up the hill. Jesus continues to be whipped.

Jesus reaches site of crucifixion. Garments ripped away from him. Jesus whipped to drive him to cross. Crawls toward it. Arms tied. Spikes driven into hands. Screams of agony. Crowd watching. Black Satan present.

Pilate's wife enters chambers. States he will regret his actions. He claims Jesus is just another Jew. Wife does not think so.

Cross raised. Drops into hole. Mother and Mary Magdalene approach Jesus. Soldiers mock him. Jesus asks forgiveness for those who crucified him. Thunder rolls. Clouds begin approaching. Soldiers roll dice. Criminals dialogue, one asks to be remembered. Jesus acknowledges. Mother to John, John to mother. Why have you forsaken me? I thirst. Soldier takes a sponge, offers it to Jesus. Clouds thicken.

Temple scene. Priests chanting. Scene cuts to Peter, weeping. Back to Jesus. Back to temple. Clouds still rolling in. It is finished. Sun obscured. Tremor. Strong winds. Father, into your hands I commend my spirit. Jesus dies, slumps down. Lamps in temple fall. Veil torn. Pilate and his wife in terror. Large earthquake. Panic. Peter averts eyes. Soldier spears Jesus.

Jesus taken down from cross. Marys and John hold body. Soldier orders body to be thrown away. Nicodemus and Joseph arrive with order from Pilate giving them possession of body. They prepare the body for burial. Body placed in tomb. Rock slid over entrance.

Three days later. Disciples dejected. John asks Peter where he was. Peter says he failed. Mother returning to Galilee.

Mary Magdalene returns to tomb. Find stone covering broken, the tomb empty. Enters, investigates. Jesus appears, asks who she is looking for. She asks if he had taken the body. He announces he is Jesus. Tells Mary to tell the others. Mary goes and tells the disciples. They don't believe, but Peter and John go to see for themselves. They finally realize Jesus is alive. They return to the rest, announce their discovery. Takes bread and wine remembering Jesus' words. Jesus appears to them. Thomas doesn't believe. Jesus comes to him--stop doubting. Jesus shows his hand, still with a hole. Thomas believes. Jesus blesses those who will believe without seeing.

No reinstatement of Peter.

Forty days later. Jesus teaching his disciples. Promises the Holy Spirit, gives the Great Commission. Jesus taken up. (Where are the angels? Where is the wondering of the disciples?) Peter announces they have work to do.

Back to Jerusalem. Pentecost. Disciples greet Stephen as he enters the city. To Upper Room. Prays the Lord's Prayer as they seek the Holy Spirit. Wind kicks up. They begin speaking foreign languages. Slo-mo on Mary Magdalene as she, too, speaks a foreign language.

Jewish leaders seek shelter in the temple.

Disciples approach the temple. Encounter beggar. Peter heals cripple in Jesus' name. Peter speaks about Jesus. Caiaphas is not happy. Orders Peter and John brought in. Questions them. Commands to them to stop speaking about Jesus. They refuse. Caiaphas threatens them.

Stephen talks about Jesus. A man (Paul?) cannot accept it. Gets angry. Argues with Stephen. Accuses Stephen of blasphemy. Takes stone and commands crowd to stone him. Stephen is stoned. Stephen sees the heavens opening, sees Jesus next to God. (Ok, so we're missing the whole rest of the story surrounding Stephen and ministry to Greek Jews... Also missing the whole preaching to the Sanhedrin thing...)

It was Paul. Paul and Caiaphas meet. Caiaphas thinks Paul could be useful for quashing the Jesus movement.

Believers holding communion. Paul comes with guards to beat and threaten them. Paul tortures one to find out where the followers went. Paul believes he is doing them a service by dissuading them from following a false god. Discovers they went to Damascus. Paul heads to Damascus. Jesus appears. Paul resists. Paul is blinded.

Jesus appears to Ananias. Commands him to search out Paul. Ananias doubts he heard right. Jesus reassures him Paul will be used mightily to reach the Gentiles.

Paul sitting alone in a room, blind. Ananias enters. Paul's sight is restored. Paul is baptized by pouring a pitcher of water over him.

James is executed. The remaining apostles decided they must leave Jerusalem. None are afraid to die, but dead people can't preach. Narrator: tells of the apostles going to far off lands.

Paul goes to community of believers. They doubt his story. Paul tells his story of how he met Jesus on the road to Damascus. He tells how Jesus did not come to him in anger, wrath, or judgement, but in love. Paul recites the Hymn of Love (1 Cor. 13). Faith, hope, and love remain, but the greatest of these is love. Paul asks Luke to join him.

Jesus appears to Peter. Roman soldiers come to Peter's door. Cornelius requests Peter's presence. (No sheet filled with unclean animals?) "The door is open to everyone" is the writers' way of summarizing Peter's vision.

Cornelius and his entire household fall to their knees as Peter enters. Cornelius speaks about his message from an angel. Peter speaks about Jesus, baptizes Cornelius by dunking his head into a trough filled with water. The whole household believes and is baptized. Peter flashes back to his first call from Jesus.

Twenty years later. Narrator: gospel's spread to the region. Paul preaching to some slaves. Preaching of new kingdom threatens Roman power. Paul beaten. Paul dictates letter to Luke. Narrator: lists martyrdom of some of the apostles. Paul hands letters to Luke as Romans come for him. Paul beheaded (skipping to the second imprisonment...?)

Romans failed to kill John, exiled to Patmos, writes Revelation. John sees vision of Jesus. No more crying, no more pain. I am making all things new. I am coming soon. May the grace of God be with all God's people. Amen.

Camera closes in on Jesus' eye, shoots off into space, the earth in close up, moves out.