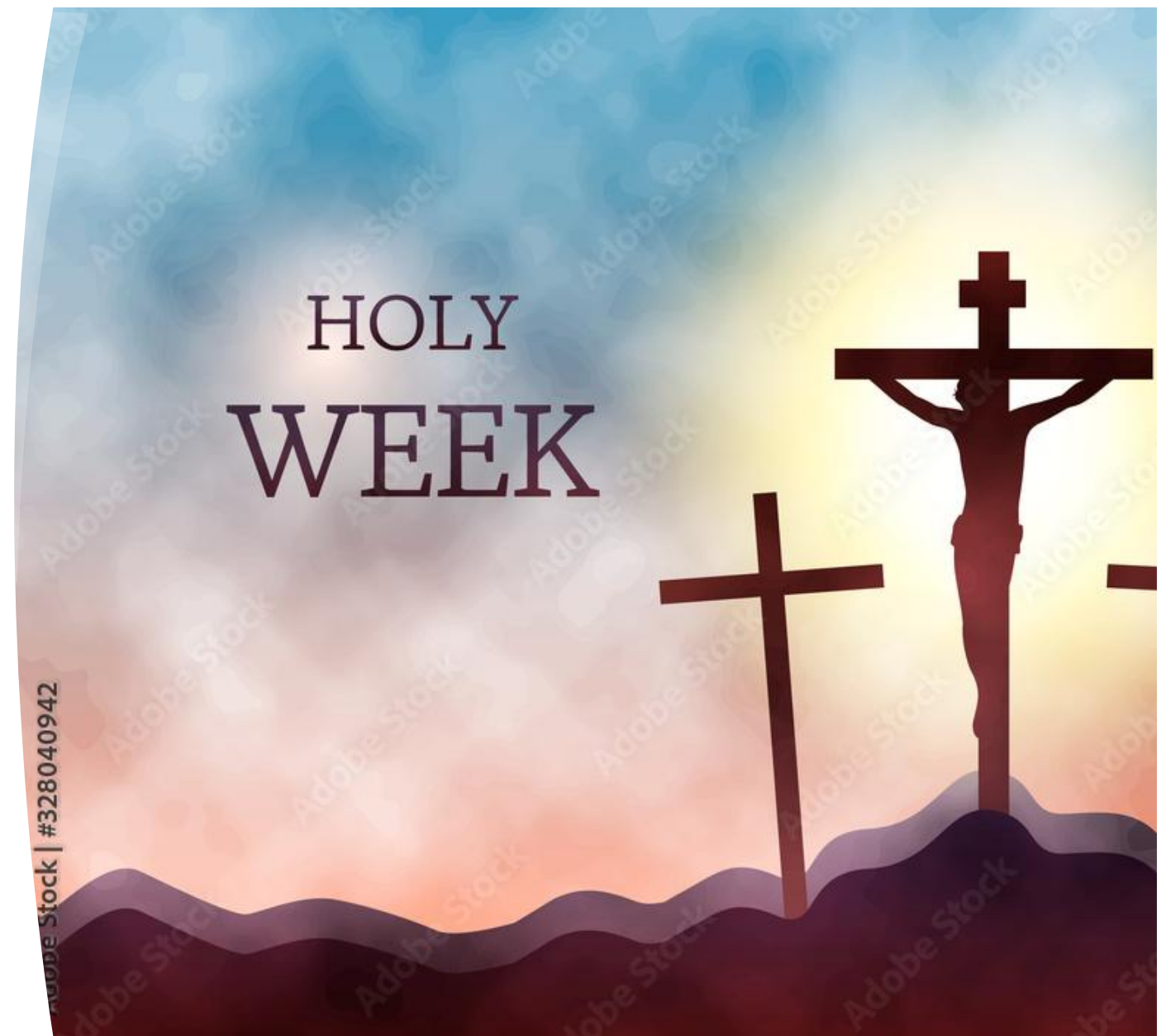


Jesus' Final Week

THE WEEK OF EVENTS
LEADING TO THE CROSS



Palm *Sunday*: The Triumphal Entry

Palm Sunday: April 2, AD 30

Scripture References

- Matthew 21:1-11
- Mark 11:1-11
- Luke 19:28-44
- John 12:12-19

Core Event

- Jesus enters Jerusalem riding a donkey, welcomed by crowds laying palm branches and shouting "Hosanna."

Significance

- This deliberately fulfills Zechariah 9:9, presenting Jesus not as a conquering military leader, but as the prophesied Prince of Peace bringing spiritual salvation.



Monday: Cleansing the Temple

Monday: April 3, AD 30

Scripture References

- Matthew 21:12-22
- Mark 11:15-19
- Luke 19:45-48

Core Event

- Jesus curses the barren fig tree and forcefully drives the money changers and merchants out of the temple courts.

Significance

- This bold action serves as a powerful indictment of corrupt religious practices, establishing His authority over the sacred space and sealing the religious leaders' resolve to eliminate Him.



Tuesday: Teaching and Confrontation

Tuesday: April 4, AD 30

Scripture References

- Matthew 21:23-24-51
- Mark 11:20-13:37
- Luke 20:1-21:36

Core Event

- Jesus evades religious traps set by the Pharisees and Sadducees, and later delivers the Olivet Discourse regarding the end times.

Significance

- By masterfully dismantling the arguments of the religious elite, Jesus publicly proves His supreme wisdom and divine authority before outlining the future of God's redemptive plan.



Silent Wednesday: The Betrayal Plot

Wednesday: April 5, AD 30

Scripture References

- Matthew 26:1-16
- Mark 14:1-11
- Luke 22:1-6

Core Event

- Judas Iscariot secretly meets with the chief priests and agrees to betray Jesus for thirty pieces of silver.

Significance

- This planned betrayal highlights the tragic reality of human rebellion while simultaneously fulfilling the ancient prophecy of Zechariah 11:12, proving that even the darkest betrayal was accounted for in God's sovereign plan.



Thursday: The Passover Meal, Gethsemane, and Arrest

Thursday: April 6, AD 30

Scripture References

- Matthew 26:17-75
- Mark 14:12-72
- Luke 22:7-65
- John 13:1-18:27

Core Event

- Jesus shares the Passover meal, institutes the New Covenant, prays in agony in Gethsemane, and is arrested.

Significance

- Christ voluntarily submits to the Father's will in the garden, redefining the Passover lamb as His own body and blood, and perfectly demonstrating servant leadership by washing His disciples' feet.



Friday: Crucifixion and Burial

Friday: April 7, AD 30

Scripture References

- Matthew 27:1-61
- Mark 15:1-47
- Luke 22:66-23:56
- John 18:28-19:42

Core Event

- Enduring unjust trials, severe scourging, and the agony of the cross, Jesus is crucified at Golgotha and subsequently buried in a borrowed tomb.

Significance

- This is the ultimate, undeniable act of divine love; the sinless Son of God absorbs the penalty for human sin, declaring "It is finished" to signify the complete and final atonement for humanity.



CHALLENGES
FROM JESUS'
FINAL WEEK



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