

# Lifehouse Church

Maximize Christ Potential in You



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# Follow Me Series Review

**Part 1 — Follow Me: Leave Your Comfortable Life - Mark 1:16–20**

**Part 2 — Follow Me: Trust His Authority - Mark 1:21–34**

**Part 3 — Follow Me: Through the Storms - Mark 4:35–41**

**Part 4 — Follow Me: To the Save Others on Other Side - Mark 5:1–2**

**Part 5 — Follow Me: To See Spiritually - Mark 8:14–26**

**Part 6 — Follow Me: For A Glimpse of Glory - Mark 9:2–9**

**Part 7 — Follow Me: When Expectations Break (Palm Sunday) - Mark 11–14**



# Follow Me – Past the Parade

## 1. CROWD-FOLLOWING IS EASY



**Mark 11:8–10 (ESV) “And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, ‘Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!’”**

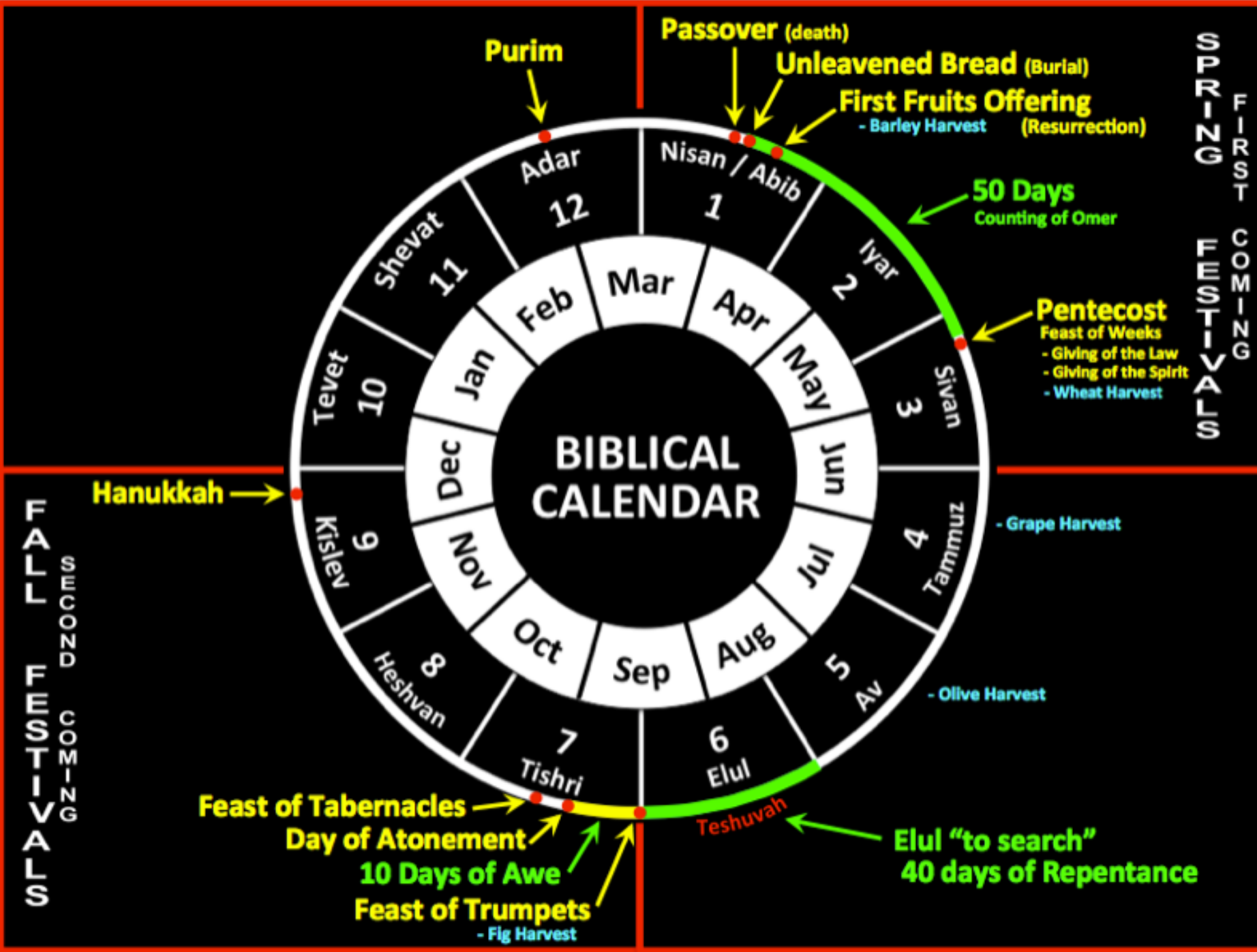


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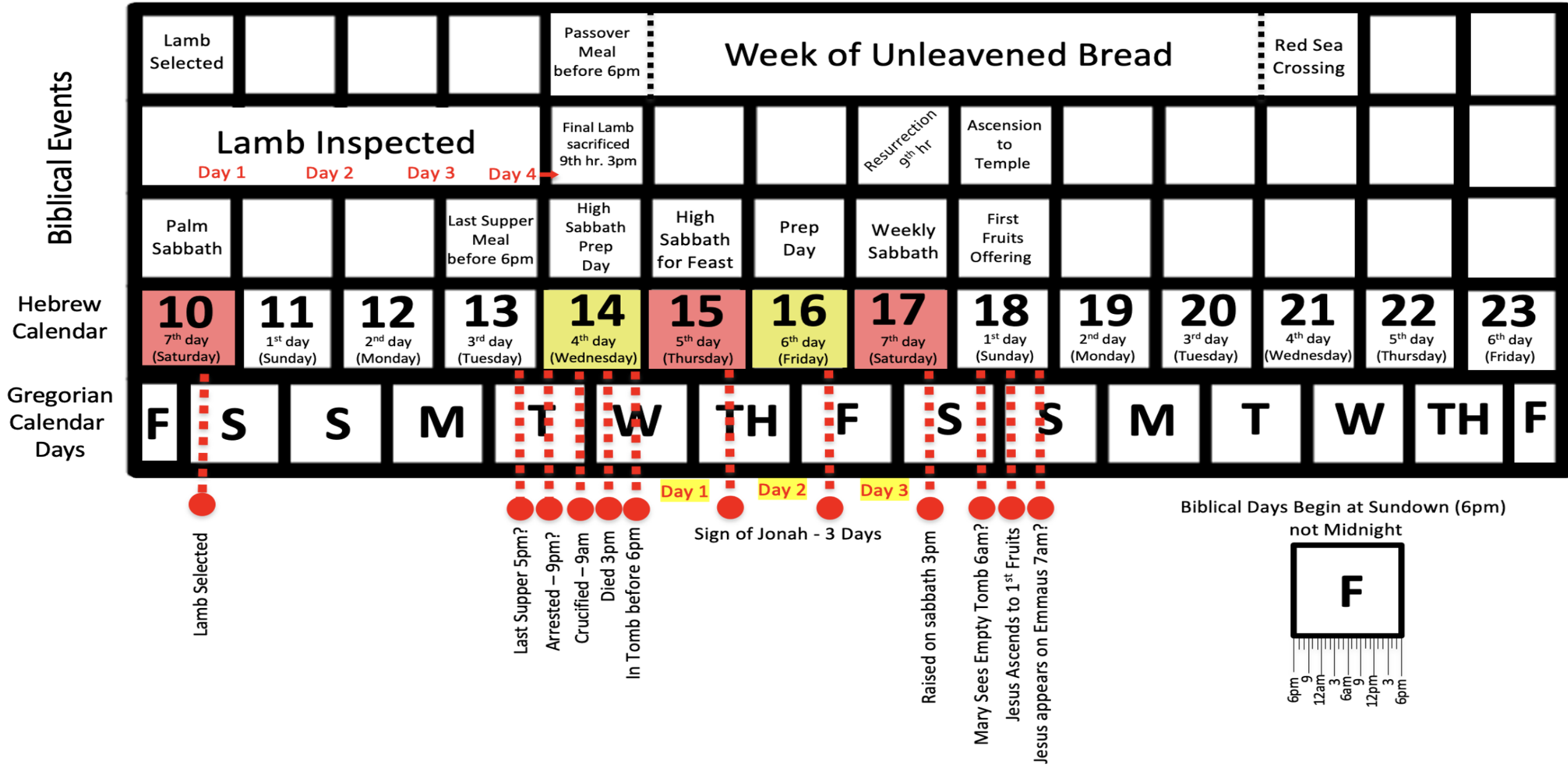
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# 1<sup>st</sup> Biblical Month - Nisan / Abib – Year 3791

