



Walking With Christ

A 9-day chronological reading plan walking
through the final week of Christ.



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Hey there, I'm Marissa! I am an author and content creator whose biggest passion is helping you grow closer to God through theologically rich Bible study.

My hope for this reading plan is that it helps you slow down and walk closely with Jesus through the events of His final week on earth. By reading the Gospel accounts chronologically, my prayer is that you see the story of Holy Week unfold in a deeper and more meaningful way. Gaining a fuller picture of Christ's journey to the cross and the victory of His resurrection.

As you reflect on these passages, I hope you grow in your love for Scripture and in your understanding of the incredible sacrifice and hope found in the gospel.



Come follow me along wherever you like to follow your favorite creators!

What is Holy Week?

Hello, fellow theologians. I am so honored to walk with you over the next nine days as we reflect on the final week of Jesus' earthly ministry, *the week that changed the world*.

In the Christian tradition, this sacred time is known as Holy Week. For many Christians throughout history, Catholic, Orthodox, and Protestant alike, it has been considered the most significant week of the year. Even more than Christmas. Holy Week centers on the very heart of the gospel: the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Holy Week traditionally begins with Palm Sunday and concludes with Resurrection Sunday. For a fuller context, our journey will begin the day(s) before Palm Sunday, allowing us to step more fully into the unfolding events. Context is everything when studying Scripture, and Holy Week is no exception.

Throughout this week, we will encounter moments that are both triumphant and tender:

- Jesus was welcomed as King.
- Jesus cleansing the temple.
- Jesus taught in parables and prophecy.
- Jesus breaking bread in the upper room.
- Jesus praying in Gethsemane.
- Jesus was betrayed, tried, crucified, buried, and gloriously raised.

The Gospel writers devote a remarkable amount of space to these few days. Though the four Gospels span decades of Jesus' life and ministry, nearly a third of each book focuses on the events surrounding His crucifixion. The biblical authors slow down here, because this is the center of the story.

Holy Week is sometimes called Passion Week, from the Latin *passio*, meaning "to suffer." It is called this because Jesus willingly endured suffering out of love. In these days, we see the depth of Christ's obedience, humility, and mercy. We see the love that led Him to the cross.

What is a Gospel Harmony?

This reading plan is structured as a Gospel harmony, meaning we will read the events of Holy Week as they unfold across all four Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John; arranged in chronological order.

Each Gospel writer tells the story of Jesus from a unique perspective, much like voices in a four-part choir. Their accounts differ in detail and emphasis, yet together they form one beautiful, unified testimony. When read in harmony, the narrative's richness deepens.

Several years ago over a past Easter season, I searched for a complete, chronological harmony of Holy Week. I found helpful resources, but many were either simplified or omitted passages I longed to include. After much study and comparison, I began compiling my own harmony of the texts for personal study. What you are holding is the fruit of that labor.

There is, of course, some scholarly discussion about the precise order of events. What is presented here reflects careful research and prayerful consideration. We approach this study with humility, always learning and growing, yet confident in the central truth: Christ crucified and risen.

Why Read Chronologically

Reading Holy Week in chronological order allows us to experience the unfolding tension of the story.

When we read each Gospel separately, we may encounter the events in slightly different sequences. But when arranged chronologically, we begin to feel the movement of the week: the rising opposition, the mounting sorrow, the quiet resolve of Christ.

We see:

- How quickly public praise turns to rejection
- How deliberately Jesus moves toward the cross
- How every teaching and conversation carries eternal weight
- How the shadow of Friday stretches across the entire week

Reading this way invites us not just to observe the events, but to walk through them.

It helps us slow down. It allows us to linger. It draws us into the gravity and the glory of what took place.

