



Passion Week

Good Friday

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Jesus' Trials and Crucifixion (Luke 22:54 - 23:56)

Luke 23: 44-49 (NKJV)

⁴⁴ Now it was about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour. ⁴⁵ Then the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶ And when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice, He said, "Father, 'into Your hands I commit My spirit.'" Having said this, He breathed His last.

⁴⁷ So when the centurion saw what had happened, he glorified God, saying, "Certainly this was a righteous Man!"

⁴⁸ And the whole crowd who came together to that sight, seeing what had been done, beat their breasts and returned. ⁴⁹ But all His acquaintances, and the women who followed Him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.



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Friday was one of the busiest days of the Passion Week. Jesus was betrayed by His disciple, Judas, arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane and brought to the high priests (Luke 22: 47-53).

Jesus was denied three times by Peter (Luke 22: 54-62).

Jesus appeared before Pilate (Luke 23: 1-5) and then He appeared before Herod (Luke 23: 6-7).

Jesus appeared again before Pilate and was sentenced to death by Pilate (Luke 23:20-25).

Now Jesus was led away to a place called Calvary. There they crucified Him.

While Jesus was hanging on a cross at Calvary, He uttered seven sayings, known as His "Seven Last Words" from the cross.



The Seven Last Words of Jesus Christ

First Word:

“Father forgive them, for they do not know what they do.” (Luke 23: 34)

Second Word:

“Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.” (Luke 23: 43)

Third Word:

“Woman, behold your Son; [Son], behold your Mother.” (John 19: 26-27)

Fourth Word:

“My God, My God, why have you forsaken Me?” (Matthew 27: 46)

Fifth Word:

“I thirst.” (John 19:28)

Sixth Word:

“It is finished.” (John 19:30)

Seventh Word:

“Father, into your hands, I commit My spirit.” (Luke 23:46)

It is interesting to note that Jesus started His words by asking the Father to forgive those who were involved in His crucifixion (Luke 23:34).

Jesus closed His words by addressing the Father, “Father, into your hands I commit My spirit.”

Jesus had been in the hands of the soldiers who arrested Him.

He had been in the hands of the high priest, in the hands of the Sanhedrin Council. Jesus had been in the hands of Pilate and then in the hands of Herod, and back into the hands of Pilate, who sentenced Him to death (Luke 23:24)

Now, Jesus changes hands. He placed His spirit into His Father’s Hands. When He said this, He breathed His last (Luke 23:46)

Jesus was in control of His life until the time He placed it into His Father’s hand (John 10:17-18). The enemies did not take Jesus’ life. He laid it down on His own accord on that Friday, which we call today, Good Friday.

Life Applications:

- † As Christians, we must remember our salvation is secure in the Father’s Hand (John 10: 28-29).
- † As Christians, we must place things in God’s hands and trust His promises (Titus 1:2)
- † Today, Good Friday, is a good day for anyone who has not trusted Jesus to be their Savior, to ask Him to save them (Romans 10:9,13).

Passion Week Timeline

Day 1: The Triumphal Entry (Palm Sunday) | *Matthew 21: 1-11; Mark 11: 1-11; Luke 19: 28-44; John 12: 12-19*

On the first day of the week, Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, fulfilling an ancient prophecy (Zech. 9:9). The crowd welcomed him with “Hosanna” and the words of Psalm 118:25-26, thus ascribing to him a Messianic title as the agent of the Lord, the coming of the King of Israel.

Day 2: Jesus Clears the Temple (Monday) | *Matthew 21: 10-17; Mark 11: 15-18; Luke 19: 45-48*

On this day, Jesus returned to the temple and found the court of Gentiles full of traders and money changers making a large profit as they gave out Jewish coins in exchange for “pagan” money. Jesus drove them out and overturned their tables.

Day 3: Jesus Teaches the Passover Crowd (Tuesday) | *Matthew 21:23 - 24:51; Mark 11:27 - 13:37; Luke 20:1 - 21:38*

In Jerusalem, the Pharisees questioned Jesus’ authority. Yet, Jesus evaded the traps set by the priests.

On the Mount of Olives overlooking Jerusalem, Jesus taught in parables and warned the people against the Pharisees. He predicted the destruction of Herod’s great temple and told His disciples about future events; including His own return.

Day 4: A Day of Rest (Wednesday) | *Not mentioned in the Gospels*

The Scriptures do not mention Jesus’ actions on this day.

Day 5: Passover Meal and the Institution of The Lord’s Supper | *Matthew 26: 17-30; Mark 14:12-26; Luke 22:7-23; John 13:1-30*

In an upper room Jesus prepared both Himself and His disciples for His death. He gave the Passover meal a new meaning. The loaf of bread and cup of wine represented His body soon to be sacrificed and His blood soon to be shed. And so He instituted the “Lords Supper.” after singing a hymn, they went to the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus prayed in agony, knowing what lay ahead for Him.

Day 6: Jesus’ Trials and Crucifixion | *Matthew 27:1 - 66; Mark 15: 1-47; Luke 22:66 - 23:56; John 18:28 - 19:37*

Following betrayal, arrest, desertion, false trials, denial, condemnation, beatings and mockery, Jesus carried His cross to Golgotha, which is translated as “The Place of the Skull.”

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

Understand ... You Need To Be Saved

- † because you have sinned. “All have sinned and come short of the glory of God.” Romans 3:23
- † because your sin has a penalty. “The wages of sin is death.” Romans 6:23
- † because you cannot save yourself. “Not by works of righteousness which we have done.” Titus 3:5

Understand ... You Can Be Saved

- † because God loves you. “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life.” John 3:16
- † because Jesus died for you. “While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5:8
- † because God raised Jesus from the dead. “God...raised up Jesus...so He could grant repentance...and bestow forgiveness and release us from sins.” Acts 5:30-31

Understand ... There Is Something For You To Do To Be Saved

- † you must repent (turn from sin). “Repent...and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out.” Acts 3:19

† you must put your faith in Jesus (only). “For by grace are you saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God.” Ephesians 2:8

† you must surrender to Jesus as your Lord (boss). “If you will confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.” Romans 10:9

◆ Do you believe you need to be saved? Yes No

◆ Do you believe you can be saved? Yes No

◆ Do you believe God raised Jesus from the dead? Yes No

If you are ready to be saved, then you are ready to pray. The Bible says, “Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Dear Lord Jesus:

I know I am a sinner and right now I ask you to forgive me. I know you died for my sins, and right now I invite you into my heart to be my Savior and Lord. I willingly turn from my sin and give my life to you. Thank you for saving me. Amen

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