

Unique Information or Features in Matthew

1. The arresting crowd was “great” (26:47).
2. Jesus said he could call down twelve legions of angels (26:53).
3. The crowd took Jesus directly to Caiaphas (mentioned by name; 26:57).
4. The council sought *false* testimony (26:59).
5. Jesus had said, “I *am able* to destroy the Temple of God” (26:61).
6. The High Priest tried to get Jesus to swear under oath that he was the son of God, but Jesus wouldn’t answer with an oath (26:63).
7. The High Priest said, “he has uttered blasphemy” (26:65).
8. The death of Judas is recorded (27:3–10; Luke places this in Acts).
9. Pilate’s wife requested Jesus’ release because of a dream (27:19).
10. Jesus was undressed before the robe was put on him (27:28).
11. Pilate acted because a riot was beginning (27:24).
12. Pilate washed his hands and said, “I am innocent of this man’s blood” (27:24).
13. All the people said, “His blood be on us, and on our children” (27:25).
14. Jesus “gave up the spirit” [KJV, yielded up the ghost] (27:50).
15. The earth shook, rocks split, tombs opened, and dead were raised and appeared to many (27:51–53).
16. The centurion and others were filled with great fear (27:54).
17. The Chief Priests and Pharisees asked Pilate to place a guard at the tomb, but he told them to use their own guards; they sealed and guarded the tomb (27:62–66).

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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