Timeline of the Final Week of Jesus

Friday/Saturday	<i>Jesus arrives in Bethany</i>
Sunday	<i>Triumphal Entry</i>
Monday	<i>Temple Cleansing</i>
Tuesday	<i>Temple Teaching</i>
Wednesday	<i>Quiet preparation/betrayal planned</i>
Thursday	<i>The Last Supper</i>
Friday	<i>The Crucifixion</i>
Saturday	<i>The Tomb</i>
Sunday	<i>Resurrection</i>

Friday of Sorrows

Bible Reading

Reading:

- John 12:1-11

Chronological Order:

- Jesus arrives at Bethany
 - John 12:1
- Mary anoints Jesus
 - John 12:2-8
- Crowd comes to see Jesus
 - John 12:9-11

Palm Sunday

Bible Reading

Reading:

- Matthew 21:1-17
- Mark 11:1-11
- Luke 19:28-44
- John 12:12-19

Chronological Order:

- Two disciples borrow a colt
 - Matthew 21:1-6
 - Mark 11:1-6
 - Luke 19:28-36
- Jesus enters Jerusalem: The Triumphal Entry
 - Matthew 21:7-11
 - Mark 11:7-10
 - Luke 19:37-40
 - John 12:12-19
- Jesus weeps over Jerusalem
 - Luke 19:41-44
- Jesus looks around the temple
 - Mark 11:11
- Jesus returns to Bethany
 - Matthew 21:17
 - Mark 11:11

Holy Monday

Bible Reading

Reading:

- Matthew 21:12-19
- Mark 11:12-19
- Luke 19:45-48
- John 12:20-50

Chronological Order:

- Jesus curses the fig tree
 - Matthew 21:18-19
 - Mark 11:12-14
- Jesus cleanses the temple
 - Matthew 21:12-13
 - Mark 11:15-17
 - Luke 19:45-46
- Jesus healing/teaching at the temple/children praise Jesus/Jesus predicts his crucifixion/priests question Jesus/chief priests want to kill Jesus
 - Matthew 21:14-16
 - Mark 11:18
 - Luke 19:47-48
 - John 12:20-50
- Jesus returns to Bethany
 - Mark 11:19

Holy Tuesday

Bible Reading

Reading:

- Matthew 21:20-25:46
- Mark 11:20-13:37
- Luke 20:1-21:38

Chronological Order:

- The disciples find the withered fig tree
 - Matthew 21:20-22
 - Mark 11:20-25
- The authority of Jesus is questioned/challenged
 - Matthew 21:23-27
 - Mark 11:27-33
 - Luke 20:1-8
- Parable of two sons
 - Matthew 21:18-31
- Parable of the vineyard owner
 - Matthew 21:33-46
 - Mark 12:1-12
 - Luke 20:9-19
- Parable of the wedding banquet
 - Matthew 22:1-14
- God and Caesar (taxes)
 - Matthew 22:15-22
 - Mark 12:13-17
 - Luke 20:20-26
- The Sadducees and the Resurrection
 - Matthew 22:23-22
 - Mark 12:18-27
 - Luke 20:27-40
- The primary commands
 - Matthew 22:34-40
 - Mark 12:28-34
- The question about the Messiah
 - Matthew 22:41-46
 - Mark 12:35-37
 - Luke 20:41-44
- Religious Hypocrites Denounced/Warning against the scribes
 - Matthew 23:1-39
 - Mark 12:38-40
 - Luke 20:45-47

Holy Tuesday Part Two:

- The widows gift
 - Mark 12:41-44
 - Luke 21:1-4
- Destruction of the temple predicted
 - Matthew 24:1-2
 - Mark 13:1-2
 - Luke 21:5-6
- Signs of the end of the age
 - Matthew 24:3-8
 - Mark 13:3-8
 - Luke 21:7-19
- Persecutions predicted
 - Matthew 24:9-14
 - Mark 13:9-13
- The Great Tribulation
 - Matthew 24:15-28
 - Mark 13:14-23
- The Destruction of Jerusalem
 - Luke 21:20-24
- The coming of the Son of Man
 - Matthew 24:29-31
 - Mark 13:24-27
 - Luke 21:25-28
- The parable of the fig tree
 - Matthew 24:32-35
 - Mark 13:28-31
 - Luke 21:29-33
- No one knows the day or hour
 - Matthew 24:36-44
 - Mark 13:32-37
 - Luke 21:34-38
- Faithful service to Christ
 - Matthew 24:45-51
- The parable of the ten virgins
 - Matthew 25:1-13
- The parable of the talents
 - Matthew 25:14-30
- The parable of the sheep and goats
 - Matthew 25:31-46

