





HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday to Easter



THE EASTER STORY

The Easter story is a love story. It's the story of a loving God willing to sacrifice himself for the sake of his creation.

It tells us how Jesus fulfilled all that God had promised.

The last days of Jesus' life were filled with dangers and sadness.

Jesus, the King of the Universe, would experience betrayal, rejection, insults, and physical, emotional, and spiritual terror.



THE EASTER STORY

Through all, Jesus remained obedient to the end.

On a Friday afternoon, he was crucified and died.

But the Easter story does not end with defeat and death.

On Sunday, Jesus rose from the dead, conquering Satan,

death, and the forces of evil.

Jesus atoned for our sins, reconciled us with God, and gave us hope for a new future.

Easter is a story of love, victory, and new life!





JESUS' LAST WEEK

For three years, Jesus had traveled with his disciples, preached, healed, and announced the coming of God's kingdom.

He had told them, "We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death and will hand him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified. On the third day he will be raised to life!"

—Matthew 20:18–19

JESUS' LAST WEEK

As Jesus said often, all of these things happened as fulfillment of God's promises to prophets in the Old Testament.

Jesus took the Twelve aside and told them, "...everything that is written by the prophets about the Son of Man will be fulfilled."

—Luke 18:31



Before going to Jerusalem and six days before Passover, Jesus stayed in Bethany, a town on the outskirts of Jerusalem and the place where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honor.

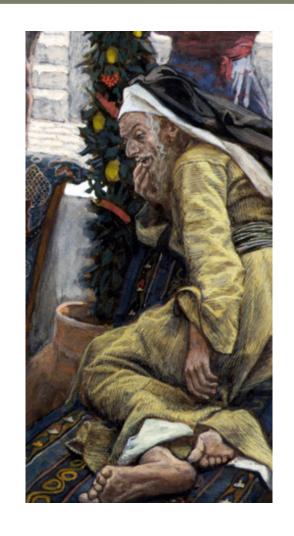


Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.



But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, "Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages."

He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.

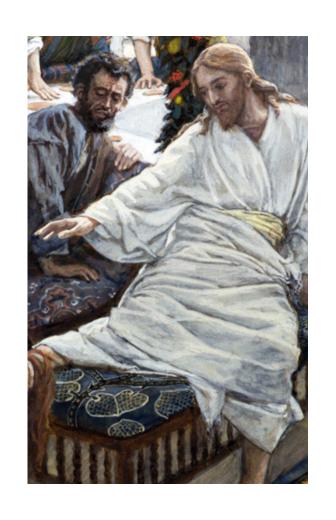




"Leave her alone," Jesus replied.

"It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me

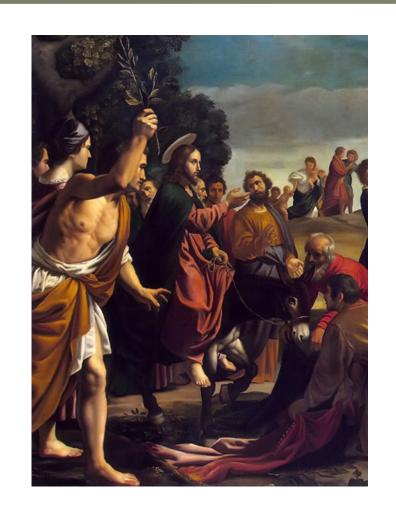
—John 12:1–8





THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

After leaving Bethany, on Sunday, the first day of the week, he humbly entered Jerusalem riding on a donkey, and thus fulfilling Old Testament prophecy of the Messiah: "Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey."—ZECHARIAH 9:9



THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

A multitude gathered around Jesus, laying cloaks and palm branches on his path, praising God and shouting, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!" "I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out." Luke 19:38–40





Palm Sunday The King Comes to the City and the Temple

What's really going on?

	GOD'S WILL	MAN'S WILL
	Jesus enters Jerusalem and	Jesus is rejected. Christ's
	the Temple as the Messiah,	body is the Temple.
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T	Psalm 118:22; Daniel 9:25, 26;	The Temple and Jerusalem
	Zechariah 9:9).	will be destroyed.



The King Pronounces Judgment

"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.'"

—Matthew 21:13



Jesus Curses a Fig Tree

- On his way back toJerusalem the next morning,Jesus was hungry.
- > He came across a fig tree, but didn't find any figs.
- > Jesus cursed the tree to never bear fruit again.

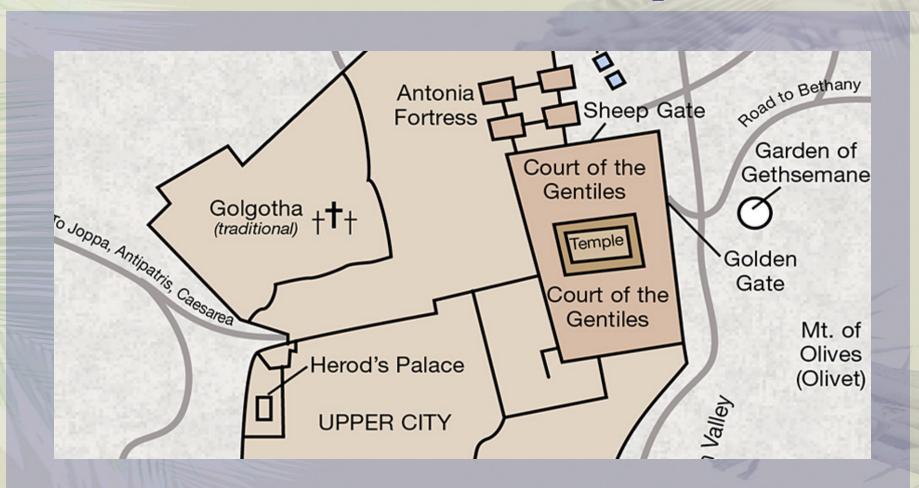
(Matthew 21:18, 19; Mark 11:12-14)







