

Chronology of the Events of the Passion Week

This weekend begins the passion week of Christ. The significance of these nine days is demonstrated by the Gospel writers: though Christ spent three years ministering, the four authors commit at least one-fourth (Matthew and Luke) to almost one-half (John) of their books to this single week. As you prepare for communion on Thursday and the remembrance of the resurrection next Sunday, you may find it helpful to meditate on the events of that week that led to the demonstration of Christ's glorious victory at the cross.

- **Saturday Jn. 11:55-12:1**
Supper at Bethany.
- **Sunday Mt. 21:1-17; Lk. 19:29-44**
Disciples bring colt Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem Jesus in the city and temple Retirement to Bethany.
- **Monday Mk. 11:12-18**
The fig tree cursed Second cleansing of the temple.
- **Tuesday Mt. 21:23-22:14, 41-46; Jn. 12:2-8**
The last day in the temple Christ's authority challenged Parable of the two sons Parable of the wicked husbandman Parable of the rejected stone Parable of the marriage feast The question of tribute to Caesar The question of the resurrection The greatest commandment David's son and Lord Denunciation of the scribes and Pharisees Lament over Jerusalem The poor widow's gift Greeks desire to see Jesus The Olivet Discourse Parables: The fig tree, the porter, the master of the house, the faithful and evil servants, the ten virgins, the talents, the sheep and the goats Judas bargains to betray Jesus
- **Wednesday Mt. 26:14-16; Mk. 14:10-11; Lk. 22:1-6**
Day of quiet at Bethany.
- **Thursday Mt. 26:17-46; Mk. 14:12-42; Lk. 22:7-46**
Preparation for the Passover The Pascal meal and the Lord's supper Jesus washed the disciples' feet Judas signaled as the traitor Apostles warned against desertion The great upper room discourse (Jn. 13-17) The agony in Gethsemane The betrayal and arrest Peter and the healing of Malchus' ear.
- **Friday Mt. 26:47-27:56; Mk. 14:43-15:46; Jn. 18:2-19:30**
First Jewish trial - before Annas Second Jewish trial - before Caiaphas Third Jewish trial—before Sanhedrin Jesus declared His messiahship Jesus mocked; Peter's denial and remorse First Roman trial - before Pilate Second Roman trial - before Herod Third Roman trial - before Pilate again Pilate handed over Jesus to the Jews Pilate again attempted to rescue Jesus Judas' suicide The road to the cross On the cross: First three hours: 9:00 to 12:00 a.m. Three sayings: "Father forgive them..." "Today you will be with me in paradise" "Dear woman, here is your son" Second three hours: 12:00-3:00 p.m. Four sayings: "My God, my God..." "I am thirsty..." "It is finished"

“Into your hands I commend my spirit” Supernatural phenomena accompanying Jesus’ death:
Darkness, earthquake, rending of the temple veil Burial of the body in Joseph’s tomb.

- **Saturday Mt. 27:57-66; Lk. 23:47-56; Jn. 19:31-42**
Body in the tomb.
- **Sunday Mt. 28:1-10; Mk. 16:1-8; Lk. 24:1-35; Jn. 20:1-31**
The Resurrection.