Palm Sunday

MARCH 28, 2021 – 10:00 AM

PRESERVICE MUSIC.....*"Hosanna Praise Is Rising"*

WELCOME.....*Jim Loeffler*

INVOCATION

PRELUDE.....*"Hosanna"*

PRAISE SONGS.....*"Hosanna Praise Is Rising"*
"Hear Our Praises"

PRESENTATION OF CHILDREN'S BIBLES/TEACHER RECOGNITION

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE .....*Adrianne Morton*

OFFERING A PRAYER OF OUR GIFTS & THANKS TO GOD

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN #278.....*"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"*

SERMON.....*Pastor Keith*

"Game Time Is Coming!"

John 12:12-19

RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE.....*"Hallelujah"*

BENEDICTION/BLESSING

EXIT SONG .....*"Made to Worship"*

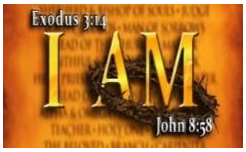
Palm Sunday – March 28
We will celebrate by the blessing & distribution of palm branches.

Good Friday – April 2
Join us for our Good Friday Service at noon on April 2.
Communion will be served.

Please CALL 899-5962 or
E-MAIL: SHUMC@aol.com
to let us know which service you plan to attend

Easter Services – April 4
8:00 a.m. Sunrise Service
10:00 a.m. Easter Celebration

There will be no Children's Sunday School.



Thursday, April 1 at 9:00 a.m. will be the last LENTEN DEVOTIONAL in the "I Am" series with Pastor Keith called – "I AM the Resurrection & the Life – knowing God's possibilities.

Set your calendars for Saturday April 17 at the Erie Bayfront Convention Center! SPARK one-day youth event! SHUMY youth and friends (grades 6-12) are welcome to attend. Cost is $90 per person. Pre-registration is necessary. Let Sue Fuller know if you are interested. We are having a Pretzel Sandwich Fundraiser to defer costs of the event.

Please hit the "Like" button so that we know that you are viewing! It lets us know that you appreciate the Sunday Worship Service and Devotions. It also helps us with our attendance to know who is watching.

Support Our Active Military

For our active service men and women, we thought it would be a great idea and a great honor to write them letters and messages of appreciation, support, or just send some news from their hometown (send them a newspaper or newsletter to keep them connected here at home).
BUT -- We need your help with **NAMES**. If you have a son, daughter, relative, friend, neighbor who you may think could use a warm word, news from their hometown, or a note of gratitude, contact Gordy Locke or give Barb a call at the church office or e-mail us at: SHUMHH@aol.com

With the increasing guidelines from the State of Pennsylvania we must continue to be perseverant and aware of our compliance with these rules. For the safety and well-being of **ALL** of those choosing to worship with us 'in-person' we ask that everyone who attends 'in-person' worship be aware and follow these rules:

1) Masks and distancing apply to **ALL** (that includes the parking lot).
2) Post-service lingerings and gatherings in the narthex must be avoided.
3) Family units with children and that reside under one roof may sit together. Otherwise, sitting groups must be limited to no more than 4 people.

Live-streaming of the services can be seen on . . .

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SERMON OUTLINE for Sunday, March 28, 2021: "GAME TIME IS COMING!"

CONTEXT AND SETTING
POLITICAL DYNAMICS AND SETTING
THEOLOGICAL DYNAMICS AND SETTING
"SO MUCH MORE THAN THIS"

* Satan and the forces of evil (including the forces of 'Conventional Wisdom' & the 'establishment') were certain that they were in the "DRIVER's SEAT" and they were praying for a VICTORY celebration like no other!

* The 'world' however did not see or recognize the cosmic forces at work --- they just wanted relief from their current plight, their current circumstance, and their very real oppression, unlike anything that most of us have experienced.

* Jesus saw Palm Sunday as his laying the gauntlet down and hitting the timer that the end is coming that 'rightness' was preparing to TRIUMPH!

AND I SHARE WITH YOU --- "THERE IS SO MUCH MORE THAN THIS" !!!!!!

