

HOLY WEEK
Matthew 21:1-11

INTRODUCTION:

Holy Week (also known as Passion Week) begins today, Palm Sunday and ends with Easter 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.

- "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).

This message will consist of significant events that occurred each day during Holy Week. The last week of Christ's earthly life.

- I. Palm Sunday** (Zech 9:9; Matt 21:4-9)
 - On Palm Sunday, Jesus entered Jerusalem with His Disciples riding a borrowed donkey and colt.
 - **Jesus predicted His death and why He must die** (John 12:20-36).

- II. Holy Monday** (Isa 56:1-8)
 - **Jesus cleansed the Temple** (Matt 21:12-16; Luke 19:45-48)
 - **Jesus cursed a Fig Tree** (Mark 11:12-14; Isa 29:13; Matt 15:8).

- III. Holy Tuesday** (Mark 11:20-26)
 - Jesus' teaching lesson from the fig tree
 - Jesus' prediction of the end times events (Matt 24-25).

- IV. Holy Wednesday** (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** (Isa 50:4-10)
 - Holy Thursday is also referred to as Maundy Thursday
 - Jesus celebrated the Last Supper with His Disciples (Luke 22:19-20).
 - Jesus washed His Disciples' feet as an act of humility and service (John 13:3-17).
 - Jesus delivered the Upper Room Discourse (John 13:1-17, 26).
 - Jesus knew He was going to be betrayed (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** (John 19:1-30)
 - Also known as Good Friday – A Christian Holiday commemorating the crucifixion of Jesus Christ and His death on the Cross.
 - 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 (Isa 52:13-15; 53:1-12)

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

VIII. Easter Sunday (Resurrection Sunday) (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. The Question of the People in Jerusalem (v. 10)

C. Personal Question for Everyone (Matt 16:16)

D. Romans Road (Rom 3:10, 23; 5:8; 10:9, 13)

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

HAPPY PALM SUNDAY!



“... Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” (Mark 11:9)