

THE CHRIST, THE CROSS AND THE CROWN

“Holy Week: Seven Days that Silenced Creation”

(Matthew 21-25)

❖ Overview of the Week

Matthew 21:1-17 tells us about ...

- Palm Sunday (*Matthew 21:1-17*)

Palm Sunday is the sixth Sunday in the season of Lent. It is this particular day that we see Jesus' ...

- Triumphant Arrival in Jerusalem
- Cleansing of the Temple

- Proclamation Monday (*Matthew 21:12-26:16*)

On Monday morning, Jesus and His Disciples leave Bethany and head back to Jerusalem. This Monday becomes PROCLAMATION MONDAY.

- Jesus Pronounces a Curses on the Fig Tree (Religion and Israel)
- Jesus' Authority Challenged (*Matthew 21:23-27*)
- Jesus' Pronouncements through Parables (*Matthew 21:28-22:14*)
- Jesus Pronounces Woes Over the Religious Leaders (*Matthew 23:1-36*)
- Jesus Weeps Over Jerusalem (*Matthew 23:37-39*)

- Jesus Pronounces Destruction of Temple and Jerusalem (*Matthew 24:1-25:46*)
- Communion Tuesday

Tuesday begins with Jesus sending Peter and John to get things ready for a special and solemn time together.

- Preparation Day
- Lord's Supper Instituted
- Journey to the Garden

- Crucifixion Wednesday

- From Midnight to Dawn (6am)

- ✓ The First Trial of Jesus before Annas Begins in the Early Morning Hours
- ✓ The Second and Primary Trial Begins

- From Dawn to the Third Hour of the Day (6am – 9am)

Jesus is placed before Pilate to experience a ...

- ✓ Fourth Trial before Pilate, then a ...
- ✓ Fifth Trial before Herod, then back for a ...
- ✓ Sixth Trial before Pilate who sends Jesus to be ...

✓ Scourging of Christ and the Crucifixion in the Third Hour

▸ From the Third Hour to the Ninth (9am – 3pm)

✓ Seven Sayings of Christ on the Cross

- To the Father - Forgive Them, They Know Not What They Do
- To the Thief - Today You will be with Me in Paradise
- To His Mother - Woman Behold Thy Son, Son Behold Thy Mother
- To the Creator and All Creation - My God, My God Why Forsake Me
- To the Centurion - I Thirst
- To the Forces of Darkness - It is Finished
- To the Father - Into Thy Hands

✓ Darkness Comes then Death to the Son of God (From Noon to 3pm)

✓ In the Darkness, Jesus Relinquished His Spirit (3pm)

▸ Prior to Sundown

The High Sabbath (Passover) would begin at 6pm Wed evening, just three hours away. Jesus must be taken down and put away before 'high holy day' begins. So ...

✓ Jesus is Buried in a Borrowed Tomb

✓ Guards are Set in Place at the Request of the Sanhedrin

- ▶ High Sabbath Thursday

The High Sabbath Day is defined for us in Leviticus 23:4 and 7. It is a special day that just happened to be during this time.

- ▶ Preparation Friday

Friday is not Good Friday but preparation day! This is made clear to us in Scripture. For Mark 16:1 says, *"Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him."*

- ▶ Sabbath Saturday

You see, the time in the tomb fulfills the very words of Jesus Himself when He says in Matthew 12:40,

"For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth."

- ▶ First Fruits Sunday

When the tomb was discovered to be empty, it brought hope and freedom to the hearts of those that had been discouraged and dismayed.