

HOLY WEEK READING PLAN

March 24: Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday is the Sunday before Easter. It commemorates Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem, where He was greeted by crowds of people waving palm branches and chanting "Hosanna!" which means, "Save us!"

Read & Reflect

A.M. - Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-11

P.M. - Luke 19:28-42; John 12:12-19

March 25: Holy Monday

On Monday, we remember Jesus' cleansing of the Temple, an event recorded in all four gospels. Jesus passionately denounces the greed of the moneychangers and makes prophetic statements about the Temple's destruction.

Read & Reflect

A.M. - Matthew 21:12-22; Mark 11:15-26

P.M. - Luke 19:43-48; John 2:13-22

March 26: Holy Tuesday

On Tuesday, we remember Jesus' teaching in the Temple and His interactions with the religious leaders. All four gospels contain Jesus' teaching between His arrival in Jerusalem and His crucifixion. These accounts express a breadth of emotion, from Jesus' tenderness as He speaks about laying down His life to Jesus' confrontation of those actively working against Him.

Read & Reflect

A.M. - Matthew 21:23-22:46; Mark 11:27-13:37

P.M. - Luke 20:1-47; John 12:23-50

March 27: Spy Wednesday

Spy Wednesday gets its name from Judas Iscariot's (one of Jesus' twelve disciples) betrayal of Jesus for thirty pieces of silver.

Read & Reflect

A.M. - Matthew 26:1-16; Mark 14:1-11

P.M. - Luke 22:1-6; John 13:21-30

March 28: Maundy Thursday

Holy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper, when Jesus shared the Passover meal with His disciples, followed by washing their feet. “Maundy” comes from the Latin word *mandatum* which means “command” or “order”. It refers to Jesus’ instruction to serve one another, modeled by humbling Himself to wash their feet.

Read & Reflect

A.M. - Matthew 26:17-30; Mark 14:12-50

P.M. - Luke 22:7-65; John 13:1-17

March 29: Good Friday

Good Friday is the day we reflect on Jesus’ crucifixion and death. It is often a day of fasting and prayer, as we soberly remember all that Jesus suffered for us. Events of this day include Jesus being tried by the Sanhedrin, appearing before Pilate, and being mocked, beaten, then crucified.

Read & Reflect

A.M. - Matthew 27:1-55; Mark 14:53-15:41

P.M. - Luke 22:66-23:49; John 18:28-19:37

March 30: Holy Saturday

Holy Saturday is a day of reflection, as we remember Jesus’ death and anticipate His resurrection. We are reminded that patient dependence is the path to the fulfillment of God’s promises. On this Sabbath day, we read about the devotion of Jesus’ disciples. We also see the kindness and courage of Joseph of Arimathea who approached Pilate, asked for the body of Jesus, and laid Jesus in His tomb.

Read & Reflect

A.M. - Matthew 27:57-66; Mark 15:42-47

P.M. - Luke 23:50-56; John 19:38-42

March 31: Easter Sunday

On Easter Sunday, we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. His tomb is empty, just as He said it would be. This day is the source of hope and joy for followers of Jesus around the world. Sin and death have been forever defeated!

Read & Reflect

A.M. - Matthew 28:1-20; Mark 16:1-8

P.M. - Luke 24:1-53; John 20:1-31