Spy Wednesday

Bible Reading

Reading:

- Matthew 26:1-16
- Mark 14:1-11
- Luke 22:1-6

Chronological Order:

- The plot to kill Jesus
 - Matthew 26:1-5
 - Mark 14:1-2
 - Luke 22:1-2
- The second anointing at Bethany
 - Matthew 26:6-13
 - Mark 14:3-9
- Judas agrees to betray Jesus
 - Matthew 26:14-16
 - Mark 14:10-11
 - Luke 22:3-6

Holy Thursday

Bible Reading

Reading:

- Matthew 26:17-30
- Mark 14:12-26
- Luke 22:7-34
- John 13:1-14:31

Chronological Order:

- Preparation for the Passover
 - Matthew 26:17-19
 - Mark 14:12-16
 - Luke 22:7-13
- Jesus and the disciples assemble for the Passover feast
 - Matthew 26:20
 - Mark 14:17
 - Luke 22:14-16
 - John 13:1
- Disciples argue over who is the greatest
 - Luke 22:24-30
- Jesus washes the disciples' feet
 - John 13:2-17
- Jesus identifies his betrayer
 - Matthew 26:21-25
 - Mark 14:18-21
 - Luke 22:21-23
 - John 13:18-30



Holy Thursday Part Two:

- Jesus institutes the Last Supper
 - Matthew 26:26-29
 - Mark 14:22-25
 - Luke 15-20
- The commandment of love
 - John 13:31-35
- Jesus predicts Peter's denial
 - Matthew 26:31-35
 - Mark 14:27-31
 - Luke 22:31-34
 - John 13:36-38
- Jesus gives discourse in the upper room
 - John 14:1-31a
- Jesus and the disciples sing a hymn and depart the upper room
 - Matthew 26:30
 - Mark 14:26
 - John 14:31b

Good Friday

Bible Reading

Reading:

- Matthew 26:36-27:61
- Mark 14:32-15:47
- Luke 22:39-23:55
- John 15:1-19:42

Chronological Order:

- Jesus teaching on the way to Gethsemane
 - John 15:1-16:33
- Jesus prays for himself, the disciples, and all believers
 - John 17:1-26
- Jesus prays in Gethsemane
 - Matthew 26:36-46
 - Mark 14:32-42
 - Luke 22:39-46
 - John 18:1
- Jesus is betrayed and arrested
 - Matthew 26:47-56
 - Mark 14:43-52
 - Luke 22:47-53
 - John 18:2-12
- Jesus is brought before Annas
 - John 18:13-14, 19-24
- Jesus is brought before Caiaphas and the Sanhedrin and condemned and mistreated
 - Matthew 26:57-68
 - Mark 14:53-65
 - Luke 22:54a, 63-65
- Peter denies Jesus three times
 - Matthew 26:58, 69-75
 - Mark 14:54, 66-72
 - Luke 22:54-62
 - John 18:15-18, 25-27
- Sanhedrin formally condemns Jesus
 - Matthew 27:1-2
 - Mark 15:1
 - Luke 22:66-71
- Judas goes out and commits suicide
 - Matthew 27:3-10



Good Friday Part Two:

