

A Harmony of Events of Jesus' Final Week

Matt.21-28; Mark 11-16; Luke 19-24; John 12-21

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On Saturday Jesus arrives in Bethany where he and his disciples have an evening celebration. Mary anoints Jesus. (John 12:2-8, see also Matt. 26:6-13)

I. Sunday.

- A. Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday)
 - 1. Matt.21:1-11; Mark 11:1-10; Luke
- B. Jesus surveys the temple area (Mark 11:11)
- C. Jesus returns to Bethany (Matt.21:17; Mark 11:11)

II. Monday

- A. Jesus curses the fig tree on the way to Jerusalem.
 - 1. Matt.21:18-22, see also Mark 11:12-14.
- B. Jesus cleans out the temple.
 - 1. Matt.21:12-13; Mark 11:15-17
- C. Jesus heals and does many miracles and teaches on the temple grounds.
 - 1. Matt.21:14-16; Mark 1:18
- D. Jesus and the disciples return to Bethany. Mark 11:19

III. Tuesday

- A. The disciples react to the dead fig tree (from the previous morning) on the way back to Jerusalem.
 - 1. Matt.21:20-22; Mark 11:20-21
- B. Jesus confounds the challenges to his authority and teaches in the temple area. The major groups of Jewish leaders challenge him and lose every time.
 - 1. Matt.21:23-23:39; Mark.11:27-12:44
- C. Jesus teaches about the end of the age and his return. (On the way back to Bethany)
 - 1. Matt.24:1-25; 46; Mark 13:1-37. (The Olivet Discourse)

IV. Wednesday

- A. "Silent Wednesday" – Jesus and the disciples remain in Bethany for one last time of fellowship.
- B. Judas returns alone to Jerusalem to make arrangements for the betrayal.
 - 1. Matt. 26:14-16; Mark 14:10-11

V. Thursday

- A. The disciples prepare the Passover.
 - 1. Matt.26:17-19; Mark 14:12-16
- B. *After sundown...*
 - 1. Passover meal and Last Supper. (Matt.26:20-35; Mark 14:17-26)
 - 2. Upper Room Discourse. (John 13-17)
 - 3. Prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane. (Matt.26:36-46; Mark 14:32-42)

VI. Friday (Probably sometime in the wee hours)

- A. Jesus is betrayed and arrested. (Matt. 26:47-56; Mark 14:43-52)
- B. Jesus is “tried” by the Jews in three phases.
 - 1. Annas (John 18:13-24)
 - 2. Caiaphas and a partial Sanhedrin. (Matt.26:57-75; Mark 14:53-65)
 - 3. Sanhedrin in full meeting. (Matt.27:1-2; Mark 15:1)
 - a) Perhaps after sunrise.
- C. Jesus is “tried” by the Romans in three phases.
 - 1. Pilate (Matt. 27:2-14; Mark 15:2-5)
 - 2. Herod Antipas. (Luke 23:6-12)
 - 3. Pilate (Matt.27:15-26; Mark 15:6-15)
- D. Jesus is crucified (approximately 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.)
 - 1. Matt.27:27-66; Mark 15:16-39
- E. At dusk Jesus’ body is taken down and placed in Joseph of Arimathea’s own personal tomb.
 - 1. Matt.27:57-61; Mark 15:42-47 (see also John 19:31-37)

VII. Saturday. The Passover Sabbath

- A. Jesus’ body is in the tomb.
- B. The disciples are grieved and disillusioned beyond description.
- C. The Jewish leaders think Jesus is finally “over.”
 - 1. But they still petition Pilate for a guard at the tomb. (Matt. 27:62-66)

VIII. Sunday: Resurrection Day

- A. The resurrected Christ Jesus is seen early in the morning by select witnesses.
 - 1. Matt.28:1-8; Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24:1-12.
- B. The Lord appears to several others over the course of the day.
 - 1. Matt.28:9-20; Luke 24:15-53; John 2-21
- C. **Note:** Jesus continued to appear many times over the next 40 days, teaching and instructing his disciples about what it means to be in his kingdom, what the gospel is and means, and how they would continue his gospel proclamation under his dynamic when the Spirit would come upon them.
 - 1. Luke 24:45-49; Acts 1:1-11; 1 Cor.15:1-11.