

## AN OVERVIEW OF PASSION WEEK

1.	Passion Week is the eight-day period leading to the of Jesus Christ.	
2.	Christians have observed Passion Week — also known as Holy Week — since the earliest centuries of the Church, likely as early as the 2nd or 3rd century AD.	
3.	It is important that Christians make observing Passion Week a priority because it (1)  Deepens our understanding of the Work of Christ; (2) it Encourages Spiritual and renewal; (3) Connects us with across the globe; and (4) Affirms the hope of the	
Day 1: Palm Sunday – The Triumphal Entry		
•	Read: Matthew 21:1–11 and Zechariah 9:9	
•	On Palm Sunday, Jesus enters Jerusalem riding on a donkey, fulfilling prophecy and declaring His kingship in humility. The crowd shouts "Hosanna," expecting a political savior.	
•	Significance: This day reveals Jesus as the King, but a different kind of king—one who brings, not war.	
Day 2: Monday – Cleansing the Temple		
•	Read: Matthew 21:12–17	
•	On Holy Monday: Jesus clears out the temple courts, driving out those who turnedinto	
•	Significance: On Holy Monday, Jesus shows His passion for pure and the of God's house.	
Day 3: Tuesday – A Day of Teaching and Confrontation		
•	Read: Matthew 21:23–24:51	
•	On Holy Tuesday: Jesus debates religious leaders, teaches in parables, and warns about hypocrisy and end times.	
•	Significance: On Holy Tuesday, Jesus exposes the emptiness of religion without and prepares His disciples for what's to come.	

## **Day 4: Wednesday – A Quiet Day, Betrayal Plots Begins**• Read: Matthew 26:1–16

•	On Holy Wednesday, Jesus is anointed in Bethany and Judas agrees to betray Him.
•	Significance: On Holy Wednesday, we see a contrast between extravagant (Mary's anointing) and bitter Jesus begins His march toward the cross and
Da	ay 5: Thursday – The Last Supper and Gethsemane
•	Read: Matthew 26:17–75 and John 13
•	On Maundy Thursday, Jesus celebrates Passover, institutes Communion, washes His disciples 'feet, predicts betrayal, and prays in agony in Gethsemane.
•	Significance: Maundy Thursday was a night of,, and deep Jesus offers His body and blood as a new
Da	ay 6: Friday – The Crucifixion
•	Read: Matthew 27 and Isaiah 53
•	On Good Friday, Jesus is falsely accused, beaten, crucified, and dies. He carries the weight of the world's sin—both personal and systemic.
•	Significance: Good Friday, which is the darkest day of Passion Week, becomes the cornerstone of The Lamb of God takes away the of the world.
Da	ay 7: Saturday – The Silent Tomb
•	Read: Matthew 27:62–66
•	On Silent Saturday, Jesus lies in the tomb. The disciples are afraid and scattered.
•	Significance: Silent Saturday is a day of,, and But
	also a day of faith and hope in God's promises.
Da	ay 8: Sunday – The Resurrection
•	Read: Matthew 28:1–10 and 1 Corinthians 15
•	Summary: On Resurrection Sunday, Jesus rises from the dead! He defeats sin, death, and the grave.
•	Significance: Resurrection Day is the of Christian faith—hope is alive, and Jesus is victorious.
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