Jesus Cleanses the Temple





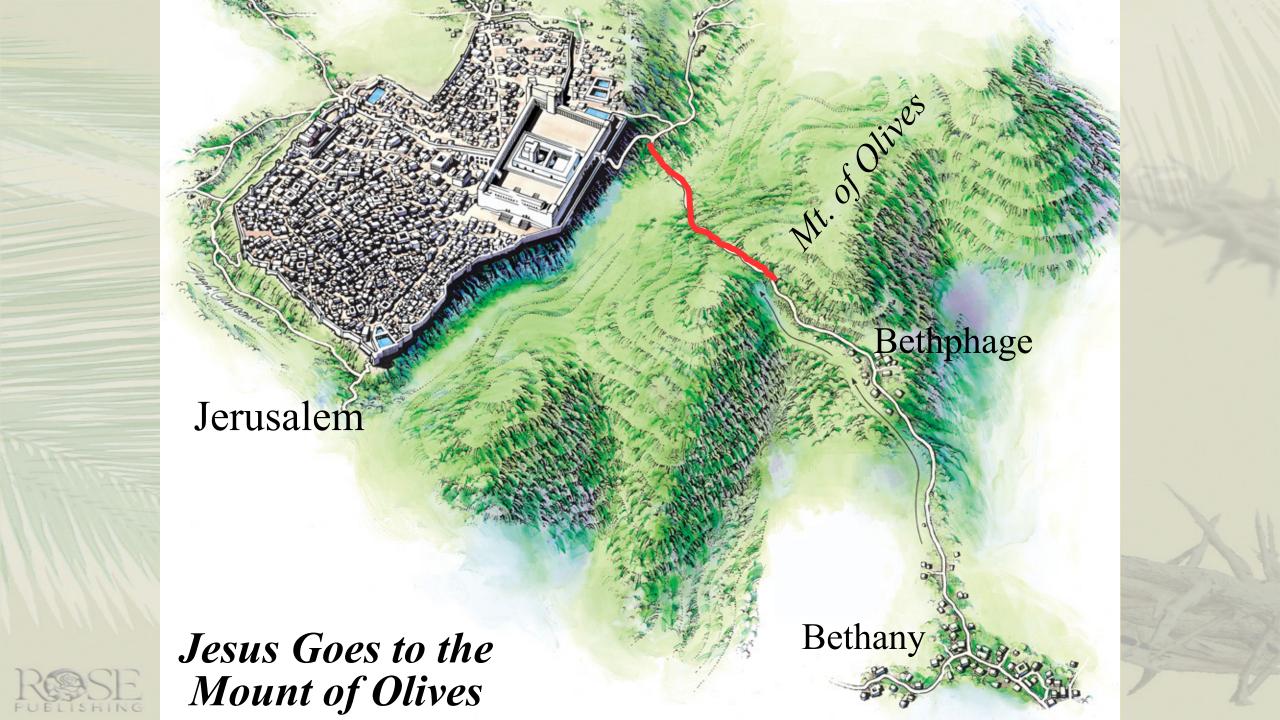
Plot to Kill Jesus

- The chief priests, scribes, and other leaders of the people heard what Jesus did, so they tried to find a way to kill Jesus.
- That night, Jesus went out of the city to the Mount of Olives.

(Mark 11:18, 19; Luke 19:49; 21:37; John 11:45-53)







Monday The King Pronounces Judgment

What's really going on?

	GOD'S WILL	MAN'S WILL
	God pronounces judgment on the	Jesus' death is plotted
	Nation of Israel. The cursed fig tree	by the chief priest,
	and cleansed Temple represent	scribes, and other
	God's discipline. Neither are	leaders
	fulfilling their designed purpose	(Daniel 9:26;
1	(Daniel 9:16; Malachi 3:1-3; 4:1, 2).	Isaiah 53:7, 8).

