

Palm Sunday
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March 28, 2021

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