



## **PASSION WEEK GUIDE**

*"And the crowds that went before Him and that followed Him were shouting, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the Highest!'" - Matthew 21:9 ESV*

Hey Small Group Leaders! We have entered Passion Week (aka: Holy Week) with overwhelming excitement as Resurrection Sunday approaches, just around the corner. Salvation has come and it's here to stay!! On Friday, we will join with others to remember the cross and the sacrifice Jesus paid with His life, shedding His blood to cover our sins forevermore! We will be reminded how Jesus turned our mourning and sadness into everlasting joy!!! He has defeated death, risen from the grave, and freed us from the power of sin!

## **SUNDAY'S MESSAGE**

Sunday's Passage: John 11:1-44

Pastor Steven gave us 2 profound questions to think about this week. We encourage you all to facilitate group discussion based on this week's story, along with these 2 questions.

Where do you need Jesus to  
join you right now?

Is there someone you know who is  
really hurting that you need to  
join with in tears and truth?

In addition to Sunday's message, we also wanted to give each Small Group Leader a Passion Week Timeline to assist in your preparation. Please feel free to forward this overview to your group members to guide them in their own personal study.



## **PASSION WEEK TIMELINE**

### **SUNDAY**

Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem//Spends the night in Bethany

**Matthew 21:1; Mark 11:1; Luke 19:29; John 12:12**

### **MONDAY**

Curses the fig tree on the way into the city//Weeps over Jerusalem//Cleanses the temple for the second time in His ministry//Spends the night in Bethany

**Matthew 21:12; Mark 11:22; Luke 19:45**

### **TUESDAY**

Jesus Leaves Bethany//Finds the fig tree withered; teaches on faith//Possesses the temple and its precincts; confounds and pronounces woes upon His enemies// Olivet Discourse on way back to Bethany//Judas bargains with Sanhedrin to betray Jesus

**Matthew 21:20; Mark 11:20; Luke 20:36; John 12:20**

### **WEDNESDAY**

Silent Day//No record in the Gospels, but Jesus prepares for Last Supper and Judas/Sanhedrin prepare for Jesus' arrest// Remains in Bethany throughout the day, stays night there

### **THURSDAY**

Peter and John make preparation for Passover meal//After sunset, Jesus eats meal with the twelve; washes disciples feet; Judas departs//Lord's Supper instituted//Walk to Garden of Gethsemane; Jesus' agony//Betrayal by Judas; arrest by Sanhedrin//Jesus taken to house of High Priest as Sanhedrin is convened//Peter betrays Jesus

**Matthew 26:1; Mark 14:1; Luke 22:1**

### **FRIDAY**

*The Trials of Jesus Christ:* **1<sup>st</sup> Trial:** Annas is looking for an accusation, biding time till Sanhedrin is gathered at High Priestly villa// **2<sup>nd</sup> Trial:** Jesus before Sanhedrin, condemned, misused// **3<sup>rd</sup> Trial:** immediately at dawn [meanwhile, Peter denies Jesus a third time; Jesus looks upon him]; the condemnation repeated, then Jesus taken to Romans// **4<sup>th</sup> Trial:** Jesus before Pilate// **5<sup>th</sup> Trial:** Jesus before Herod [looks for miracle]// **6<sup>th</sup> Trial** Jesus before Pilate// Jesus is scourged; the city cries, "**Crucify Him!**"...Jesus is finally turned over to be crucified...Judas hangs himself...Jesus bears His cross to gate on north of city and is crucified around 9 am...Jesus' Seven Sayings from the Cross// **The Death of Jesus:** About 3 pm; veil torn, rocks shake; some graves opened and people rise and go into the city...Jesus' side pierced...Passover lambs slain in temple...Jesus buried by sundown

**Matthew 26:1; Mark 14:53; Luke 22:54; John 18:13**

### **SATURDAY- SABBATH**

At the request of the Jewish leadership, Pilate grants a guard and sets a seal on the tomb of Jesus

**Matthew 27:66**

### **SUNDAY**

Jesus Christ rises from the dead(before dawn) and makes five appearances on the day of His rising//To Mary Magdalene [given a message to the disciples]//To the other women who come to the tomb [intending to complete the burial preparation of His body]//To two disciples on the Road to Emmaus//To Simon Peter [nowhere recorded, but alluded to in Luke 24:33 and 1 Corinthians 1:5]