

# Journey to the Cross



The scriptures that cover the last week of Jesus Christ's life make up about one-third of the record of the Gospels. This last week of Christ's life is often referred to as Passion Week, Holy Week or Easter Week.

Personally for me, I prefer Passion Week. Why? Jesus Christ revealed His deep love and passion for each us as He willingly went through all that He did on our behalf.

For many believers, this is always a special time of year where we celebrate significance of what Jesus did for us accumulating with His death and victorious resurrection.

This week carries significance for every person who has ever lived. The events from His Sunday morning with triumphal entry into the city of Jerusalem to the Sunday morning of the resurrection can undoubtedly be claimed as the greatest week ever in the history for humanity.

Jesus fulfilled every aspect of the Old Testament sacrificial system. He became the once-for-all offering for our sins (Hebrews 10:1-18). He allowed Himself to be taken captive, to be scourged and crucified. He willingly surrendered Himself over as the perfect sacrifice in full obedience to the Father's will for our eternal benefit.

1 Peter 1:18-19 it says, "You were ransomed not with perishable things like silver or gold but with the precious blood of Christ as of a spotless unblemished lamb."

It is by His sacrifice that our communion with God is restored and by the covering of His blood that we are spared spiritual death.

The timeline below represents highlights and an approximate sequence of of His last week of life events.

Palm Sunday-Triumphal Entry; cleansing of the temple (Matthew 21:1–17; Mark: 11:1–11; Luke 19:28–46; John 12:12–19)

Monday-Cursing of the fig tree; cleansing of the temple in Mark; teaching in the temple (Matthew 21:18–22:14; Mark 11:12–19; Luke 19:47–20:18; John 12:20–36)

Tuesday-Lessons from the fig tree; more teachings in the temple; the Olivet Discourse (Matthew 22:15–25:46; Mark 11:20–13:37; Luke 20:19–21:38; John 12:37–50)

Wednesday-Plot to kill Jesus; the anointing described by Mark and Matthew; Judas agrees to betray Jesus (Matthew 26:1–16; Mark 14:1–11; Luke 22:1–6)

Maundy Thursday-The Last Supper; Gethsemane; betrayal and arrest; Jesus before the Jewish authorities (Matthew 26:17–26:75; Mark 14:12–72; Luke 22:7–71; John 13:1–18:27)

Good Friday-Jesus in the hands of the Romans; the Crucifixion; the burial (Matthew 27:1–61; Mark 15:1–47; Luke 23:1–56; John 18:28–19:42)

Saturday-Jesus in the Spirit World (Matthew 27:62–66; 3 Nephi 9–10; 1 Peter 3:18–4:6; D&C 138)

Easter Sunday-The Resurrection (Matthew 28:1–15; Mark 16:1–14; Luke 24:1–49; John 20:1–23)

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