

Bible Study: Journey Through Passion Week

Objective:

Study the key events of Jesus’ Passion Week, including the Triumphal Entry, the prediction of death, betrayal, trial, crucifixion, and resurrection. These events encourage reflection on commitment, denial, sacrifice, and victory in Christ..

1. Open in Prayer

2. Scripture Passages

Event	Scripture
Triumphal Entry	John 12:12–19
Prediction of Death	Luke 18:31–33
Jesus’ Purpose	John 18:37; John 3:16–17; Luke 19:10; Matthew 10:34–35
Betrayal by Judas	John 18:3–11
Trial Before Pilate	John 18:28–40
Peter’s Denial	Luke 22:54–62
Crucifixion	Luke 23:32–34; Matthew 27:46–50
Resurrection	John 20:11–17

3. Context & Overview

- **Triumphal Entry:** Crowds welcome Jesus as King with palm branches—fulfilling prophecy and revealing true kingship.
- **Predictions of Death:** Jesus plainly tells His disciples about His coming suffering, death, and resurrection.
- **Betrayal & Denial:** Judas’ betrayal and Peter’s denial illustrate human weakness and fear.
- **Trial & Crucifixion:** Jesus stands silent before His accusers, upholds His mission, and embodies sacrificial love.

- **Resurrection:** Victory over death, commissioning followers, and establishing hope.
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4. Discussion Questions

1. **Triumphal Entry:** What does the crowd's cry of "Hosanna" reveal about their expectations? How does Jesus' mission differ from their hopes?
 2. **Predictions:** Why do you think Jesus repeatedly predicts His death and resurrection? How do these predictions shape your understanding of His purpose?
 3. **Betrayal & Denial:** What motivates Judas' betrayal and Peter's denial? In what ways do you see these failures mirrored in your own life?
 4. **Trial:** How does Jesus' silence and His statement about truth (John 18:37) challenge modern approaches to defending faith?
 5. **Crucifixion:** Jesus prays for forgiveness for those crucifying Him. How does this shape your response to personal suffering or injustice?
 6. **Resurrection:** Mary Magdalene's encounter (John 20) shifts from grief to joy. How does the resurrection empower us to live differently today?
 7. **Application:** What are you willing to sacrifice for God's will in your life? How can you move from fear or denial to bold confession and service?
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5. Personal Reflection & Prayer

"What stood out to me today? Where do I need to trust Jesus more fully?"
