

HOLY WEEK

From the “Red Carpet” to the
Cross

Sunday: A Triumphant Entry



Are we willing to give God our donkey?

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples,
² saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.”

⁴ This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

⁵ “Say to Daughter Zion,
‘See, your king comes to you,
gentle and riding on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’” Matt: 21: 1-5

What do we have to offer God?

- Time
- Talents
- Material Items
- Lives

If our God asks us for something, how do we respond?

The Challenges of the Week

The Temple

13 “It is written,” he said to them, “‘My house will be called a house of prayer,’ but you are making it ‘a den of robbers.’” Matt 21: 13



Tricky Questioning

- Paying Taxes to Caesar (Matt 22: 21)
- Marriage at the Resurrection (Matt 22:29-32)
- The Greatest Commandment (Matt 22:37-40)



Did others challenge us the week?

- Were our beliefs and opinions questioned?
- Was our authority challenged?
- Was our faith challenged?

Jesus stayed focus on His mission knowing what awaited.

- Continued to teach using parables. (Parables of the Wedding Banquet, The Two Sons, The Ten Virgins and The Tenants were used during this week. Matt 21- 25)
- Continued to try to save the lost with His warnings to the Jewish religious leaders in Matthew 23. These are the same people who were plotting against Him.
- Jesus tried to comfort His disciples and let them know what was going to happen in the coming days and at the end of time. (Matt 24)

As Christians, are we remaining focused on our mission?

- We are called to be “Lights for the World.”
Matt 5: 16
- Our actions should reflect our faith. James 2:17
- We should be loving God with our entire being and loving our neighbor as ourselves. Matt 22: 37-40

One Last Celebration with His Friends

¹⁸ He replied, "Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, 'The Teacher says: My appointed time is near. I am going to celebrate the Passover with my disciples at your house.'"

¹⁹ So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them and prepared the Passover. Matt 26: 18-19



Friendship Betrayed for 30 Pieces of Silver

- After all Judas witnessed and the love Jesus showed him, he gave Jesus up for some money.
Matt 26: 14-16
- What are the “30 pieces of silver” in our lives that keep us away from God?



Prayer, Arrest, Abandonment and Denial

- Jesus was scared and prayed for help from His Father. Matt 26: 36-42
- With the help of Judas, Jesus was arrested and His disciples fled away and left Him alone.
Matt 26:55-56
- Peter denied knowing Jesus, instead of staying loyal. Matt 26:69-74

Crucify Him!, Beatings, Crucifixion

- The crowds shouted for Jesus to die. Matt 27: 22-26
- Soldiers mocked, beat and crowned Jesus with thorns. Matt 27:27-31
- Jesus was crucified. Matt 27:35



Jesus' Death- A Chance for Heavenly Life

