

The Significance of Each Day from Palm Sunday, Today, to Resurrection Sunday Next Sunday

Day 1: Jesus has His Triumphal Entry on Palm Sunday.

On the Sunday before His death, Jesus began His trip to Jerusalem, knowing that soon He would lay down His life for our sins.

Day 2: On Monday, Jesus Clears the Temple.

When Jesus arrived at the Temple, He found the courts full of corrupt money changers. He began overturning their tables and clearing the Temple,

Day 3: On Tuesday, Jesus Goes to the Mount of Olives.

Early that morning, temple, religious leaders were upset at Jesus for establishing Himself as a spiritual authority. They organized an ambush with the intent to place Him under arrest. But Jesus evaded their traps and pronounced harsh judgment on them. Later that afternoon, Jesus left the city and went with His disciples to the Mount of Olives, which sits due east of the Temple and overlooks Jerusalem. Here Jesus gave the Olivet Discourse, an elaborate prophecy about the destruction of Jerusalem and the end of the age.

Day 4: On Wednesday, it is less clear all that transpired.

Scholars speculate that after two exhausting days in Jerusalem, Jesus and His disciples spent this day resting in Bethany in anticipation of Passover.

Day 5: On Thursday is the Passover and Last Supper.

This day marks a somber turn to the week. As the Lamb of God, Jesus was about to fulfill the meaning of Passover by giving His body to be broken and His blood to be shed in sacrifice, freeing us from sin and death. During this Last Supper, Jesus established the Lord's Supper. Later, Jesus and the disciples left the Upper Room and went to the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus prayed in agony to God the Father. Still later, Jesus was betrayed with a kiss by Judas Iscariot and arrested by the Sanhedrin who had gathered to make their case against Him.

Day 6: Jesus' Trial, Crucifixion, Death, and Burial are on Good Friday.

Meanwhile, before the third hour (9 a.m.), Jesus endured the shame of false accusations, condemnation, mockery, beatings, and abandonment. After multiple unlawful trials, He was sentenced to death by crucifixion, one of the most horrible and disgraceful methods of capital punishment known at the time. By 6 p.m. Friday evening, Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea, took Jesus' body down from the cross and lay it in a tomb.

Day 7: He spent Saturday in the Tomb.

Jesus' body lay in its tomb where it was guarded by Roman soldiers throughout the day on Saturday. When the Sabbath ended at 6 p.m., Christ's body was ceremonially treated for burial with spices purchased by Nicodemus. While His physical body lay in the tomb, Jesus Christ paid the penalty for sin by offering the perfect, spotless sacrifice. He conquered death, both spiritually and physically, securing our eternal salvation.

Day 8: Jesus was Resurrected on Sunday.

On the day of His resurrection, Jesus Christ made at least five appearances. The eyewitness accounts in the Gospels provide what Christians believe to be undeniable evidence that the resurrection of Jesus Christ did indeed happen. Two millennia after His death, followers of Christ still flock to Jerusalem to see the empty tomb.