POINT: JESUS WAS "FROSTY" --- CALM, COOL, & COLLECTED ….
JESUS WAS "IN CONTROL" … OF HIS EMOTIONS & OF THE SITUATION
JESUS WAS CLEAR ON THE MISSION

WHILE THE WORLD EXPECTED ONE THING …

WHILE THE WORLD SAW ANOTHER THING …

ONLY JESUS SAW IT ALL ---- AND "HE HAD THIS" … ☺

GAME TIME IS COMING!!!!!

AND THE WINNER WILL BE CLEAR …

THE FINAL PIECES HAVE BEEN PUT INTO MOTION …

AND GAME TIME IS COMING !!!!! ☺

GOSPEL READINGS FOR HOLY WEEK

The gospel writers devote between 25% and 45% of their gospels to the events and teachings of Jesus that transpire between the time that we know as "PALM SUNDAY" and "EASTER". This portion of Scripture adds up to only 30 chapters --- spread over 6 days of reading, this would equate to reading 5 chapters/day.

MATTHEW: Chapters 21-28
MARK: Chapters 11-16
LUKE: Chapters 19-24
JOHN: Chapters 12-21

The general topics addressed by chapter:

<u>Matthew -- Chapters 21-28</u>:

21 ---- Jesus Enters Jerusalem
Jesus at the Temple
Jesus Curses the Fig Tree
The Authority of Jesus is Questioned
The Parable of the Two Sons
The Parable of the Tenants

22 ---- The Parable of the Wedding Banquet
Paying Taxes to Caesar
Marriage at the Resurrection (in heaven)
The GREATEST COMMANDMENT

23 ---- Warning About Hypocrisy
Seven Woes to the Teachers & Pharisees

24 ---- The Destruction of the Temple & End Times
The Day & Hour Unknown

25 ---- The Parable of the 10 Virgins
The Parable of the Bags of Gold
The Sheep & the Goats

26 ---- The Plot Against Jesus
Jesus Anointed at Bethany
Judas agrees to Betray Jesus
Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial
Gethsemane
Jesus Arrested & Tried
Peter Disowns Jesus

27 ---- Judas Hangs Himself
Jesus Before Pilate
Soldiers Mock Jesus
The Death & Burial of Jesus
The Guard at the Tomb

28 ---- JESUS HAS RISEN
The Guard's Report
The GREAT COMMISSION

<u>MARK -- Chapters 11-16</u>:

11 ---- Jesus Enters Jerusalem
Jesus Curses the Fig Tree
The Authority of Jesus Questioned

12 ---- The Parable of the Tenants
Paying Taxes to Caesar
Marriage at the Resurrection
The GREATEST COMMANDMENT
Whose Son is the Messiah
Warning Against the Teachers of the Law
The Widow's Offering

13 ---- The Destruction of the Temple & The End Times
The Day & Hour Unknown

14 ---- Jesus is Anointed at Bethany
The Last Supper
Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial
Gethsemane & Jesus is Arrested
Jesus Tried by the Sanhedrin

15 ---- Jesus Before Pilate
The Soldiers Mock Jesus
The Crucifixion
The Death of Jesus
The Burial of Jesus

16 ---- Jesus has RISEN!

LUKE -- Chapters 19-24:

19 ---- Zacchaeus the Tax Collector
The Parable of the 10 Minas
Jesus Enters Jerusalem
Jesus At the Temple

20 ---- The Authority of Jesus Questioned
Paying Taxes to Caesar
Resurrection & Marriage
Whose Son is the Messiah
Warning Against the Teachers of the Law

21 ---- The Widow's Offering
The Destruction of the Temple
The Signs of the End Times

22 ---- Judas Agrees to Betray Jesus
The Last Supper
Jesus Prays on the Mount of Olives
Jesus is Arrested
Peter Disowns Jesus
The Guards Mock Jesus
Jesus Before Pilate & Herod

23(b) - The Crucifixion of Jesus
The Death & Burial of Jesus

24 ---- JESUS HAS RISEN
On the Road to Emmaus
Jesus Appears to the Disciples
The Ascension of Jesus

