

CORINTH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

HOLY WEEK

INTRODUCTION:

- A. Holy Week (also known as Passion Week) begins on Palm Sunday and ends with Easter Sunday (also known as Resurrection Sunday). Holy Week was the last week of Jesus Christ's earthly life. Holy week is indicative of the fact that Jesus willingly went to the cross in order to pay for the sins of His people. During Holy Week and always, reflect on the Passion of Christ – He suffered and died to release His people from the slavery “of sin and death” (Rom 8:2).
- “But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed” (Isa 53:5).
 - “And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again” (2 Cor 5:15).
 - “This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief” (1 Tim 1:15).
- B. **“The week that changed the world continues to change our lives”** (Anonymous).
- C. **“Have a Beautiful Day and a Blessed Holy Week”** (Anonymous).
- D. **“Our old history begins and ends with the Cross. Our new history begins with the Resurrection”** (Watchman Nee).

This lesson will consist of significant events that occurred each day during Holy Week. It will also include daily Scripture Reading for the events and other pertinent information.

- As always, start each day of the Bible Study with a prayer for understanding and clarity. Take a few minutes to reflect on what you learned about the character and yourself.

I. Palm Sunday

Scripture Reading: Zech 9:9; Matt 21:1-11

- On Palm Sunday, Jesus entered Jerusalem with His Disciples riding a borrowed donkey and colt. The multitude gave Jesus a welcome fit for a King. They spread their garments and palm branches on the road as they shouted, “Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the Highest.”
- Jesus predicted His death (John 12:20-36).

II. Holy Monday

Scripture Reading: Isa 56:1-8

- Jesus cleansed the Temple (Matt 21:12-16; Luke 19:45-48)
Jesus revealed how the Temple of God is to be used. A House of Prayer, a place of Ministry, a place where Jesus is to be praised and it is not to be a place where people are exploited.

- **Jesus cursed a Fig Tree** (Mark 11:12-14)
Jesus was teaching His Disciples and us to **Be Fruitful**. Be on guard against a profession of faith without bearing fruit. Those professing Christ are to be fruitful – sharing the Gospel, serving God wholeheartedly and prayer warriors.
- “Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men” (Isa 29:13).
- “This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me” (Matt 15:8).

III. **Holy Tuesday**

Scripture Reading: Mark 11:20-26

- Jesus’ teaching lesson from the fig tree – The conditions of prayer: Faith in God, expectancy, and forgiveness.
- Jesus’ prediction of the end times events – His Second Coming and the Final Judgment (Matt 24-25).

IV. **Holy Wednesday**

Scripture Reading: John 12:27-33

- The Sanhedrin plotted to kill Jesus (Matt 26:3-5).
- Jesus was anointed with spikenard during a meal (Matt 26:6-13).
- Judas Iscariot negotiated with the Sanhedrin to betray Christ (Matt 26:14-16).

V. **Holy Thursday**

Scripture Reading: Isa 50:4-10

- Holy Thursday is also referred to as Maundy Tuesday – Jesus gave His Disciples, at the Last Supper, the command that they should love and serve one another.
- Jesus celebrated the Last Supper with His Disciples – instituting the Lord’s Supper, also called Communion (Luke 22:19-20).
- Jesus washed His Disciples’ feet as an act of humility and service – setting the example that Christians love and serve one another in humility (John 13:3-17).
- Jesus delivered the Upper Room Discourse, also known as the Farewell Discourse (John 13:1-17, 26).
- Jesus knew He was going to be betrayed. He confronted Judas at the Last Supper about betraying Him, telling Judas, “That thou doest, do quickly” (John 13:10-11, 21-30).
- Jesus predicted that Peter would deny Him three times (Luke 22:31-34; John 13:33-38).

VI. Holy Friday

Scripture Reading: John 19:1-30

- Also known as Good Friday
- Jesus is betrayed by Judas and arrested by the authorities (John 18:2-12).
- As predicted, Peter denied Christ and the rooster crowed (John 18:15-18, 25-27).
- Judas changed His mind, returned the money, and hanged himself (Matt 27:3-10).
- Jesus endured six trials:
 - Three **Jewish** religious trials where He was found **Guilty** (John 18:12-14; Matt 26:57-68; Matt 27:1-2).
 - Three **Roman** trials where Jesus was found **Not Guilty** (John 18:28-38; Luke 23:6-12; John 18:39-19:6) – but He was still turned over to the Jews to be crucified (Matt 27:26).
- Jesus is mocked and marched to Golgotha, also called Calvary (Matt 27:27-34).
- Jesus is crucified between two thieves (Matt 27:35-44; Luke 23:33-43).
- Joseph of Arimathea buried Jesus in a new tomb (Matt 27:57-61; Luke 23:50-56).

VII. Holy Saturday

Scripture Reading: (Isa 52:13-15; 53:1-12)

- “The Chief Priests and Pharisees” placed guards at Jesus’ tomb with Pilates’s permission (Matt 27:62-66).

VIII. Easter Sunday (Resurrection Sunday)

Scripture Reading: John 20:1-8, 19-21

- Easter Sunday is the celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Christians should celebrate the Resurrection of Christ each and every day.
- “Mary Magdalene and the other Mary” discovered the empty tomb and are instructed by the Angels (Matt 28:1-7; John 20:1).
- The women, fearful and joyful, left the tomb to tell the Disciples that Christ “is risen from the dead: (Matt 28:7-10; John 20:2).
- Peter and John ran to the tomb based upon Mary Magdalene’s report and discovered it was empty (Luke 24:12; John 20:3-10).
- Mary returned to the tomb and saw Jesus (John 20:11-18).
- Jesus appeared to Cleopas and a friend on the Road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35).
- Jesus appeared to the Ten in a house in Jerusalem (John 20:19-24).

CONCLUSION:

A. **“For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures”** (1 Cor 15:3-4).

B. Christ is Risen

**Let no one caught in sin remain* Inside the lie of inward shame
We fix our eyes upon the cross And run to him who showed great love
And bled for us Freely you bled, for us**

**Christ is risen from the dead Trampling over death by death
Come awake, come awake! Come and rise up from the grave!
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C. The ABC's of Salvation

- **A**dmit That You Are A Sinner. *“All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”* (Rom 3:23)
- **B**elieve On Christ. *“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved”* (Acts 16:31).
- **C**onfess Your Faith. *“If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made to salvation”* (Rom 10:9-10).

MEMORY VERSE:

“I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death” (Rev 1:18).

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“... the word of our God shall stand for ever” (Isa 40:8).



HAPPY EASTER!

CHRIST IS ALIVE!