

Remnant Life Church
Sunday, March 24, 2013
Palm Sunday

“Holy Week – No Greater Love”

Matthew 21-28; Mark 11-16; Luke 19-24; John 12-20

- The last week of Jesus’ life was a time of preparation, teaching and continuing to demonstrate who He was.
- Dating – the month of Nisan (March/April today)
 - Lambs were slain on Nisan the 14th day between 3 and 5 p.m. according to Exodus 12
 - Year of 30 AD – dating His birth at 3 BC using Herod, John the Baptist’s birth and Passover
- The events around and leading to His death and resurrection fulfilled not only prophesy but the ongoing celebration of God’s love
 - Over 300 prophesies are written about the coming Jesus the coming Messiah in the OT many over 700 years before His birth
 - Descendent of David – Psalms (1000 years) and Jeremiah (600 years)
 - Born of a virgin – Isaiah (700 years)
 - Born in Bethlehem – Micah (700 years)
 - *Evidence That Demands a Verdict* – Josh McDowell
 - The odds of 1 man fulfilling only 8 prophesies
 - 1 in 100 trillion
 - 100 trillion silver dollars spread over an area the size of Texas would be 2 feet deep
 - Mark one coin with a red X
 - Mix all the coins around
 - Blindfold a man; let him go anywhere throughout the state he wishes and have him pick out that coin
- Events are recorded in all 4 gospels

1. Begin the trip from Galilee to Jerusalem

- a. The **rich young man** (Matt 19; Mark 10; Luke 18)

- b. Meet **Zaccheus** passing through Jericho – a man Jesus ate a meal with even though he was not respected in the Jewish community because he stole from the people as a tax collector (Luke 19)
 - c. Arrive at the **home of Lazarus**, Mary and Martha in Bethany during the day on Friday
2. Friday evening – **Mary anoints the feet** of Jesus (John 12:2-11)
 - a. **Judas rebuked her** saying that the money could have been used for the poor (Matt 26; Mark 14; John 12)
 - b. He actually wanted the **money for himself** (John 12)
3. Saturday – the **Sabbath** day of rest
4. Sunday
 - a. Jesus **rides into the city** fulfilling the **prophecy by Zechariah** (Matt 21; Mark 11; Luke 19; John 12)
 - b. He is presenting Himself to the people as their Messiah
 - c. That date would have been **Nisan 10** – the same day that the pilgrims presented their **lambs for inspection** to the priests for Passover
5. Monday – a day of strange events
 - a. Cursing of the **fig tree** (Matt. 21; Mark 11; Luke 19) symbolizing the **curse on Jerusalem** and that the Kingdom will be taken from the nation (Matt. 23)
 - b. Driving the **money changers** from the temple – (Mark 11:27-13:37)
6. Tuesday – **confronts the religious** leaders and authorities as they question why He did what He did at the temple; teaches on many topics (Matt. 22; Mark 12; Luke 10)
 - a. The disciples have many questions as they return to Bethany
 - b. Jesus stops at the **Mt. of Olives** overlooking the city and delivers a detailed prophesy regarding the future of Jerusalem and the temple because of the Jewish leader's rejection of Jesus.
7. Wednesday – **a day of rest**; His last time with His disciples and friends.
8. Thursday – preparation for the Feast of Passover

- a. Jesus' **anointed with perfume** by the woman at the house of Simon (Matt 26)
- b. **Passover meal** is celebrated in an upper room
 - i. Jesus washes the **disciples' feet** (Luke 22; John 13)
 - ii. Tells the disciples that one of them will **betray Him** (Matt 26; Mark 14; Luke 22; John 13)
 - iii. **Judas** is identified and leaves the room (Matt 26; Luke 22)
 - iv. Jesus institutes the **Last Supper** and teaches the disciples about love, the promise of a Helper, peace and prayer. (John 14 – 18)
 - v. Leave and go to the **garden** at Gethsemane (Matt 26; Mark 14; Luke 22; John 18)
 - 1. Prays while the disciples **sleep**
 - 2. Judas leads a band of men to **arrest** Jesus
 - 3. Peter cuts off Malchus's **ear**
 - 4. The disciples **scatter**

9. Friday –

- a. Early morning/night – (Matt 26-27; Mark 14-15; Luke 22-23; John 18-19)
 - i. Jesus' preliminary hearing before **Annas** (illegal) - guilty
 - ii. Trials before **Annas** and **Caiaphas** before dawn (illegal) - guilty
 - iii. Fourth trial before the **Sanhedrin** – guilty
 - iv. Fifth trial before **Pilate** – prefect of Judea sent by Tiberius - innocent
 - v. Sixth trial before **Herod Antipas** – innocent
 - vi. Seventh trial before **Pilate** – innocent
 - vii. Release of **Barabbas** the criminal chosen by the people (Matt 27)
 - viii. Jesus is beaten, a crown of thorns on His head; carries His **cross**
- b. Jesus is **crucified** beginning at about 9:00 a.m. on Golgotha
 - i. Many believe the **same place** that Abraham offered Isaac
 - ii. He **spoke** from the cross several times to offer forgiveness and concern for His mother (Luke 23; John 19)
 - iii. Last words were “It is finished” literally translated means “**paid in full.**” (John 19)
 - iv. His death at approximately 3:00 is the exact hour that the **lambs** would begin to be slaughtered in the temple to make the blood atonement for sin on Nisan 14 (Exodus 12)
- c. Jesus is **taken down** from the cross and placed in Joseph's tomb before sunset and the start of Sabbath by Joseph and Nicodemus