

Lesson 8 – Journey to Jerusalem

Walking With Jesus Through the Holy (Passion) Week

A Harmony of the Events of Jesus' Final Week – NIV Application Commentary - Matthew

(cf. Matt. 21-28; Mark 11-16; Luke 19-24; John 12-21)

Calendar Days	Event of the Holy Week
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrival in Bethany (John 12: 1)
Saturday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evening celebration, Mary anoints Jesus (John 12:2-8; cf. Matt. 26:6-13)
Sunday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cursing the fig tree on the way to Jerusalem (Matt. 21:18-22; 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "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: 1 0-11)
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparations for Passover (Matt. 26:17-19; Mark 14:12-16) <p><i>After Sundown:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<p><i>Sometimes perhaps after midnight:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Betrayal and arrest (Matt. 26:47-56; Mark 14:43-52) • Jewish trial-Jesus appears in three phases in front of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Annas (John 18:13-24) -Caiaphas and partial Sanhedrin (Matt. 26:57-75; Mark 14:53-65) -Sanhedrin fully assembled (perhaps after sunrise) (Matt. 27:1-2; Mark 15:1) • Roman trial-Jesus appears in three phases before: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -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 (<i>approx. 9am to 3pm</i>) (Matt. 27:27-66; Mark 15:16-39)
Sunday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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)

1) Christ crucified is detached from: *Wealth, Pleasure, Power, Honor*

a) Passion

- i) Two-fold purpose to Christ death
 - (1) Right the broken covenant, taking on Himself the curses (Deuteronomy 28, Lev 26, 28)
 - (2) Restore mankind from original sin
- ii) Jesus becomes the suffering servant
 - (1) The servant/messiah will suffer (Psalm 89)
 - (2) The suffering servant will be restored (Isaiah 49, 53)
 - (3) The Son of the Father takes the place of Barabbas (means “son of the father”)

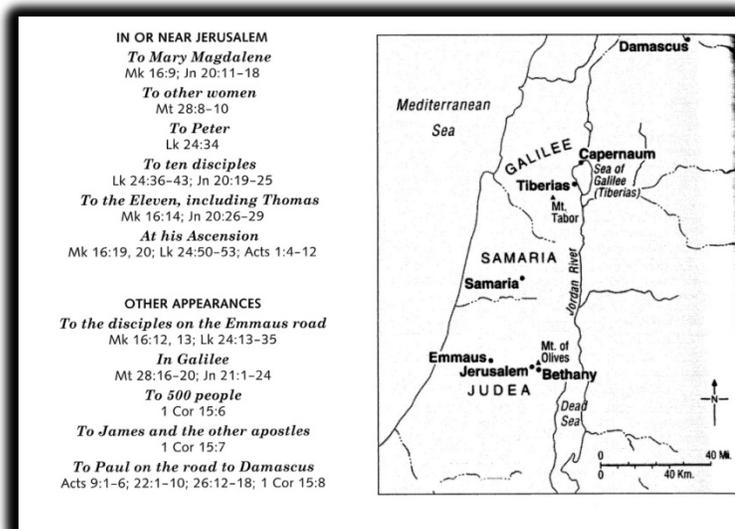
b) Death

- i) Blessing of Abraham comes upon the Gentiles (Gen 12:1-3) 3rd promise worldwide blessing
- ii) Passion of Christ efficacious in two ways
 - (1) Offered self for broken covenant
 - (a) Israel freed from Old Covenant, for the New Covenant (Deut. 28, Romans 7:1-6)
 - (b) Freed by death to law through Christ’s body
 - (2) Took on curse of Fall
 - (a) Jesus did what Adam did not, Mary did what Eve did not: trust the Father
 - (b) Redeemed through weakness of flesh

c) Resurrection

- i) The Resurrection fulfilled God’s plans/promises for Israel
- ii) Paul’s central theme, the Resurrected Christ
- iii) Jesus defeats death, hell, and the grave (1 Corinthians 15:35-44)
- iv) Those buried in baptism will rise again (Rom. 6:1-9)
- v) Strongest validation, the conviction of over 500 personal witnesses and their willingness to preach it worldwide even at the expense of their lives.

The Appearances of the Risen Christ



The Last Things

I Believe in Everlasting Life –

The Christian who unites his own death to that of Jesus views it as a step towards him and an entrance into everlasting life. (CCC 1020)

Particular Judgment

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Heaven

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Hell

We cannot be united with God unless we freely choose to love him. But we cannot love God if we sin gravely against him, against our neighbor or against ourselves: "He who does not love remains in death. (CCC 1033)

“Unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies it yields a rich harvest.” Jn. 12:24

These words of Jesus define the paschal mystery; namely, in order to come to a fuller life and spirit we must constantly be letting go of present life and spirit. **Two kinds of death:** There is terminal death and there is paschal death. Terminal death is a death that ends life and ends possibilities. Paschal death, like terminal death, is real. However, paschal death is a death that, while ending one kind of life, opens the person undergoing it to receive a deeper and richer form of life. The image of a grain of wheat falling into the ground and dying so as to produce new life is an image of paschal death.

The Paschal Mystery

Good Friday The loss of life-real death
Easter Sunday The reception of new life
The Forty Days A time for readjustment to the new and grieving the old
Ascension Letting go of the old and letting it bless you. Refusing to cling
Pentecost The reception of a new spirit for the new life that one is already living

The Paschal Mystery in our lives

- Suffering and Death
- Moves into reception of new life
- Spends some time grieving the old and adjusting to the new
- Only after the old life has been truly let go of- is the new spirit given for the life we are already living

The Pledge

God, the Father of infinite love and mercy,
I pledge to walk with you.

Thank you for the gift of life;
I pledge to live it to the fullest.

Thank you for sending your Son Jesus to redeem us;
I pledge to be his disciple.

Thank you for sending your Spirit to lead and direct us;
I pledge to follow his guidance.

Thank you for the gift of the Catholic Church;
I pledge to allow her to teach
and inspire me to live life to the fullest.

Help me to be patient with anything that I don't understand
about our incredible faith.

Fill me with joy so that I can always be a good witness
to your love and mercy in the world.

Give me wisdom, grace, and courage to live up
to this pledge I make to you today.

Amen.

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