

Holy Week: Jesus' Journey

What was Jesus doing each day of Holy Week?

Palm Sunday

Jesus enters Jerusalem riding on a donkey while crowds welcome Him with palm branches and shout "Hosanna," recognizing Him as the promised Messiah. This marks the beginning of the final week leading to His crucifixion.

Matthew 21:1-11; John 12:12-19

Holy Tuesday

Jesus teaches in the temple, answering challenges from religious leaders and sharing parables about faith, judgment, and God's kingdom. He also speaks to His disciples about future events and the importance of faith and forgiveness.

Mark 11:22-26

Maundy Thursday

Jesus shares the Last Supper with His disciples, washes their feet as a lesson in humility, and establishes Communion. Later that night, He prays in the Garden of Gethsemane and is arrested.

Luke 22:7-23

Holy "Black" Saturday

Jesus' body rests in the tomb while His followers mourn and wait. It is a day of silence and anticipation before the resurrection.

Luke 23:55-56

Holy Monday

Jesus clears the temple by driving out money changers and merchants who were exploiting worshippers and curses a barren fig tree as a symbol of spiritual emptiness. His actions challenge corrupt religious practices and demonstrate His authority.

Matthew 21:12-17; Mark 11:12-14; Matthew 21:23-27

Holy "Spy" Wednesday

Jesus rests in Bethany while a woman anoints Him with perfume, preparing Him symbolically for burial. Meanwhile, Judas secretly agrees with religious leaders to betray Jesus.

Matthew 26:14-15

Good Friday

Jesus is tried, mocked, and crucified by Roman authorities. He dies on the cross as the sacrifice for our sins and is buried in a tomb.

John 19; Luke 23:32-47

Easter Sunday

Jesus rises from the dead, defeating death and fulfilling His promise of salvation. His resurrection is the central event of the Christian faith. He is risen!

Luke 24:1-10; John 20:19-20