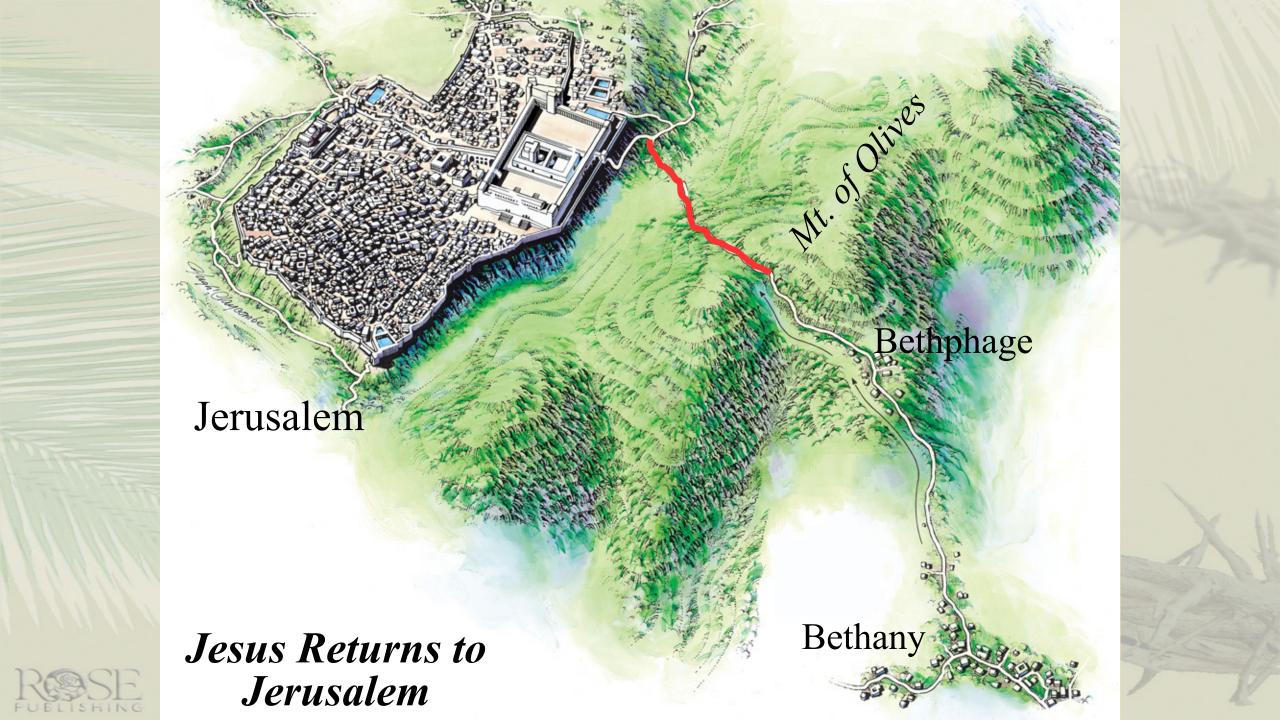


The King's Authority Questioned and Rejected

Jesus entered the temple courts, and, while he was teaching, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him. "By what authority are you doing these things?" they asked. "And who gave you this authority?"

—Matthew 21:23





Jesus' Authority is Questioned

The teachers of the law asked Jesus where he got his authority. Jesus responded by asking them whether John's baptism came from heaven or from men.

(Matthew 21:23-25; Mark 11:27-30; Luke 20:1-4)



Parables of Judgment

- Then Jesus told several parables of judgment against the religious leaders and the nation of Israel:
 - The Parable of the Two Sons
 - The Parable of the Wicked Tenants
 - The Parable of the Great Supper

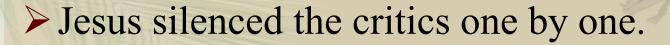
(Matthew 21:28–22:1-7;

Mark 12:1-8; Luke 20:9-15)



Attempts to Trap Jesus

- After hearing the parables of judgment, the Pharisees wanted to trap Jesus.
- > They asked Jesus three questions:
 - The question about paying taxes
 - The question about the resurrection
 - The question about the greatest commandment





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(Matthew 22:15-40; Mark 12:13-34; Luke 20:20-40)

