

Friday: Why do we call this day “Good”?

Matthew 26.20-27.61; Mark 14.17-15.47; Luke 22.14-23.56; John 13-19

Darkness falls, beginning a *very dark day*. Passover points back to a historic event in Israel’s history, but tonight it will become a symbol of deliverance for all mankind. Israel’s Messiah is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! His words on the cross show it.

‘D-Day’ in the War Against Sin

- Discourse – 6:00-9:00 pm; *Passover; A new commandment; “I go to prepare a place;” vine and branches, the coming Spirit*
- Distress – 10:00 pm-1:00 am; *At Gethsemane, sweating blood, “Father, if it be possible...”, “Pray!”, betrayal and arrest*
- Denunciation – 4:00-8:00 a.m.; *accusations, mocking, calling Him ‘blasphemer,’ “Crucify Him!”; sentenced to death*
- Death – 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.; *carrying cross, crucified, darkness in midday; veil torn, centurion’s confession; burial; “It is finished!”*

Six Hours...Seven Sayings

Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.

Today shalt thou be with Me in paradise.

Woman, behold your Son...Behold your mother.

My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?

I thirst.

It is finished.

Father, into Thy hands I commend My spirit.



There is so much written about events during the last week of Jesus’ life, we cannot cover everything in this series of five messages. But you can! On your own, or as a family, starting today, Palm Sunday, take time to read the events of each day from the Gospels. Below I have selected references from which you can read each day. Note: Each Jewish ‘day’ begins at sundown of the day before for us (e.g., events of ‘Good Friday’ began on our Thursday night).

First Day of the Week (Palm Sunday)

Matthew 21.1-11; Mark 11.1-11; Luke 19.29-44; John 12.12-19

Second Day of the Week (Monday)

Matthew 21.12-17; Mark 11.12-19; 19.45-46

Third Day of the Week (Tuesday)

Matthew 21.23-25.46; Mark 11.20-13.37; Luke 20.1-21.36 (longer section; this includes the Olivet Discourse)

Fourth Day of the Week (Wednesday)

Matthew 26.1-5, 14-16; Mark 14.1-2, 10-11; Luke 22.1-6

Fifth Day of the Week (Thursday)

Matthew 26.17-19; Mark 14.12-16; Luke 22.7-13

Sixth Day of the Week (Good Friday)

Matthew 26.20-27.61; Mark 14.17-15.47; Luke 22.14-23.56; John 13-19 (seven chapters; this includes the Upper Room Discourse)

Seventh Day of the Week (Saturday [Sabbath])

Matthew 27.62-66

First Day of the Week (Resurrection Sunday)

Matthew 28.1-15; Mark 16.1-14; Luke 24.1-49; John 20.1-23