JOHN -- Chapters 12-21:

12 ---- Jesus Anointed at Bethany
Jesus Enters Jerusalem
Jesus Predicts His Death

13 ---- Jesus Washes His Disciples' Feet
Jesus Predicts His Betrayal
Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial

14 ---- Jesus Comforts His Disciples
Jesus – The Way to the Father
Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit

15 ---- The Vine & the Branches
The World Hates the Disciples

16 ---- The Work of the Holy Spirit
The Disciple's Grief Will Turn to Joy

17 ---- Jesus Prays
To be Glorified
For His Disciples
For All Believers

18 ---- Jesus Arrested
Peter's Denial
Jesus Before Pilate

19 ---- Jesus Sentenced, Crucified & Buried

20 ---- The Empty Tomb
Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene
Jesus Appears to His Disciples
Jesus Appears to Thomas
The PURPOSE of JOHN's Gospel

21 ---- Jesus & the Miraculous Catch of Fish
Jesus Re-instates Peter

Walking with Jesus through the Holy (Passion) Week

A Harmony of the Events of Jesus' Final Weeks
(cf Matt 21—28; Mark 11–1 6 ; Luke 19—24; John 12—21)

Modern Calendar Days	Event of the Holy Week
Saturday	• Arrival in Bethany (John 12:1)) • Evening celebration, Mary anoints Jesus (John 12:2-8; cf Matt. 26:6-13)
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)
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; Mk 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 AM to 3 PM)* (Matt 27:27-66;M ark 15:16-39)
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)

<u>The Impact of Holy Week on Me:</u>
Recalling the life and experience of Jesus during Holy Week gives me a sense of a rock solid foundation of my faith. My faith is not wishful thinking it is founded on the facts of history revealed in God's Word.

I can better understand the disciples – their perplexity of seeing their master and teacher led away and crucified. Their fears, courage, and boldness displayed when they experience their resurrected Lord.

I am convicted that as a disciple of Jesus that I need to be "MORE" for Jesus.

I realize how badly that the religious establishment was at failing to genuinely help Israel to experience communion with God.

I am drawn to a more intimate appreciation of the life, work, and victory of Jesus over sin and death on my account. I am challenged to accept and embrace God's love for me.

How have you been challenged and encouraged in your pilgrimage through the people and events of Holy Week?

