

EVENTS LEADING TO CHRIST'S CRUCIFIXION  
(A Probable Chronology)

- I. Traveling to JERUSALEM for PASSOVER—Thursday/Friday
  - A. Knew He was going to DIE (Luke 18:31-34)
  - B. Stopped in JERICHO (Luke 18:35-19:27)
    1. Healed two BLIND men
    2. Spent part of the day with ZACCHAEUS
    3. Spent part of the day TEACHING in the synagogue
- II. Traveled into BETHANY, probably to stay with MARY, MARTHA, and LAZARUS—Friday (John 12:1)
- III. Spent the day in BETHANY—Friday/Saturday (John 12:2-8)
  - A. Attended DINNER in Jesus' honor at home of SIMON the leper
  - B. Martha SERVED
  - C. Mary anointed His FEET with ointment worth more than a YEAR'S wages
- IV. Spent the day TEACHING great crowd in Bethany—Saturday/Sunday (John 12:9-11)
- V. "TRIUMPHAL Entry"—Sunday (Luke 19:28-44)
  - A. Sent two disciples to Bethphage to fetch a DONKEY COLT
  - B. Rode toward JERUSALEM while people PRAISED
    1. Cast their GARMENTS and PALM fronds in His path in recognition of a ROYAL visitor
    2. Greeted Him with ritual chants from PSALMS in recognition that He was presenting Himself as MESSIAH
  - C. Burst into loud WAILING over coming DESTRUCTION of Jerusalem, which SILENCED the crowd
  - D. Visited the TEMPLE, finding same CORRUPT practices He had addressed at the start of His ministry (cf., John 2)
  - E. Returned to BETHANY to spend the night
- VI. Returned to JERUSALEM—Monday (Mark 11:12-19)
  - A. Cursed the barren FIG TREE

- B. Reclaimed the TEMPLE, angering the JEWS and disrupting preparations for PASSOVER
- C. Left Jerusalem while religious leaders plotted to KILL Him
- VII. Returned to JERUSALEM—Tuesday (Mark 11:20-12:27)
  - A. Taught disciples a lesson from the DEAD fig tree
  - B. Spent the day in the Temple in CONTROVERSY with religious leaders
    1. Chief priests, scribes, and elders challenged His AUTHORITY
    2. Pharisees and Herodians tried to trap Him over paying TAXES
    3. Sadducees challenged His teaching on the RESURRECTION
  - C. Denounced the LEADERS, SEVEN times (Matt. 23:1-36)
  - D. Delivered the OLIVET Discourse (Matt. 24-25)
    1. Instructions to disciples concerning the TRIBULATION and Jesus' SECOND COMING
    2. Predicted His crucifixion in TWO DAYS (Matt. 26:2)
  - E. Judas arranges to BETRAY Jesus (Matt. 26:14-16; Luke 22:1-6)
- VIII. Prepared for the PASSOVER meal—Wednesday (Luke 22:7-65)
  - A. Celebrated in the Upper Room with His DISCIPLES
  - B. Presented Himself as their SACRIFICE
  - C. Taught them and PRAYED for them (John 13-17)
  - D. Proceeded to Gethsemane, suffered AGONY, and was ARRESTED
  - E. Spent the rest of the night being TRIED by Annas and Caiaphas
- IX. Crucified—THURSDAY, not FRIDAY (John 18:19-19:42)
  - A. Tried by the Sanhedrin before DAWN, convicted of blasphemy by His OWN TESTIMONY (Matt. 26:62-66)
  - B. Tried by PILATE and found INNOCENT
  - C. Tried by HEROD (Antipas) and found INNOCENT
  - D. Sent back to PILATE, beaten and presented for RELEASE
  - E. CRUCIFIED at 9:00am (Mark 15:25)
  - F. DIED at 3:00pm, the hour the Passover lambs began being slaughtered in the TEMPLE (Mark 15:34-37)
- X. ROSE from the DEAD—Sunday before DAWN