

Walking with Jesus through the Holy (Passion) Week¹

*A Harmony of the Events of Jesus' Final Week*²
(cf. Matt. 21–28; Mark 11–16; Luke 19–24; John 12–21)

- Arrival in Bethany (John 12:1)

Saturday

- Evening celebration, Mary anoints Jesus (John 12:2–8; cf. Matt. 26:6–13: Matthew thematically organizes this account of Jesus' anointing at Bethany, while John places it chronologically on Saturday night before Jesus' triumphal entry.³)

Sunday

- Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem (Matt. 21:1–11; Mark 11:1–10; John 12:12–18)
- Jesus surveys the temple area (Mark 11:11)
- Return to Bethany (Matt. 21:17; Mark 11:11)

Monday

- Cursing the fig tree on the way to Jerusalem (Matt. 21:18–22; cf. Mark 11:12–14)
- Clearing the temple (Matt. 21:12–13; Mark 11:15–17)
- Miracles and challenges in the temple (Matt. 21:14–16; Mark 1:18)
- Return to Bethany (Mark 11:19)

Tuesday

- Reaction to cursing the fig tree on the way back to Jerusalem (Matt. 21:20–22; Mark 11:20–21)
- Debates with religious leaders in Jerusalem and teaching in the temple (Matt. 21:23–23:39; Mark 11:27–12:44)
- Eschatological Discourse on the Mount of Olives on the return to Bethany (Matt. 24:1–25:46; Mark 13:1–37)

Wednesday

- “Silent Wednesday” — Jesus and disciples remain in Bethany for last time of fellowship
- Judas returns alone to Jerusalem to make arrangements for the betrayal (Matt. 26:14–16; Mark 14:10–11)

Thursday

- Preparations for Passover (Matt. 26:17–19; Mark 14:12–16)

After sundown:

- Passover meal and Last Supper (Matt. 26:20–35; Mark 14:17–26)
- Upper Room discourses (John 13–17)
- Prayers in the Garden of Gethsemane (Matt. 26:36–46; Mark 14:32–42)

¹ Michael J. Wilkins, Matthew, *The NIV Application Commentary* (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House, 2004), 709–710.

² Compiled with reference to A. T. Robertson, *A Harmony of the Gospels for Students of the Life of Christ: Based on the Broadus Harmony in the Revised Version* (New York: Harper & Row, 1922), and Robert L. Thomas and Stanley N. Gundry, eds., *The NIV Harmony of the Gospels* (Harper & Row, 1978).

³ Crossway Bibles, *The ESV Study Bible* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2008), 1880.

Friday

Sometime perhaps after midnight:

- Betrayal and arrest (Matt. 26:47–56; Mark 14:43–52)
- Jewish trial—Jesus appears in three phases in front of:
 - Annas (John 18:13–24)
 - Caiaphas and partial Sanhedrin (Matt. 26:57–75; Mark 14:53–65)
 - Sanhedrin fully assembled (*perhaps after sunrise*) (Matt. 27:1–2; Mark 15:1)
- Roman trial—Jesus appears in three phases before:
 - Pilate (Matt. 27:2–14; Mark 15:2–5)
 - Herod Antipas (Luke 23:6–12)
 - Pilate (Matt. 27:15–26; Mark 15:6–15)
- Crucifixion (*approx. 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.*) (Matt. 27:27–66; Mark 15:16–39)
- Τετέλεσται - It is finished! (John 19:28-30)

Sunday

- Resurrection witnesses (Matt. 28:1–8; Mark 16:1–8; Luke 24:1–12)
- Resurrection appearances (Matt. 28:9–20; Luke 24:13–53; John 20–21)

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What follows are the basic events that correspond to our calendar and hours of the day so that we can walk with Jesus through the Holy (Passion) Week.

The idea is to spend time alone with God and His Word each day of the Holy (Passion) Week so that we can “commemorate, celebrate, commiserate, and contemplate these events with Jesus and to enter into a profound understanding of what Jesus accomplished for us” (Michael J. Wilkins).