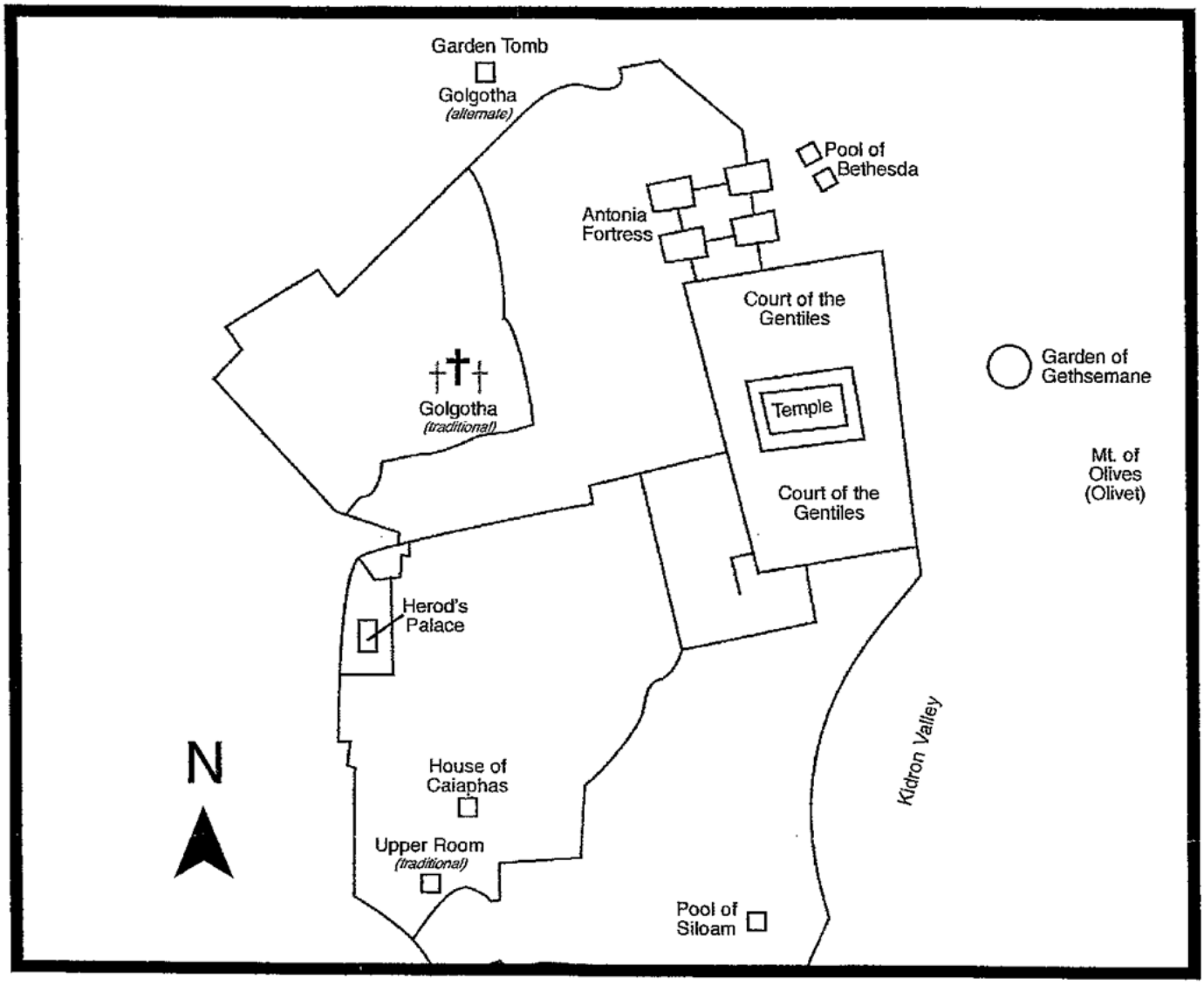
<u>Prayer for Palm Sunday</u> (Matt 21:1-11; Psalm 118:1-2; Psalm 118: 19-29)
Lord God, I give You thanks, for You are good, and Your mercy endless. Here I stand, at the start of Holy Week, this week, in which your church remembers Jesus' passion and death.

I am distracted by many things. Turn my eyes now to the One who comes in Your name. The One who opens the gates of righteousness. The One who answers when we call.

I bless You, Lord, for shining Your light upon me and for sending Your Son to us, in human frailty to walk the road we walk. Open my eyes that I may see Him coming.

And may I praise Him with a pure heart. And may I walk in the way of His suffering. And may I also share in His resurrection. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

Last Days of Jesus in Jerusalem



Trace Jesus' movements through Jerusalem by writing the numbers next to the appropriate locations.

1. Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem (*Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:32-41; John 12:12-15*)
2. Temple where Jesus taught (*Matthew 21:23-24:2; Mark 11:15, 27-44; Luke 19:45-47, 20:1, 21:37-38*)
3. Upper room for Passover supper (*Matthew 26:18; Mark 14:13-16; Luke 22:10-13*)
4. Mount of Olives (*Matthew 26:30; Mark 14:26; Luke 22:39*)
5. Gethsemane where Jesus prays, disciples sleep, Judas comes to betray Him (*Mat. 26:36; Mark 14:32; John 18:1*)
6. Before Annas (*John 18:12-14, 19-23*)
7. Before Caiaphas, the high priest and the Sanhedrin (*Matthew 26:57-68, 27:1; Mark 14:53; Luke 22:54; John 18:24*)
8. Before Pilate, the governor (*Matthew 27:2, 11-14; Mark 15:1; Luke 23:1; John 18:28*)
9. Before Herod (*Luke 23:6-12)*
10. Before Pilate again (*Matthew 27:15-26; Luke 23:13*)
11. Praetorium (The Common Hall) (*Matthew 27:27; Mark 15:16*)
12. Golgotha, The Place of the Skull, where He was crucified (*Matthew 27:33; Mark 15:22; Luke 23:33; John 19:17*)
13. Joseph of Arimathea's tomb where He was buried (*Matthew 27:60; Mark 15:46; Luke 23:53; John 19:38*)
14. At the tomb after He arose (*Mark 16:19; John 20:14*)
15. Mt. of Olives where He ascended into heaven (*Acts 1:9-12*)

