

COUNTDOWN TO THE PASSION AND RESURRECTION

Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion! Shout for joy, daughter of Jerusalem! Look, your king is approaching, he is vindicated and victorious, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. Zechariah 9:9

JESUS' LAST WEEK IN JERUSALEM <i>Six days before the Passover, Jesus went to Bethany... John 12:1</i> [the next Jewish day begins at sundown]	
Day #1: Saturday, 9 Nisan [called Abib prior to the Babylonian exile, Ex 13:4]	Arrival in Bethany. Dinner with Mary, Martha, Lazarus and the Apostles six days before Passover. Mary of Bethany anoints Jesus' feet (Jn 12:1-8).
Day #2: Sunday, 10 Nisan	Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem (Mt 21:1-11; Mk 11:1- 11; Lk 19:28-44; Jn 12:12-19). The Passover lambs were chosen for sacrifice in first Passover on the same date (Ex 12:3). Jesus cleanses the Temple a second time then goes to Bethany (first cleansing = Jn 2:13-22; second time = Mt 21:12-17; Lk 19:45-48). 8 days from entry into Jerusalem to Jesus' Resurrection.
Day #3: Monday, 11 Nisan	Jesus curses the fig tree (Mt 21:18-19; Mk 11:12-14). Jesus cleanses the Temple for a third time (Mk 11:15 18). Jesus teaches at the Temple.
Day #4: Tuesday, 12 Nisan	Jesus teaches at the Temple: another day of controversy And parables (Mt 21:23-24:51; Mk 11:27-13:37; Lk 20:1-21).
Day #5: Wednesday, 13 Nisan	Jesus' last day of teaching in Jerusalem. Dinner at Bethany at the home of Simon the Leper. An unnamed woman anoints Jesus' head (Mt 26:6-13; Mk 14:3-9). Judas betrays Jesus (Mt 26:14-16; Mk 14:10-11; Lk 22:3-6).
Day # 6: Thursday, 14 Nisan	The Feast of Passover but combined with the Feast of Unleavened Bread in the 1 st century AD. Passover was the first day followed by Unleavened Bread that lasted a week for a total of 8 days total. Both names used in Mt 26:17; Mk 14:12; Lk 22:1. Preparation for the sacred meal of the Passover victim (Mt 26:17-19; Mk 14:12-16; Lk 22:7). The Temple liturgy began at noon with the sacrifice of the Passover lambs and goat kids at the Temple from 3-5 PM (<i>Mishnah: Pesahim, 5:8B</i>).
Day #7: Friday, Nisan 15 Every Friday is called "Preparation Day" because it is the day to prepare for the Sabbath. At Sundown on our	The Feast of Unleavened Bread begins at sundown with the Passover meal (Ex 12:17-20; 13:3-8; Lev 23:5-8; Num 9:1-14; 28:16-25). Sundown is the beginning of the Jewish Friday but our Thursday night.

<p>Thursday the Jewish Friday began, the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread which lasted from 15-21 Abib/Nisan (Ex 12:17-20; Lev 23:5-8).</p>	<p>Jesus and His disciples celebrate the Last Passover and the First Eucharist (Mt 26:20-35; Mk 14:22-25; Lk 22:15-20; Jn 13:1-20).</p> <p>Jesus and the disciples withdraw to the Garden of Gethsemane on the Mt. of Olives (Mt 26:36-46; Mk 14:32-33; Lk 22:40-46; Jn 18:1).</p> <p>Jesus is arrested and taken to the Sanhedrin (Mt 26:47-56; Mk 14:43-50; Lk 22:47-53; Jn 18:2-12).</p> <p>Dawn = daytime Friday Jewish time: Jesus is condemned by the Jewish court, the Sanhedrin (Mt 26:57-75; 27:1-2; Mk14:53-65; Lk 22:54-55; 66-71; Jn 18:24), and Jesus is taken to Pilate the Roman governor at dawn, the 6th hour Roman time (Mt 27:1-2; Jn 18:28-32; Mk 15:1; Lk 22:66- 23:1).</p> <p>Pilate sends Him to Herod Agrippa I (Lk 23:6-12).</p> <p>Jesus is crucified at 9 AM, the 3rd hour Jewish time (Mk 15:25) as the 1st daily Tamid lamb is sacrificed at The Temple.</p> <p>12 noon (6th hour Jewish time) the sky turns dark and remains dark until 3 PM, the 9th hour Jewish time (Mt 27:45; Mk 15:33; Lk 23:44). 3PM, the 9th hour Jewish time is the sacrifice of the 2nd Tamid lamb at the Temple. Jesus gives up His life on the altar of the Cross at 3 PM (Mt 27:45-50; Mk 15:33, 37; Lk 23:44 46).</p> <p>The veil of the Holy of Holies in the Temple is torn in half from top to bottom, signifying Jesus' sacrifice is accepted for the redemption of humanity and the way to full communion with God is now opened (Mt. 27:51; Mk 15:37; Lk 23:45).</p>
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From the Tomb to the Resurrection (as the ancients counted)

