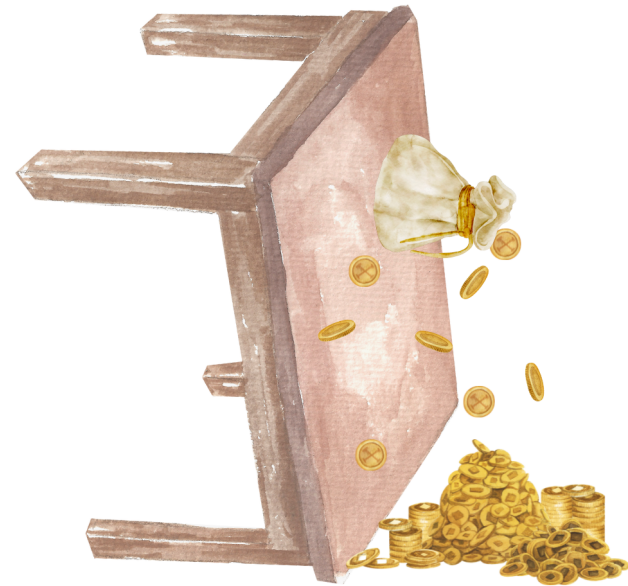


Palm Sunday



Triumphal entry

Monday



Turning the tables

Matthew 21:1-11
Luke 19:28-44

On Palm Sunday, Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. As he rode into the city, He was honored by people laying down their cloaks and palm branches in the road, and they proclaimed, "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

Jesus demonstrates peace by coming into town on a donkey. Some of the people thought Jesus was the Messiah because they had seen His miracles, but others thought He was coming to wage war against the Romans, but He wasn't. He was coming to save His people, and He knew the day was coming where He would lay down His life for them.

Matthew 21:12-17
Luke 19:45-48

Jesus went into the temple of God, and He cast out items that were bought and sold, and He overturned the tables of money. He said, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer;' but you make it a den of robbers." Then the blind and lame came to Jesus in the temple, and He healed them.

Jesus was angered by how the worship had been corrupted into a money making business. The temple was to be a center for seeking God's grace in repentance. When Jesus healed the blind and lame, He was highlighting that the true worship of God involves mercy to the needy.

Tuesday



Teaching in the temple

Wednesday



Anointing

Matthew 21:23-27
Luke 20:1-22:2

Jesus preached God's word in the temple to all who would listen. The chief priests and elders challenged His authority. Jesus asked them, "Was the baptism of John from heaven or man? They discussed, saying if we say, 'From heaven,' He will say, 'Why did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'From man,' all the people will stone us to death." So they answered that they did not know.

Jesus had already demonstrated His authority in many ways; He did not need to be challenged. When he asked the chief priests and elders the question, it exposed their lack of concern for the truth and their motive of pleasing the people.

Matthew 26:6-16
Mark 14:3-11

A woman anointed Jesus by pouring very precious ointment on His head, when the disciples saw this, they thought it was a waste. Jesus said to them, "Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a beautiful thing to me. In pouring the ointment on my body, she has done it to prepare me for burial."

The disciples were provoked by the pouring out of oil because they thought it was wasteful; for she could have sold it and given the money to the poor. Jesus made the point that nothing should demand out love and affection more than Christ. He stated that it was to prepare for His burial because it was customary to anoint the body of a dead person with spices.

Thursday



The Last Supper

Good Friday



Crucifixion

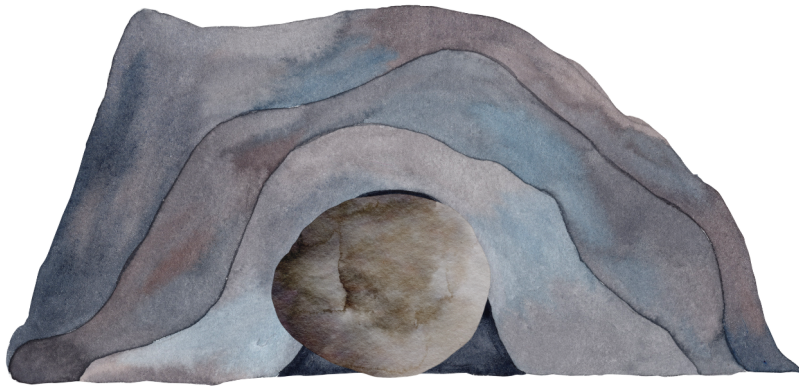
Matthew 26:17-75
Mark 14:12-72

The disciples prepared the Passover; when they were eating, Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper. He took bread, blessed it, broke it and gave it to His disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." Then He took the cup and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for the forgiveness of sins." After the Passover, Jesus went and prayed in Gethsemane. It was here when Judas betrayed Him and Jesus was arrested. While Jesus went before the council, Peter denied knowing Christ 3 times before the rooster crowed. When Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper, He transformed the Passover meal into remembrance of His redeeming death. This shows that His suffering was not an accident; it was appointed to accomplish redemption from sin. Christ deserves our all! His willingness to die for sinners should elicit all of our affection, adoration and devotion!

Matthew 27:1-61
Mark 15:1-47

The morning came, and the chief priests and elders took counsel against Jesus to put Him to death. Pilate asked the people, "Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" The crowd chose Barabbas. Pilate asked, "What shall I do with Jesus?" And they all said, "Let Him be crucified!" The soldiers took Jesus and mocked Him by stripping off His clothes, twisting a crown of thorns and knelt before Him saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They spit on Him and struck Him. They then had Jesus carry His cross with the help of Simon of Cyrene. Jesus was crucified at Golgotha. In the evening, Joseph of Arimathea wrapped His body and laid Him in the tomb. Jesus' trials are completed. He suffered and was killed to save His people. Our sin needed to be dealt with to bring us near. Christ died for our sins.

Saturday



Burial

Sunday



Resurrection

Matthew 27:62-66

The next day, the chief priests went to Pilate and said, "Sir, we remember how that imposed said, while He was still alive, 'After three days I will rise.' Therefore order the tomb to be made secure until the third day." So they guarded the tomb with soldiers and sealed the tomb with a large stone.

The chief priests were afraid that the disciples might steal Jesus' body and say that He rose from the dead. At this point, the religious leaders thought they had won, but we know that they did not!

Matthew 28:1-20
Mark 16:1-8

On the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb, there was an earthquake and

an angel descended from heaven, the guards trembled with fear and became like dead men. The angel told the women that Jesus had risen and told them to go tell the disciples. While they were going, the chief priests told the soldiers to tell people that the disciples stole Him while we were sleeping. When the eleven disciples went to Galilee, they saw Jesus and worshiped Him, but some doubted. Jesus said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given unto me." And He told the disciples to go to the

nations, baptize them and teach them all that He commanded.

Christ is alive, and He will be "with you always, to the end of the age." The resurrection demonstrates that Jesus' "blood of the new covenant" saves His people from their sins. It is a clear signal that Jesus is the powerful Son of God who has conquered death and reigns as Lord of all!

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