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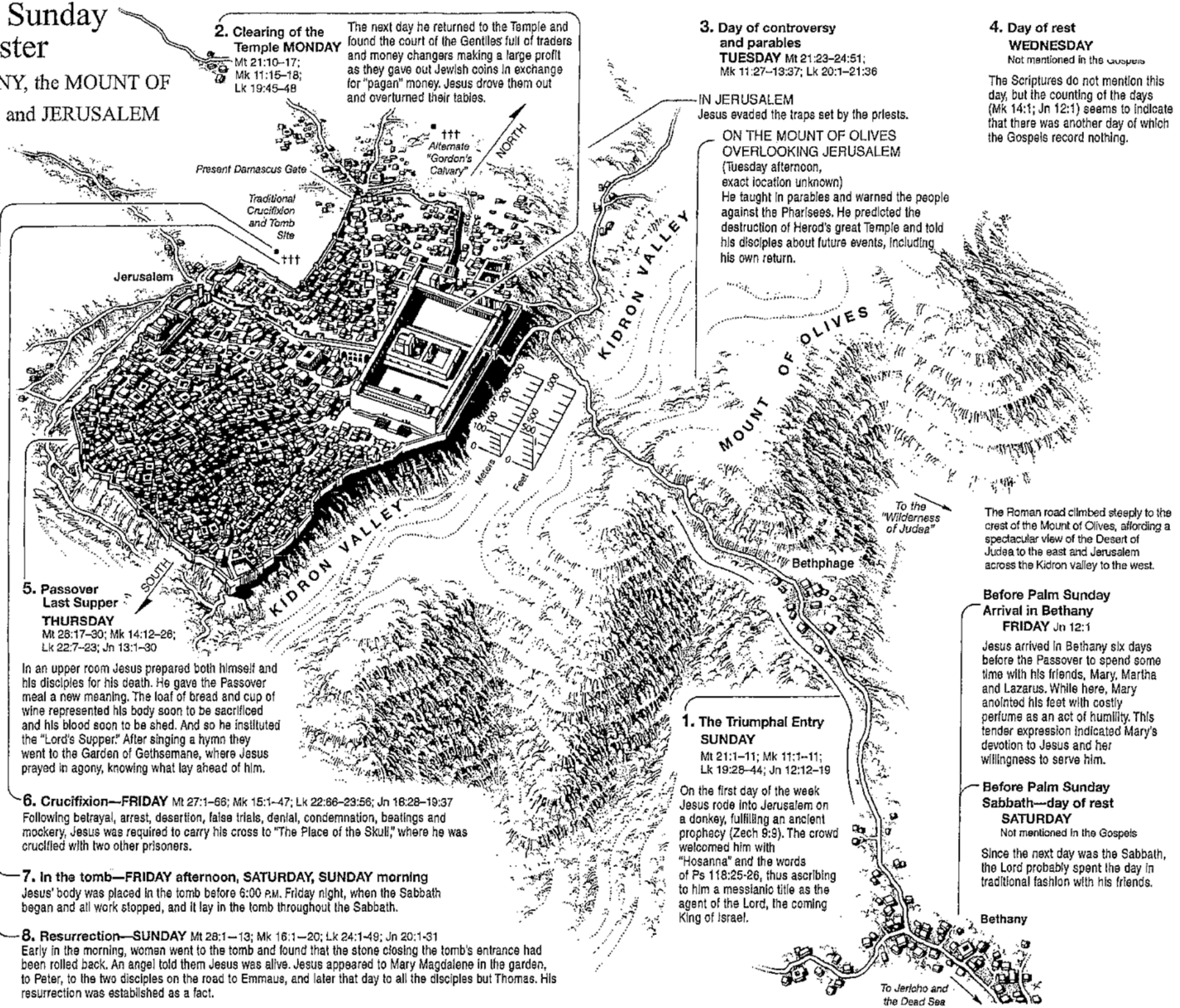
Palm Sunday to Easter