<p>Day #1 in the tomb Friday afternoon</p>	<p>Jesus is laid in the tomb of a rich man. The tomb is sealed (Mt 27:57-61; Mk 15:42-47; Lk 23:50-55; Jn 19:38-42).</p>
<p>Day #2 in the tomb Saturday</p>	<p>Jesus descends to the abode of the dead and preaches the Gospel of salvation, freeing the righteous dead and leading them into Heaven (Eph 4:8-10; 1 Pt 3:19-20; 4:6).</p>
<p>Day #3 in the tomb, Sunday dawn</p>	<p>On the Jewish Feast of Firstfruits: Jesus is raised from the dead! (Lev. 23:9-15; Mt 28:1-8; Mk 16:1-8; Lk 24:1-10; Jn 20:1-10; 1 Cor 15:20-23).</p>

Jesus' Dinners with Friends at Bethany

John 12:1-13	Matthew 26:1-16	Mark 14:1-11
Event takes place six days before Passover at Bethany the day <u>before</u> Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on Passion [Palm] Sunday.	Takes place two days before Passover at Bethany <u>after</u> Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on Passion [Palm] Sunday	Takes place two days before Passover at Bethany <u>after</u> Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on Passion [Palm] Sunday.
Dinner at the home of Martha, Mary, and Lazarus.	Dinner at the home of Simon the Leper.	Dinner at the home of Simon the Leper.
Mary, Martha, Lazarus, and Jesus' disciples/Apostles attend.	The disciples/Apostles are present as guests.	Those who attend are unnamed.
Mary of Bethany has a jar of pure nard.	Unnamed woman has an alabaster jar of ointment.	Unnamed woman has an alabaster jar of pure nard.
Mary anoints Jesus' feet and wipes his feet with her hair	Anoints Jesus' head	Anoints Jesus' head.
Judas Iscariot protests the waste	Disciples indignant over the waste	Some who were there were indignant.
Price of jar 300 denarii; protests it should be given to the poor.	Could have been sold at a high price and given to poor. Jesus says "but you will not always have me."	Price over 300 denarii. Suggests given to the poor. Jesus says "but you will not always have me."
Jesus defends Mary and says "Let her keep it for the day of my burial."	Jesus defends the woman as doing a good work.	Jesus defends the woman as doing a good work.
You have the poor with you always; you will not always have me.	You will always have the poor; she did it to prepare for my burial	You will always have the poor; she has anointed my body for its burial
	Wherever the Gospel is proclaimed what she has done will be remembered	Wherever the Gospel is proclaimed what she has done will be remembered
Jesus enters Jerusalem	Judas betrays Jesus	Judas betrays Jesus

Three Anointings of Christ by Women

Anointing #1: Luke 7:36-8:1	Anointing #2: John 12:1-12	Anointing #3: Matthew 26:1-13 and Mark 14:3-11
During the Galilean ministry: probably year 1 of His ministry	6 days before Passover in Bethany before Jesus' entry into Jerusalem	2 days before Passover in Bethany after Jesus' entry into Jerusalem
At the house of Simon the Pharisee	Not specified but assumed house of Mary, Martha, & Lazarus. Martha is cooking dinner	At the house of Simon the leper
Anointing by a woman who is a sinner with an alabaster jar of ointment	Mary of Bethany with a pound of genuine nard	Anointing by unnamed woman with an alabaster jar of genuine nard
Her tears fall on Jesus' feet;	Anoints Jesus' feet and wipes	Breaks the jar and pours nard

dries feet with hair; anoints feet.	feet with hair.	on Jesus' head.
Simon the Pharisee criticizes Jesus; Jesus rebukes Simon.	Judas protests.	Some disciples protest.
No amount given	Value of ointment is 300 denarii.	Value of ointment is more than 300 denarii.
Jesus defends and forgives the sinful woman.	Jesus defends Mary.	Jesus defends unnamed woman.
"Your faith has saved you; go in peace"	Jesus says: "Leave her alone" "The poor always with you."	Jesus says: "Leave her alone" "Poor always with you."
	"Let her keep it for the day of my burial."	"She has anointed my body beforehand for its burial."
	Chief priests decide to kill Jesus and Lazarus.	Her deed will be told in whole world.
Jesus travels through the Galilee preaching the good news.	Jesus enters Jerusalem.	Judas betrays Jesus to the chief priest.

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