

“JESUS’ FINAL WEEK” SERIES

The gospel writers devote a significant portion of their writing describing the final week in the life of Jesus.

This series of group lessons is intended to lead right up to Easter Sunday, April 11. Hopefully, you can use it to lead both the Christians and non-Christians in your group toward a deeper understanding and commitment to the Cross.

SUGGESTED TIMELINE

(Dates reflect Sunday evening meeting times, and assumes no small group meeting on March 7th due to the John Clayton series. Please adjust your schedule accordingly.)

FEBRUARY 15

DAY ONE: DAY OF APPRECIATION

John 12:1-11

Saturday was the calm before the storm. In the company of His friends, Jesus paused and refreshed His soul. It's likely that He drew a great deal of encouragement and strength from these gestures of love for the difficult days ahead.

FEBRUARY 22

DAY TWO: DAY OF ACCLAIM

Luke 19:28-44

It was the only time Jesus permitted a public demonstration in His honor. The crowd rightfully honored Jesus as King, but did so with little understanding or commitment.

FEBRUARY 29

DAY THREE: DAY OF AUTHORITY

Mark 11:12-25

Jesus cleansed the temple and cursed the fig tree, two “unusual acts” for One who came not to judge but to save.

MARCH 14

DAY FOUR: DAY OF ARGUMENT

Mark 11:27-12:12

Tuesday was an incredibly busy day. People who usually argued among themselves, unite to confront Jesus, attempting to defeat Jesus in public and neutralize His popular support.

MARCH 21

DAY FIVE: DAY OF ACTION

Mark 14:12-26

All four gospels record Jesus' last supper with His disciples. God knows that forgetfulness leads to faithlessness, and so made certain to provide us with a continual way of remembering what is truly important.

MARCH 28
DAY SIX: DAY OF AGONY
Luke 23:32-43

The gospel writers don't provide a lot of detail about the process of crucifixion—which was all too familiar. Instead, they record what Jesus said from the cross— knowing that these words reflected what mattered most to Him.

April 4
DAY SEVEN: DAY OF ATONEMENT
Matthew 28:1-10, 16-20

Jesus' unique identity as Son of God was shown by the Spirit when Jesus was raised from the dead, setting Him apart as Christ and Lord.

April 11
EASTER SUNDAY

Is there one person in your life right now who is open to the message of Jesus?
This special worship assembly might be just the opportunity you need to “break the ice” and begin sharing the difference Jesus is making in your life!