BETHANY, the MOUNT OF OLIVES and JERUSALEM



2. Clearing of the Temple MONDAY
Mt 21:10–17; Mk 11:15–18; Lk 19:45–48

The next day he returned to the Temple and found the court of the Gentiles full of traders and money changers making a large profit as they gave out Jewish coins in exchange for "pagan" money. Jesus drove them out and overturned their tables.

3. Day of controversy and parables TUESDAY Mt 21:23–24:51; Mk 11:27–13:37; Lk 20:1–21:36

IN JERUSALEM
Jesus evaded the traps set by the priests.

ON THE MOUNT OF OLIVES OVERLOOKING JERUSALEM
(Tuesday afternoon, exact location unknown)
He taught in parables and warned the people against the Pharisees. He predicted the destruction of Herod's great Temple and told his disciples about future events, including his own return.

4. Day of rest WEDNESDAY
Not mentioned in the Gospels

The Scriptures do not mention this day, but the counting of the days (Mk 14:1; Jn 12:1) seems to indicate that there was another day of which the Gospels record nothing.

The Roman road climbed steeply to the crest of the Mount of Olives, affording a spectacular view of the Desert of Judea to the east and Jerusalem across the Kidron valley to the west.

5. Passover Last Supper THURSDAY
Mt 26:17–30; Mk 14:12–26; Lk 22:7–23; Jn 13:1–30

In an upper room Jesus prepared both himself and his disciples for his death. He gave the Passover meal a new meaning. The loaf of bread and cup of wine represented his body soon to be sacrificed and his blood soon to be shed. And so he instituted the "Lord's Supper." After singing a hymn they went to the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus prayed in agony, knowing what lay ahead of him.

6. Crucifixion—FRIDAY Mt 27:1–66; Mk 15:1–47; Lk 22:66–23:56; Jn 18:28–19:37
Following betrayal, arrest, desertion, false trials, denial, condemnation, beatings and mockery, Jesus was required to carry his cross to "The Place of the Skull," where he was crucified with two other prisoners.

7. In the tomb—FRIDAY afternoon, SATURDAY, SUNDAY morning
Jesus' body was placed in the tomb before 6:00 P.M. Friday night, when the Sabbath began and all work stopped, and it lay in the tomb throughout the Sabbath.

8. Resurrection—SUNDAY Mt 28:1–13; Mk 16:1–20; Lk 24:1-49; Jn 20:1-31
Early in the morning, women went to the tomb and found that the stone closing the tomb's entrance had been rolled back. An angel told them Jesus was alive. Jesus appeared to Mary Magdalene in the garden, to Peter, to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, and later that day to all the disciples but Thomas. His resurrection was estabilshed as a fact.

1. The Triumphal Entry SUNDAY
Mt 21:1–11; Mk 11:1–11; Lk 19:28–44; Jn 12:12–19

On the first day of the week Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, fulfilling an ancient prophecy (Zech 9:9). The crowd welcomed him with "Hosanna" and the words of Ps 118:25-26, thus ascribing to him a messianic title as the agent of the Lord, the coming King of Israel.

Before Palm Sunday Arrival in Bethany FRIDAY Jn 12:1

Jesus arrived in Bethany six days before the Passover to spend some time with his friends, Mary, Martha and Lazarus. While here, Mary anointed his feet with costly perfume as an act of humility. This tender expression indicated Mary's devotion to Jesus and her willingness to serve him.

Before Palm Sunday Sabbath—day of rest SATURDAY
Not mentioned in the Gospels

Since the next day was the Sabbath, the Lord probably spent the day in traditional fashion with his friends.

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