

Key Events in Holy Week & Easter

You may like to make time on each day to read at least one of the passages shown (and all of them on Good Friday, especially). Remember that the Gospels are not intended to be historically accurate so there are similarities and differences between the accounts.

Palm Sunday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem Spends the night in Bethany 	Matthew 21:1-11 Mark 11:1-11 Luke 19:29-40 John 12:12-19
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jesus leaves Bethany Curses the fig tree on the way into the city Weeps over Jerusalem Cleanses the temple for the second time in His ministry Late in day, looks into the Temple, then leaves the city Spends the night in Bethany 	Matthew 21:12-17 Mark 11:12-19 Luke 19:41-47
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leaves Bethany Finds the fig tree withered; Teaches on faith (Recorded in Matthew chapters 21-25, Mark 12-13, Luke 20-21) The plot to betray Jesus Spends the night in Bethany & is anointed by Mary (*John's account (12:1-8) of the anointing takes place the day before Palm Sunday) 	Matthew 21:18-22 Mark 11:20-25 Matthew 26:1-16* Mark 14:1-2, 10-11* Luke 22:1-6
Wednesday (Traditionally a Silent Day)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No record in the Gospels, but Jesus prepares for Last Supper and Judas and Sanhedrin prepare for Jesus' arrest Remains in Bethany throughout the day and stays night there 	
Maundy Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peter and John sent to make preparation for Passover meal After sunset, the Last Supper; washing disciples feet; Judas departs Lord's Supper instituted To Garden of Gethsemane; Jesus' agony Betrayal by Judas; arrest by Sanhedrin To house of High Priest as Sanhedrin is convened; 	Matthew 26:17-56 Mark 14:12-51 Luke 22:7-65
Good Friday	The Trials & Crucifixion of Jesus Christ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> First trial, before Annas [night time hours]; Annas is looking for an accusation, biding time till Sanhedrin is gathered at High Priest's villa Second trial before Sanhedrin, Jesus is condemned Third trial, at dawn [meanwhile, Peter denies Jesus a third time; Jesus looks upon him]; the condemnation repeated, then Jesus taken to the Romans Fourth trial before Pontius Pilate Fifth trial before Herod 	Between them, all four Gospels cover the events of Good Friday: Matthew 26:1-27:61 Mark 14:53-15:47 Luke 22:54-23:56 John 18:13-19:42

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sixth trial before Pilate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jesus is finally turned over to be crucified ○ Jesus mocked by Roman soldiers; crown of thorns ○ Judas takes his own life ○ Jesus carries His cross to gate on north of city and is crucified around 9 am <p>Jesus' Seven Sayings from the Cross</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Father, forgive them..." • "Today...with me in paradise" • "Woman, behold thy son..." [there is darkness from noon – 3 pm] • "My God, My God..." • "I thirst" • "It is finished" • "Into Thy hands..." <p>The Death of Christ About 3 pm: Jesus dies. The temple curtain is torn; rocks split open; some graves opened</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus' side is pierced • Jesus' body is received by Joseph of Arimathea who together with Nicodemus lays it in the tomb before sunset 	
Holy Saturday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the request of the Jewish leadership, Pilate grants a guard and sets a seal on the tomb of Jesus 	Matthew 27:62-66
Easter Day	<p>The Resurrection</p> <p>Jesus rises from the dead before dawn and makes five appearances on the day of His rising:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To Mary Magdalene 2. To the other women who come to the tomb [intending to complete the burial preparation of His body] 3. To two followers on the Road to Emmaus 4. To Simon Peter [alluded to in Luke 24:33 and 1 Corinthians 1:5] 5. To the disciples [apart from Thomas, who is absent] 	<p>Matthew 28:1-15</p> <p>Mark 16:1-13</p> <p>Luke 24:1-35</p> <p>John 20:1-23</p>