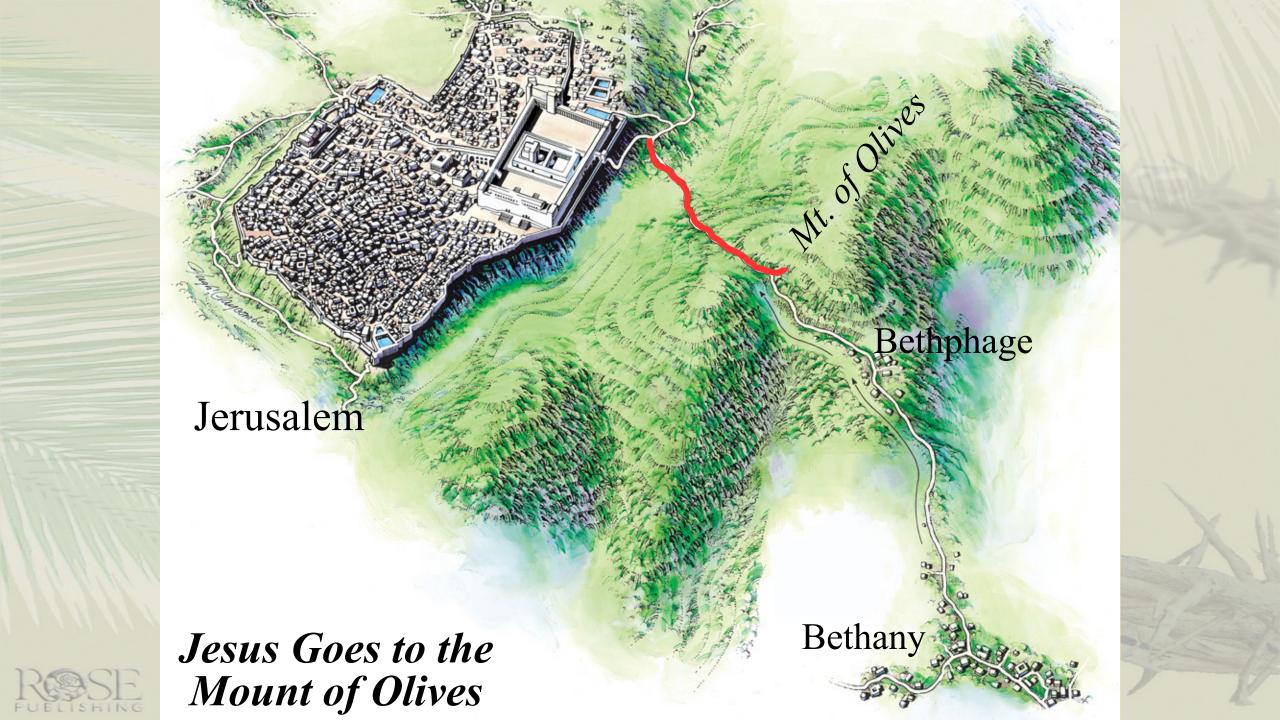


Jesus Teaches and Condemns

- ➤ Jesus asked the authorities how the Messiah can be David's son if David himself called the Messiah his Lord (Psalm 110:1).
- > Jesus instructed his disciples to be humble and warned them about exalting themselves.
- He condemned the Pharisees for caring about their own appearance and neglecting the needs of others.
- ➤ He told them a parable about being blind guides and leading others astray.



(Matthew 23:1-36; Mark 12:37-40; Luke 20:45-47)



Be Prepared

- ➤ Jesus said that no one except the father knows when the end will occur.
- ➤ He told three parables teaching the people about being prepared:
 - The Parable of the Flood
 - The Parable of the Wicked Servants
 - The Parable of the Ten Virgins

(Matthew 24:36–25:12; Mark 13:32-37; Luke 21:34-36)



The King's Authority Question and Rejected

What's really going on?

	GOD'S WILL	MAN'S WILL
	There is power and authority in faith.	Jesus' authority is questioned and rejected (Isaiah 53:3).
	Faith is seen in humility.	Faith is shown in prideful giving.
The state of the s	There will be a judgment (Ps. 118:22-27).	Religious leaders are angry with prophecies of Jesus (Psalm 35:19).
7	Jesus silences the critics (Isaiah 52:15).	Leaders attempt to trap Jesus (Isaiah 53:8).



The King's Authority Question and Rejected

Prophecies Fulfilled

PROPHECY	FULFILLMENT
Psalm 118:22: Jesus is rejected as capstone	Matthew 21:42
Psalm 78:2 Jesus will speak in parables with hidden meaning	Matthew 21:28–22:14; 25:1-46 Mark 12:1-8 Luke 20:9-15



Wednesday

The King Speaks of His Own Demise

"As you know, the Passover is two days away and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified."