This follows the Biblical Calendar – NOT the Romanized Church Calendar to coincide with the Vernal Equinox of Ishtar / Eostre (Fertility goddess)



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# Problem

Many follow Jesus  
for what we expect Him to do.

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# Solution

People must "Follow Jesus"  
for who He is - not what He does.

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# Application Question

1. Is your faith based on your desired outcomes or obedience to His plan?
2. Do you trust Him even when you don't understand Him?



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1. CROWD-FOLLOWING IS EASY

2. CONVICTION-FOLLOWING IS RARE



**Mark 11:15–17 (ESV) “And they came to Jerusalem. And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold and those who bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. And he would not allow anyone to carry anything through the temple. And he was teaching them and saying to them, ‘Is it written, “My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations”? But you have made it a den of robbers.’”**



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Many follow Jesus privately  
without standing for Him publicly.



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Isaiah 56:7 (ESV) “My house shall be called a house of prayer for **all peoples.**”



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# Solution

**Follow Jesus with conviction  
even if it leads to confrontation**

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# Mindset Shift

**I don't avoid confrontation to keep peace...  
I follow conviction to honor God**

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1. CROWD-FOLLOWING IS EASY
2. CONVICTION-FOLLOWING IS RARE
3. COMMITTED-FOLLOWING  
IS PROVEN UNDER PRESSURE



**Mark 14:32–34 (ESV) “And they went to a place called Gethsemane. And he said to his disciples, ‘Sit here while I pray.’ And he took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly distressed and troubled. And he said to them, ‘My soul is very sorrowful, even to death. Remain here and watch.’”**



**Mark 14:37 (ESV) “And he came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, ‘Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch one hour?’”**

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# Problem

**Many think they are more committed  
than they actually are.**





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# Truth Statement

Pressure reveals what celebration hides.

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**Mark 14:47 (ESV) “But one of those who stood by drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear.”**

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“And they **ALL** left him and fled.”  
Mark 14:50 (ESV)

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**Mark 14:36 (ESV) “And he said, ‘Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.’”**

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# Solution

Build surrender before pressure...  
not during it

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# Mindset Shift

I don't follow Jesus because it's easy...  
I follow Jesus because He's worth it.

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## Practical Application

**1. DECIDE BEFORE THE MOMENT**



**Luke 9:23 (ESV) “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.”**

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## Practical Application

### 1. DECIDE BEFORE THE MOMENT

- A. Recognize the flesh—choose God's will
- B. Pause—don't react
- C. Speak truth—deny yourself
- D. Act obedient—stand on conviction



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## Practical Application

### 2. CREATE DAILY SURRENDER

Romans 12:1 (ESV) “Present your bodies as a living sacrifice...”

Start each day saying out loud  
“Jesus, today I choose Your will over mine.”



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## Practical Application

### 3. STAY WHEN IT GETS HARD

Hebrews 10:36 (ESV) “You have need of endurance...”

Identify where you want to quit - and CHOOSE to stay.



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