

THIRTY THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT JESUS

#26 | THE FINAL WEEK OF JESUS' PUBLIC MINISTRY

The final week prior to and including the crucifixion was a week that was filled with teaching and activity by Jesus. It was a week of summing it all up. The events of Friday did not catch Jesus off-guard, He had said what was going to happen before the week ever began and before He arrived in Jerusalem, though the Apostles did not understand what was going to take place (Luke 18:31-34.)

A WORD CONCERNING THE CHRONOLOGY OF THE LAST WEEK

Thousands of hours have been spent trying to accurately create a chronology of the last week. While much has been learned and debated, several issues cause me to use the traditional Friday chronology-

- The sign of Jonah (Matt 12:40) – How do you get three days and nights between Friday and Sunday?
 - Jesus was raised *on the third day*, not the fourth, and the third day was a Sunday – Matthew 17:23, Mark 9:31, Luke 9:22, John 2:19.
 - It appears that “three days” and “third day” are a metaphorical statement in Hebrew to mean “the day after tomorrow.” 1 Kings 12:5, 12; 2 Chronicles 10:5, 12; Esther 4:16, 5:1, Luke 13:32-33.
- The day after Jesus died was a Sabbath – Luke 23:54; 24:51; Mark 15:42, 16:1; John 19:31
- If it was a Feast Day special Sabbath (as the 15th of Nisan was) but not a seventh day Sabbath, they would have been able to bury. The only work prohibited on a Feast Day Sabbath was **servile work** (Lev. 23:7), that is, work for which one was being paid.

SUNDAY

Sunday was the day of the Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem, in which prophecy was fulfilled (Zech. 9:9) and the people hailed Jesus as Messiah.

MONDAY

The cleansing of the Temple, the cursing of the fig tree, “out of the mouth of babes” the children profess Him to be King.

TUESDAY

Tuesday, the “last working day of Jesus,” was so filled with activity that a book could be written on the subject. The day included teaching in the Temple, the widow’s mite, arguments with the Scribes and Pharisees, the eight “woes” to the nation, the last parables, the lament

of Jerusalem, and the teaching of last things in Matthew 24. The last fully public act of ministry is summarized in John 12:27-32.

WEDNESDAY

Jesus rests, Judas conspires.

THURSDAY

Preparation for the Passover, the Last Supper, the Upper Room Discourse, the Garden of Gethsemane, the arrest of Jesus.

FRIDAY

The early morning trial, followed by the crucifixion at 9:00 AM and the death of Jesus at 3:00 PM.

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sunday & Beyond
Matthew	21:1-11	21:12-22	19:30-20:16, 21:23-25:30	26:1-5, 14-16	26:17-75	27:1-31	Silence	28:1-20
Mark	11:1-11	11:15-26	11:27-13:37	14:1, 2, 10, 11	14:12-72	15:1-47		16:1-20
Luke	19:29-44	19:45-48	13:34-35, 12:35-48, 19:11-28, 20:1-21:38	22:1-6	22:7-65	23:1-56		24:1-53
John	12:12-19		12:20-50		13:1-38-18:27	18:28-19:42		21:1-25