—Matthew 26:2



Wednesday

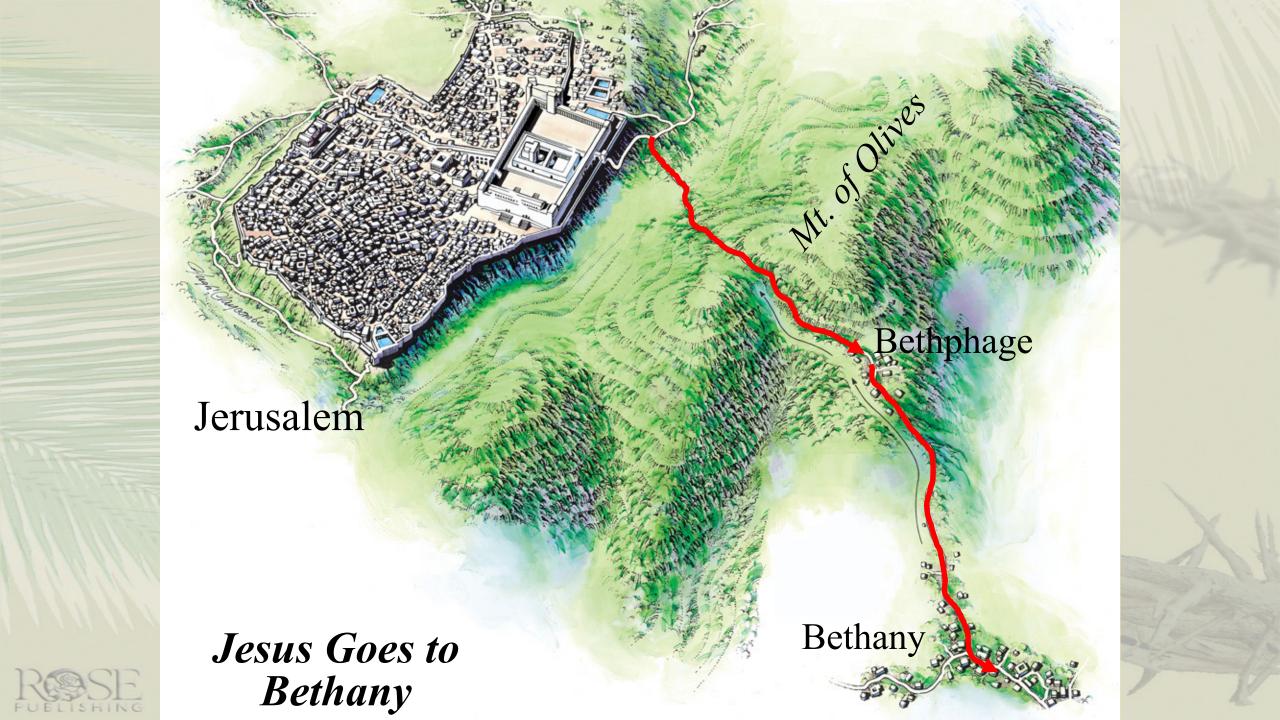
Jesus Talks About His Death

- ➤ Jesus said that he would be lifted up from earth, and he would draw everyone to himself.
- Father. Yet, the people doubted him and were blinded to the truth.
- Several authorities believed Jesus, but they kept it to themselves. They were afraid that if they confessed, they'd be put out of the synagogue. (John 12:28-50)

Wednesday

Jesus Predicts His Crucifixion

- After saying all these things, Jesus told his disciples that after two days the Passover was coming.
- ➤ He said that he would be handed over to the authorities and they would crucify him.
- At this time, the chief priests and scribes were still looking for a way to kill Jesus, but they were afraid of a revolt within the crowds if they did.
- ➤ Jesus left Jerusalem and stayed the night at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper. (Matthew 26:1-5; Mark 14:1, 2; Luke 22:1, 2)



Wednesday

Jesus is Anointed at Bethany

- As Jesus sat at the table, a woman came and poured some very expensive ointment on his head.
- The disciples were upset that the woman was wasting this ointment; it could have been sold for a lot of money to be given to the poor.
- ➤ Jesus told them to leave the woman alone. He said that she was preparing his body for burial, and that she would always be remembered for doing it. (Matthew 26:6-13; Mark 14:3-9)

Wednesday The King Speaks of His Own Demise

What's really going on?

	GOD'S WILL	MAN'S WILL
	Jesus predicts salvation to all—Israel and Gentiles (Isaiah 52:15).	Greeks (Gentiles) seek Jesus (Isaiah 49:6)
10-	Jesus foretells his destruction (Isaiah 53).	Rulers still planning Jesus' death.
	Jesus speaks of his anointing for death (Isaiah 53:12).	Disciples fail to grasp significance of Jesus'
		mission.