- Jesus appears before Pilate
 - Matthew 27:2, 11-14
 - Mark 15:1-5
 - Luke 23:1-7
 - John 18:28-38
- Jesus appears before Herod
 - Luke 23:7-12
- Jesus appears before Pilate, is put up against Barabbas. Pilate consents to Jesus' death
 - Matthew 23:15-26
 - Mark 15:6-15
 - Luke 23:13-25
 - John 18:38-40, 19:4-16
- Jesus is mocked by the Romans
 - Matthew 27:27-31
 - Mark 15:16-20
 - John 19:1-5
- Jesus on the way to Golgotha
 - Matthew 27:32-34
 - Mark 15:21-23
 - Luke 23:26-31
 - John 19:17
- Jesus on the cross for the first three hours
 - Matthew 27:35-44
 - Mark 15:24-32
 - Luke 23:32-43
 - John 19:18-24
- Jesus on the cross for the final three hours
 - Matthew 27:45-50
 - Mark 15:33-37
 - Luke 23:44, 46
 - John 19:25-30
- Miracles accompanying the crucifixion
 - Matthew 27: 51-56
 - Mark 15:38-41
 - Luke 23:45, 47-49
 - John 19:31-37
- Jesus' burial
 - Matthew 27:57-61
 - Mark 15: 42-47
 - Luke 23:50-55
 - John 19:38-42

Holy Saturday

Bible Reading

Reading:

- Matthew 27:62-66
- Luke 23:56

Chronological Order

- Jewish leaders secure the tomb
 - Matthew 27:62-66
- The women observe the Sabbath day
 - Luke 23:56

Easter Sunday

Bible Reading

Reading:

- Matthew 28:1-15
- Mark 16:1-14
- Luke 24:1-49
- John 20:1-25

Chronological Order:

- There is a great earthquake, not to let Jesus out of the tomb but to permit witnesses to enter
 - Matthew 28:2-4
- Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, Salome, Joanna, and other women come to the tomb at daybreak, leaving their homes while it was still dark
 - Matthew 28:1
 - Mark 16:1-4
 - Luke 24:1
 - John 20:1
- Mary Magdalene runs to tell Peter and John
 - John 20:2
- The other women enter the tomb and are addressed by the angel
 - Matthew 28:5-8
 - Mark 16:2-8
 - Luke 24:2-7
- Peter and John arrive at the tomb after the women have left
 - Luke 24:12
 - John 20:3-10
- Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene
 - Mark 16:9-11
 - John 20:11-18
- Jesus appears to the other women
 - Matthew 28:9-10

Easter Sunday Part Two

- The chief priests and the elders bribe the guards to cover up the resurrection
 - Matthew 28:11-15
- The women tell the disciples
 - Mark 16:10-11
 - Luke 24:8-11
 - John 20:18
- Jesus appears to the Emmaus disciples
 - Mark 16:12-13
 - Luke 24:13-35
- Jesus appears to Peter
 - Mark 16:7
 - Luke 24:34
 - 1 Corinthians 15:5
- Jesus appears to the Ten in the locked room
 - Mark 16:14
 - Luke 24:36-49
 - John 20:19-25

A Note from the Pink Theologian

My prayer is that walking through Holy Week chronologically helped you see the beauty and depth of the gospel story in a fresh way. The life, death, and resurrection of Jesus are not only the center of the Christian faith, they are the center of our hope.

Throughout this week we have watched Jesus walk steadily toward the cross. We saw His love for His friends, His authority in the temple, His humility in serving His disciples, and ultimately His willingness to lay down His life. None of these events were accidental. Every moment of Holy Week points to the heart of the gospel.

Scripture tells us that all of us have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23). Because God is perfectly holy and just, sin separates us from Him. Yet God, in His great love, made a way for us to be reconciled to Him. Jesus Christ, the sinless Son of God took our place on the cross, bearing the penalty for our sin. And three days later, He rose from the dead, defeating sin and death once and for all.

This is the good news of the gospel: forgiveness, new life, and eternal hope are offered freely through Jesus Christ.

If you have never placed your trust in Him, the invitation of the gospel is simple. Turn from your sin, believe that Jesus died and rose again for you, and place your faith in Him as your Savior and Lord. The empty tomb is not just a historical event. It is the foundation of a living hope that is available to you today.

And if you are already a follower of Christ, my encouragement is this: continue walking with Him. Return often to the story of the cross and the resurrection. Let it shape your faith, your worship, and your daily life.

Thank you for walking through this week with me.

Grace and peace,

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