

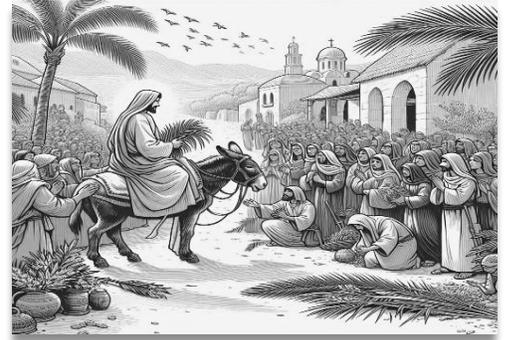
## Holy Week - March 29 - April 5, 2026

### March 29<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday - Matthew 21:1-11, John 12:13-14

Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey as the crowd welcomed him with "Hosanna."

**Activity** - Welcome and glorify Jesus as you start this week of remembrance. Collect your palm frond from the church and make a palm cross.

**Prayer** - "Lord, let this passage inspire us to celebrate Your presence. Just as the multitude did, we lift our voices and proclaim that you are our Lord, Savior, and Coming King."



### March 30<sup>th</sup> Monday - Mark 11:15-18



Arriving in Jerusalem, Jesus notices people are buying and selling things in the temple. God designed the temple to be a place for worship and prayer. In anger, Jesus whips the merchants, flips over the tables, and drives them out of the temple. Our God of love can also be a God of anger when people do the opposite of what He has instructed.

**Activity** - Think about ways that you may have compromised your faith if you are a Christian, write them down, pray and ask forgiveness for each one.

**Prayer** - "Lord, let this example of Your anger remind me that I am not exempt from Your anger when I don't follow Your teaching in the Bible. Forgive me, as I learn to be led by You."

### March 31<sup>st</sup> Tuesday - Matthew 21:23-45

The High priest and elders question Jesus' authority. Jesus exposes their hypocrisy through stories about obedience. He identifies Himself as the rejected son/cornerstone and warns that the kingdom will be taken from the religious rulers who don't follow God."

**Activity** - Think about what you did today. Did you represent God with your actions that God Himself would be pleased and honored to call you His follower?

**Prayer** - "Lord, since I have been changed by Jesus, help me to submit to His authority and obey Your will according to the Bible."



### April 1<sup>st</sup> Spy Wednesday - Matthew 26:14-16, Luke 22:1-6



Judas Iscariot meets with the chief priests and Pharisees. Driven by greed and the influence of Satan, Judas agrees to lead an armed guard to arrest Jesus privately, away from crowds, to avoid public disturbance.

**Activity** - Throw away the written compromises and bad activities from Monday and Tuesday and do them no more.

**Prayer** - "Heavenly Father, strengthen my heart to remain loyal to You, even when it is difficult. Guard my heart against temptation and the schemes of the devil."

**April 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday – John 13:1-17, Matthew 26:17-30**

Jesus celebrates the Passover with his disciples, including Judas. Jesus washes their feet, identifies his betrayal, breaking bread as his body, and sharing wine as his blood of the new covenant.

**Activity** - Using simple cracker and juice, take time to remember Jesus' sacrifice privately by creating a "5 Finger Prayer" - praising, and thanking God, praying for others, for yourself, and finally, for the church.

**Prayer** – *"Heavenly Father, I stand in awe of Your Son, Jesus, who knelt to wash the feet of His disciples. Thank You for the example of love and humility shown in this passage, where Jesus served even knowing who would betray him."*



**April 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday – Matthew 27:26-31, John 19:1-3, Matthew 27:32-50, John 19:17-30**



Jesus is severely beaten, is mocked by soldiers placing a crown of thorns on His head, carries a His cross to Calvary between two thieves, and dies on the cross for all mankind. With the gift of His life, Jesus bears the penalty for our sins and provides eternal life.

**Activity** – Think about the passages of scripture and reflect not only of the suffering of Jesus but His willingness to lay down is Divine power to be born into this world and die for your sins.

**Prayer** – *"Lord, Thank You for the love shown when Jesus, even in His pain, cared for His mother and for me. I celebrate that His death was not a defeat, but a victory over sin."*

**April 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday – Luke 23:43, 1 Peter 3:18-20**

Jesus went to Paradise (the grave) and preaches to the souls of all believers who had died prior to His appearing, so that all mankind must come to the Father through faith in the Jesus. Paradise is no longer part of the grave since Jesus escorted those souls to heaven with Him.

**Activity** – Prepare for Sunrise Service at 6:00 a.m.

**Prayer** – *"Lord Jesus, Your Word tells me that even after your sacrifice on the cross, you were alive in the Spirit, proclaiming your victory to those in the captivity of the grave. You never forget those who love You."*



**April 5<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday – Matthew 28:1-6, Mark 16:1-7, Luke 24:1-12, John 20:1-12**



Jesus rose from the grave and the sign is an empty tomb that had been guarded by a great stone and Romans soldiers. Jesus has risen just as He said. Once you put your trust in Him, you too can have everlasting life.

**Activity** – Rejoice that Jesus is alive! Accept the gift of His Life and live your life each day for Him. Come to church today and celebrate His resurrection with other believers.

**Prayer** – *"Lord, we rejoice that the tomb is empty. We pray for the courage to take the news of the living Savior to a world that desperately needs hope."*

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