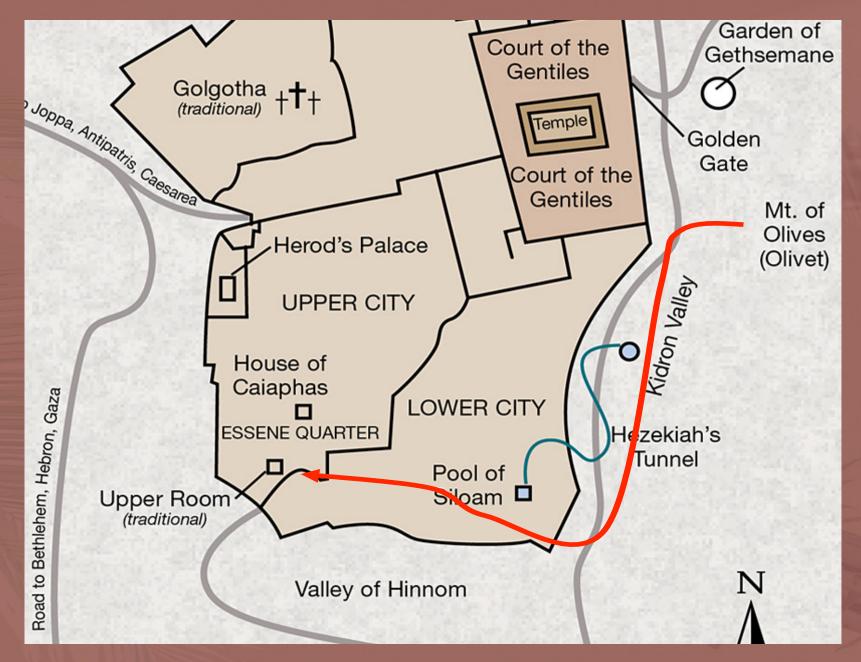


The King Celebrates the Passover

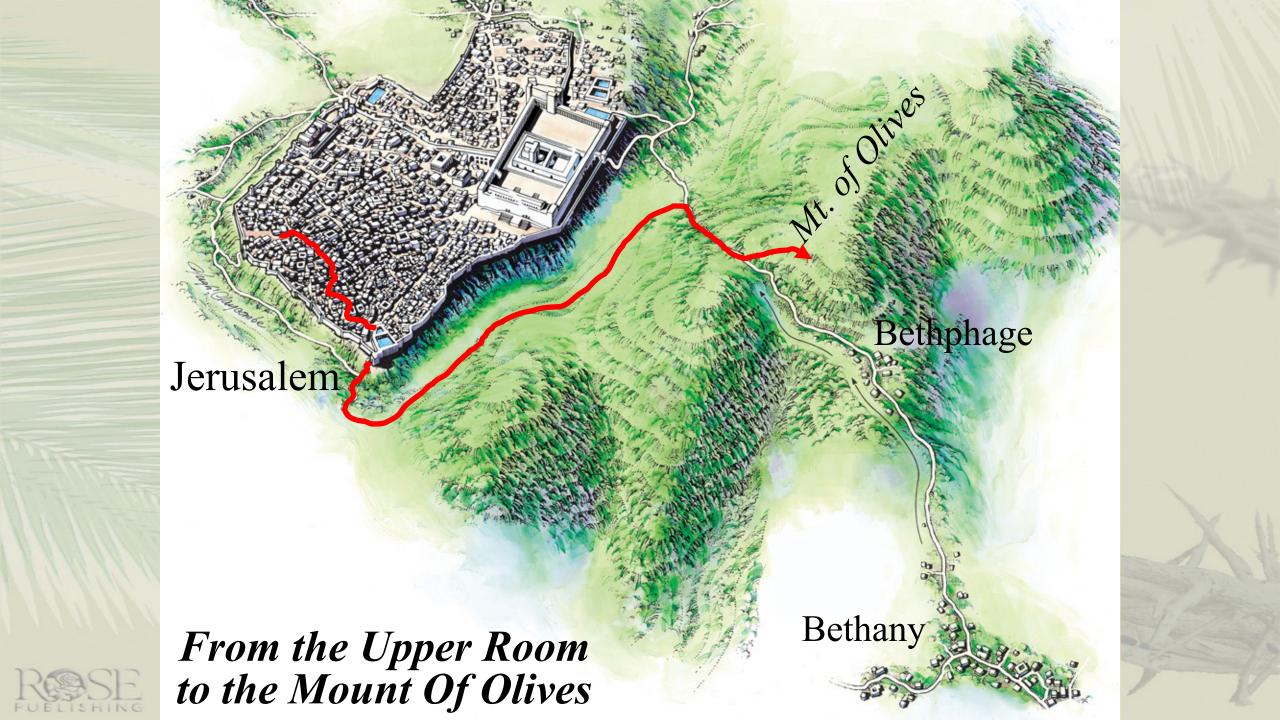
And he took bread, gave thanks, and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

—Luke 22:19









Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial

- Peter asked Jesus where he was going; Jesus told him that he couldn't follow him at that time, but would follow him later.
- Peter asserted that he would go to prison and to death with Jesus. Jesus then told Peter that before the cock crowed, Peter would deny three times that he knew Jesus.
- Peter assured Jesus that he would not deny him, even if it cost him his life.

 (Matt. 26:33-35; Mark 14:29-31; Luke 22:33, 34; John 13:36-38)

Jesus is The Way

- Then Jesus told the disciples not to be troubled, and to be assured that he would prepare a place for them and that they knew the way.
- When Thomas asked how they knew the way, Jesus said that he himself was The Way. No one could get to the Father except through him.
- Philip asked to see the Father. Jesus told him that he [Jesus] is in the Father and the Father is in him. (John 14:1-14)

Warnings About Persecutions

- > Jesus then told them that the world would hate them.
- He encouraged them not to worry because the Holy Spirit would help them and keep them from falling away.
- He continued by telling them that he was going to leave them, but the Holy Spirit would come and would teach them more. (John 15:18–16:22)



Praying in Jesus' Name

- > Jesus told them to pray in the name of Jesus.
- He said that the Father would answer prayers asked in Jesus' name.
- > Jesus again predicted that the hour of his death was coming. He said that all of his disciples would desert him.
- At that, Jesus looked up and prayed for himself, his disciples, and believers everywhere. (John 16:23–17:26)



The King Celebrates the Passover

What's really going on?

GOD'S WILL	MAN'S WILL
Jesus prepares to become the Passover lamb. He identifies with being a servant and illustrates	Judas offers to betray Jesus (Psalm 41:9). The disciples prepare
what that means (Isaiah 53:7). Jesus transforms the Passover into the Eucharist and establishes the new covenant (Jeremiah 31:31-34).	the Passover meal. The disciples gather with Jesus for the Passover meal.



The King Celebrates the Passover

Prophecies Fulfilled

	PROPHECY	FULFILLMENT
	Jeremiah 31:31-34; 32:37-40; 50:5: Jesus will make a new, everlasting covenant.	Matthew 26:27-29 Mark 14:22-24 Luke 22:15-20
The sale	Psalm 35:19; 69:4: Jesus will be hated without reason	John 15:24, 25
	Psalm 41:9; 55:12-14: Jesus will be betrayed by a friend	Matthew 26:14-16, 23 Luke 22:19-23, 48 John 13:18-30



The King Celebrates the Passover

Prophecies Fulfilled

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	Zechariah 11:12: Jesus will be betrayed for thirty pieces of silver.	Matthew 26:14, 15
The state of the s	Zechariah 13:6, 7: Jesus (the shepherd) will be smitten, and his followers (the sheep) will desert him (will be scattered).	Matthew 26:31, 56 Mark 14:27 John 16:32





JESUS' PRAYER

Jesus and his disciples left the room where they had celebrated the Passover and went to the Mount of Olives.

