

EVENTS FROM PALM SUNDAY TO THE BURIAL

The last week of Jesus' earthly ministry began so drastically _____ than the way it ended. The ones who welcomed Him as their King were the same ones who were calling for His blood by screaming, "*Crucify Him*" at the end of the week.

Day One of the Last Week - Palm Sunday and the Triumphal Entry of Christ into Jerusalem

The week begins with Jesus telling His disciples to, "*Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' say, 'The Lord needs it.'*" Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They replied, "The Lord needs it." They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road. When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!" "I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out" (Luke 19:30-40).

Day Two-Monday

Jesus' popularity had reached its peak _____. He cleansed the temple. This may have been the second time He had done so but it shows that Jesus was not always, as many portray, meek and mild. He had righteous **indignation** at times as you see in Matthew 21:12-13, "*Jesus entered the temple courts and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves. 'It is written,' he said to them, 'My house will be called a house of prayer,' but you are making it 'a den of robbers.'*" You can tell that Jesus was not concerned with being popular - He was concerned with _____. The chief priests and teachers of the Law heard about this "cleansing" and began plotting for a way to have Him killed (Mark 11:18), when these self-righteous men heard the **children** shouting, "*Hosanna to the Son of David*" they were filled with rage and told Jesus, "*Do you hear what these children are saying?*" and He responded by saying, "*Yes...have you never read, 'From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise'*" (Matthew 21:14-16).

When the Greeks requested to see Jesus, it seems Jesus ignored their request and replied, "*The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me*" (John 12:23-26). In what seems a validation for Jesus' purpose for coming into the world, a **voice** came from heaven saying, "*I have glorified it, [His name that is] and will glorify it again*" (John 12:28b).

Day Three-Tuesday

Tuesday morning of the Passover week, Jesus is confronted by the religious leaders once again. In an _____ of those who reject Him, the fig tree that was bearing no figs was cursed by Jesus and by the very next day it had withered (Matthew 21:20-22). The chief priests, the elders, and the teachers of the Law _____ His authority, but Jesus asked them a question that they could not answer about whether John's Baptism was either from heaven or from men. They had no idea how to answer this and so Jesus declined to give them by what authority He was doing His ministry. Jesus then gave them a parable about two sons in Matthew 21:28-32 and they _____ that it was about them and their rejection of Him as the vineyard owners son. He quoted Psalm 118:22-23 when He told them, "*Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes' Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. Anyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed*" (Matthew 21:42-44). There is no doubt that they had read the Scriptures, but their hearts were hardened by their _____ and concern that the people would choose to follow Jesus over them. The parable of the Wedding Banquet clearly angered them because they understood that Jesus was saying that they would _____ be welcomed when the Kingdom of God came, and they would be left out (Matthew 22:1-14).

Day Four-Wednesday

Jesus came to Bethany and _____ at the home of Simon the Leper, "*A woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, which she poured on his head as he was reclining at the table. When the disciples saw this, they were indignant. 'Why this waste?' they asked. 'This perfume could have been sold at a high price and the money given to the poor.'*" Aware of this, Jesus said to them, "*Why are you bothering this woman? She has done a beautiful thing*

to me. *The poor you will always have with you, but you will not always have me. When she poured this perfume on my body, she did it to prepare me for burial. Truly I tell you, wherever this gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her*" (Matthew 26:7-13). The symbolism here is that Jesus was being anointed for his _____ death. The custom when the dead were buried was that they were anointed but this was done prior to Christ's death as well as afterwards.

This day has been called by church historians as "_____ Wednesday" because of Judas' conspiring to betray Jesus for 30 pieces of silver. It is recorded:

"Then one of the Twelve—the one called Judas Iscariot went to the chief priests 15 and asked, "What are you willing to give me if I deliver him over to you?" So they counted out for him thirty pieces of silver. From then on Judas watched for an opportunity to hand him over." (Matthew 26:14-16)

"Jesus said, 'As you know, the Passover is two days away—and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified.' Then the chief priests and the elders of the people assembled in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas, and they schemed to arrest Jesus secretly and kill him. "But not during the festival," they said, "or there may be a riot among the people." (Matthew 26:2-5).

Day Five-Thursday

Jesus had _____ preparations for the Passover ahead of time and then at the Passover reminded the disciples about the importance of this particular Passover. *"It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end."* (John 13:1) and so *"When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. And he said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God."* (Luke 22:14-16). Judas had already slipped out for the betrayal of Jesus (John 13:2) and so Jesus then *"Got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him"* (John 13:4-5). When Peter, at first, _____ this from Jesus, he was rebuked by the Lord. Jesus told them, *"Now that I, your Lord, and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him."* (John 13:14-16). It was one of the _____ examples of servitude ever done. Jesus Himself washed the disciples' feet to remind them of their own role in the church of being a servant.

Day Six-Friday

At about midnight, Jesus was arrested and _____ tried when *"A large crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests and the elders of the people."* (Matthew 26:47). The trial was illegal because of the many false and conflicting witnesses who gave _____ testimony and lies as evidence. By Jewish law, **no** trials could be held at night and not even all of the council was present. He was falsely charged with blasphemy and at this darkest of hours, Peter denied Him and even cursed to _____ all doubt that he was one of Jesus' disciples (Matthew 26:57-75). This must have been a bitter pill to swallow by Jesus. He was _____ by all of His own disciples, betrayed by one of them, falsely accused by His nation, lied about in the testimony, tried illegally at night, and _____ by the same people who earlier in the week proclaimed, *"Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"* as recorded in Luke 19. These same people now screamed, *"Crucify Him."* Jesus is sentenced to death and dies at around ____ PM this day. He hung on the cross for hours in unimaginable _____ and died for the sins of all mankind. While He hung on the cross in one of the most incredible acts of _____ ever recorded, He says, *"Father, forgive them for they know not what they are doing"* (Luke 23:34). He had been beaten, tortured, flogged, whipped, torn, and came close to death in His scourging by the Romans. Then, while He hung on the cross in utter agony, He was mocked, ridiculed, and scorned by _____ about everyone. This happened _____ the fact that the law said a person could either be beaten or crucified but not both. Jesus was _____ tried, convicted, punished, sentenced to death, nailed to a cross, _____ gave his life for the lost, and was buried in a borrowed tomb.