Holy (Passion) Week Resource Guide
3.29.2026-4.5.2026

What is Holy or Passion Week?
Holy week is the sixth and final week of Lent (40 day period where Christians worldwide remember the events leading up to the death of Jesus Christ) beginning Palm Sunday and going through Resurrection Sunday.

Day 1
Palm Sunday: Is the Sunday (one week) before Resurrection Sunday. The start of Holy (Passion) Week. We take time to remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The people laid out Palm branches before Him as an expression of joy, goodness, and victory.

Scripture: Matthew 21:1-11, John 12:12-15

Prayer focus: Jesus is worthy of our praise and adoration because He is our King. He is the only one we should follow. We cry out Hosanna to Jesus, expressing praise and acknowledging that He is the only one that can save us! ***Pray for a greater desire to praise Jesus and live a life that points to His salvation***.

Day 2
Holy Monday: After spending a night in Bethany, Jesus and the disciples head to the temple. On the way He curses a fig tree that wasn't bearing fruit, and it withers. After reaching the temple, Jesus cleanses it, driving out the money changers and turning over the tables used for selling merchandise.

Scripture: Matthew 21:12-21, Mark 14:3-9, John 12:1-8

Prayer focus: Jesus is deserving of fruit from our lives. Jesus is the cleanser of the temple and the purifier of our souls. He says clearly that His house is a house of prayer! ***Ask the Lord to cleanse and purify you afresh*, increasing your desire for prayer and communion with Him.**

Day 3

Holy Tuesday: Jesus returns to the temple to teach and preach. The religious leaders questioned what authority Jesus was teaching by. Jesus refused to answer them. The religious leaders desired to kill Jesus, but they couldn't because the people "hung on his words."

Scripture: Matthew 21:23-27, Luke 19:47-48

Prayer focus: Jesus' authority is greater than any other religious leader. Jesus' teaching and Jesus' words are worth clinging to. ***Pray for a greater passion to listen to, obey, and cherish the words and teachings of Jesus!***

Day 4

Holy Wednesday: Jesus stays in Bethany and He is anointed with expensive perfume and oil. Jesus explains that this anointing was for His burial. He promises that everywhere the gospel is preached that Mary would be remembered for what she did for Him. Judas agrees to betray Jesus for 30 pieces of silver.

Scripture: Matthew 26:6-25, Matthew 26:14-16, Mark 14:3-9, Luke 7:36-50 (sinful woman before Holy Week), John 12:1-8

Prayer focus: Jesus made it clear that the lavish expression of worship from Mary who anointed Him was worth celebrating. Judas was as close to Jesus as Mary was, as anyone was, yet he was still able to betray Him. ***Pray that we don't ever become so familiar with being near Jesus, while failing to give Him the worship He is worthy of. Ask Jesus for humility and desire to remain in first love.***

Day 5

Holy Thursday ("Maundy Thursday"): Jesus washes the disciples' feet. Jesus institutes the Lord's Supper during the passover meal. Jesus tells the disciples that the bread on the table is His body and that the cup is the blood of the new covenant. Jesus and the disciples leave for the Mount of Olives. Jesus is betrayed, arrested and taken before the authorities. First Annas (the father in-law of Caiaphas), and finally Caiaphas the High Priest. Jesus is found guilty of blasphemy and condemned to die.

Scripture: Matthew 26:26-29, Mark 14:22-26, John 18:12-John 19:27

Prayer focus: Jesus is our passover lamb (1 Cor. 5:7). He offers all to eat of His flesh and drink of His blood (John 6:56-57), for this is our access to eternal life, forgiveness and all that the new covenant has to offer. ***Pray that a new and fresh appreciation for the table of the Lord, consuming His bread and cup would touch your heart in this season.***

Day 6

Good Friday: At dawn, Jesus is brought before Pontius Pilate, the Roman Governor. Pilate offers the crowd a criminal to be crucified instead, but the religious leaders stir the crowd up to demand Jesus. Pilate agrees and Jesus is forced to walk to Golgotha, after being flogged. Golgotha is where Jesus is hung and crucified on a cross. After 6 hours, Jesus dies. The veil was torn, the earthquaked, tombs opened up, and many who were dead were raised to life.

Scriptures: Matthew 27:31-61, Mark 15:25-26, 37-39

Prayer focus: Jesus endures unimaginable pain, suffering and humiliation prior to His death. The nails in His hands and feet, the crown of thorns on His head, the wound in His side, were all necessary. He laid His life down willingly, in obedience to the Father and out of His love for us. ***Pray for the revelation of Jesus' death, suffering and the price He paid for us to become more real to you.***

Day 7

Holy Saturday: Joseph of Arimathea, a disciple of Jesus, asks to properly bury Jesus. A stone was placed in front of Jesus' tomb. Guards were placed at Jesus' tomb by the direction of Pilate in fear that Jesus' disciples would come and take the body, knowing that Jesus said that He would rise on the third day.

Scripture: Matthew 27:57-66, Luke 23:55-56

Prayer focus: Pilate feared the words of Jesus, knowing Jesus said He would rise on the third day. This shows us that Pilate at the very least was impacted by what Jesus said would happen. ***Pray for the lost, that those far from God would get saved on resurrection Sunday as they realize Jesus' tomb is empty!***

Day 8

Resurrection Sunday: After Sabbath, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James, came to Jesus' tomb to discover that He wasn't there! There was an earthquake, an angel descended from heaven and rolled the stone away from the tomb. The angel spoke to the women and said, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. **6** He is not here; for He is risen, as He said."

Scripture: Matthew 28:1-8, Mark 12:2-6

Prayer Focus: The angel acknowledges to the women that Jesus rose from the dead just like He said He would. As we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, it is an invitation to increase our faith in everything that He said. If He resurrected like He said He would, then we must believe and put our trust in all of His words. ***Pray for greater faith in the words of Jesus as you worship Him, follow Him, and obey Him. Pray for the power of the resurrection, hope, salvation, and new life found in Jesus alone to touch our world like never before!***