There, in the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus asked his disciples to join him and watch over him while he prayed.

But they could not remain awake.



JESUS' PRAYER

Jesus prayed and agonized about the suffering he would experience.

In all, however, he remained humble and obedient as he prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."

—Matthew 26:39



JESUS' PRAYER

After praying, he returned to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour is near, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners."

—Matthew 26:45



While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived.

With him was a large crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests and the elders of the people.



Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: "The one I kiss is the man; arrest him."

Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed him.

Jesus replied, "Friend, do what you came for."

Then the men stepped forward, seized Jesus and arrested him.

With that, one of Jesus' companions reached for his sword, drew it out and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear.

But Jesus answered, "No more of this!" And he touched the man's ear and healed him.

"Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen in this way?"

At that time Jesus said to the crowd, "Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me? Every day I sat in the temple courts teaching, and you did not arrest me. But this has all taken place that the writings of the prophets might be fulfilled."

Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

—Matthew 26:47–56

JESUS QUESTIONED

Early in the morning, all the chief priests and the elders of the people came to the decision to put Jesus to death.

At daybreak, the council of the elders of the people, both the chief priests and teachers of the law, met together, and Jesus was led before them.

"If you are the Christ," they said, "tell us."



JESUS QUESTIONED

Jesus answered, "If I tell you, you will not believe me, and if I asked you, you would not answer. But from now on, the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the mighty God."

They all asked, "Are you then the Son of God?" He replied, "You are right in saying I am."

Then they said, "Why do we need any more testimony? We have heard it from his own lips."

—Luke 22:66–71



JUDAS'S REMORSE

When Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he was seized with remorse and returned the thirty silver coins to the chief priests and the elders.

"I have sinned," he said, "for I have betrayed innocent blood."

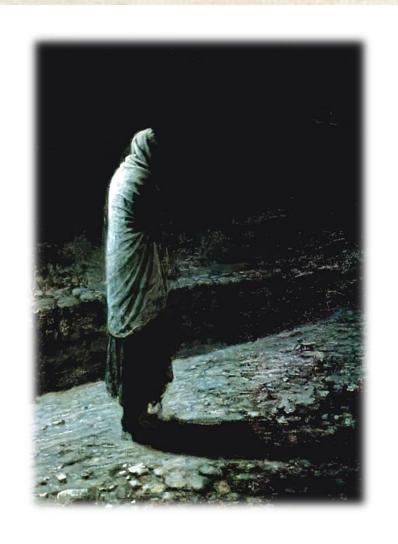
"What is that to us?" they replied. "That's your responsibility."



JUDAS'S REMORSE

So Judas threw the money into the temple and left.

Then he went away and hanged himself.
—Matthew 27:3–5



Friday The King is Crucified

Wanting to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them. He had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified.

—Mark 15:15





CARRYING THE CROSS

As they were going out, they met a man from Cyrene, named Simon, and they forced him to carry the cross.

—Matthew 27:32

A large number of people followed him, including women who mourned and wailed for him.

—Luke 23:27



THE CRUCIFIXION

When they came to Golgotha, the place called the Skull, there they crucified Jesus, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left.

Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."

And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

—Luke 23:33–34



CHRIST'S DEATH

It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, for the sun stopped shining.

About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?"—which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

—Matthew 27:45–50

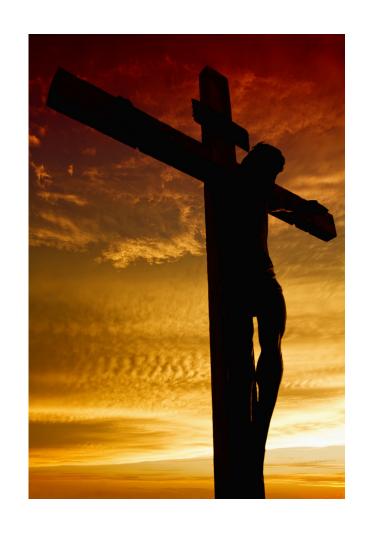




CHRIST'S DEATH

When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, "Surely he was the Son of God!"

—Matthew 27:54





MEDICAL EFFECTS

Injury	Description
Beating (Matt. 26:67–68; 27:30; John 19:3)	Blows to the head while blindfolded produced swelling, bruising, and damage to features.
Flogging, scourging (John 19:1)	Jesus was tied to a post and whipped with a flagellum (whip with heavy leather thongs ending with lead or iron balls and bone pieces) until his skin and underlying muscles were shredded in bloody strips. Flogging was designed to bring the victim close to death; it likely resulted in shock and major blood loss.
Mocking, crown of thorns (Matt. 27:29; John 19:2)	The heavy robe would have stuck to Jesus' bloody flesh when torn off. Thorns up to one inch long which pierced scalp tissue produced severe bleeding and pain.

