

Holy Week with *Jesus*

Palm Sunday begins Holy Week and what better way to prepare our hearts for Easter than reading and reflecting on God's Word. The timeline of Sunday to Sunday is of utmost importance to each person on earth. In fact, if Jesus did not go to the cross for us, there would be no hope of anything after this life.

Let's follow a simple Bible reading plan this week through the book of Luke and the old testament. Start each day with a prayer, asking God for understanding and clarity. Invite the Lord to reveal Himself through His Word.

As we remember Holy Week, let's walk with Jesus and grasp more fully what He did for us!

Palm Sunday

On Palm Sunday, Jesus entered Jerusalem with His disciples, humbly riding on a borrowed donkey. Though He was welcomed with great celebration, this triumphant entry marked the beginning of the final days of His earthly life.

- Read Zechariah 9:9
- Read Luke 19:28-40

Monday

On Holy Monday, Jesus showed His authority by clearing out everyone who was buying and selling in the temple. He was serious about keeping God's house holy. But the religious leaders weren't impressed—they were upset and didn't like the way Jesus challenged what was going on.

- Read Isaiah 56:1-8
- Read Luke 19:41-48

Tuesday

On Holy Tuesday, temple leaders challenged Jesus by putting him to the test. They raised a number of theological debates with Him and questioned both his teaching and his God-given authority.

- Read Psalm 118:19-29
- Read Luke 20

Wednesday

On Holy Wednesday, the religious leaders were still looking for a secret way to arrest Jesus. While He was in Bethany, a woman honored Him by pouring expensive oil on His head. Then Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve disciples, went to the leading priests to arrange to betray Jesus to them.

- Read Mark 14:1-11
- Read Luke 21

Thursday

On Holy Thursday, Jesus shared the Passover meal with His disciples, then went to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray. There, Judas betrayed Him with a kiss. Jesus was arrested, and while He was being mistreated, Peter denied even knowing Him.

- Read Isaiah 50:4-11
- Read Luke 22:1-65

Friday

On Good Friday, the Jewish leaders, with Pilate's help, put Jesus through a mock trial that ended with a death sentence for the one called the King of the Jews. He was crucified and buried quickly before the Sabbath began that evening.

- Read Psalm 22:1-18
- Read Luke 22:66-71
- Read Luke 23:1-55

Saturday

On Holy Saturday, not much happened—at least that we know of. Since it was the Jewish Sabbath, everything paused. Jesus' followers had to wait until the next day to properly prepare His body for burial.

- Read Isaiah 52:13-15
- Read Luke 23:56

Easter Sunday

On Easter Sunday, the women went to Jesus' tomb to anoint him for burial, but when they arrived, He was gone. The tomb was empty, and an angel greeted them with the news that Jesus was alive! The women rushed to tell the others, and Jesus later appeared to His grieving disciples, alive and in their midst.

- Read Isaiah 52:7-10
- Read Luke 24