MEDICAL EFFECTS



Injury	Description
Carrying the cross beam (John 19:17)	A beam weighing approximately 100 pounds was tied over Jesus' bloody shoulders; along with dehydration and exhaustion, it probably produced collapse.
Crucifixion (Matt. 27:35; John 19:18)	Iron spikes (5–6 inches) in his wrists and feet severed major nerves. Hanging from wrists above the head made exhalation difficult; pushing up with the nailed feet allowed breathing, but it became difficult and finally impossible.
Death (Matt. 27:50)	Heart failure brought on by shock and suffocation may have been the final trauma that killed Jesus.
Spear wound (John 19:34)	A flow of blood and water suggests that the spear ruptured the sac surrounding the heart, followed by the heart itself.

Saturday The King Rests on the Sabbath

Prophecies Fulfilled

PROPHECY	FULFILLMENT
Isaiah 53:9: Jesus will be buried with the rich	Matthew 27:57-60



Easter Sunday

The King Rises from Death

"Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him."

—Mark 16:6

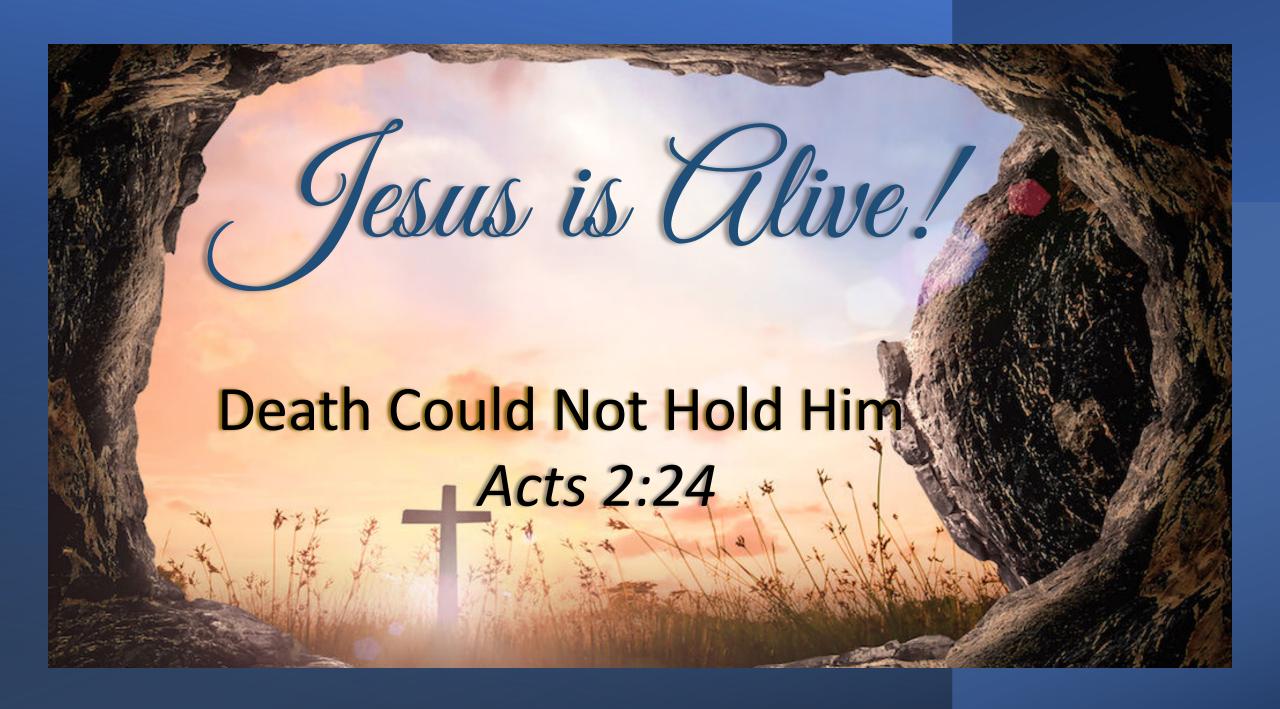


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	Psalm 16:8-11: Jesus will be raised from the dead	Luke 24:6-8 John 20
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	Isaiah 25:8: Jesus will swallow up death in victory	1 Corinthians 15:54-57





STUDY & GROW with US each Sunday

DAY SCHOOL



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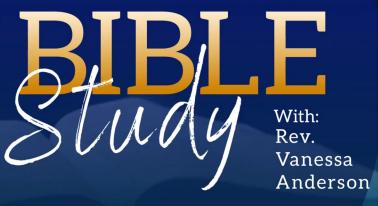
Bible Study: Monday - 7:00pm

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WEDNESDAY **NOON DAY** 12:00 - 1:00 PM



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MIDWEEK MEETING

WEDNESDAYS | 7:00pm

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2024

FELLOWSHIP

CONFERENCE

AUGUST 23-25

Join us for "More, More, More in 2024" Ephesians 3:20-21

Hilton Garden Inn Orange Beach, AL

Event contacts: Lester Copeland, Eric Jenkins, Thomas Dumas

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DEADLINES:

Oral Presentation – May 15th Completed Packet – June 2nd

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This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

-1 John 4:10 -

Word of the Month

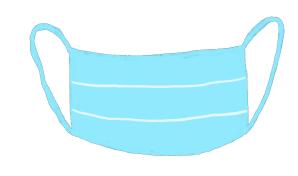
Sacrifice

Social Distance

Wear a Mask

3. Wash you Hands





STAY DILICENT!

