

## **The Savior's last week**

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### **Feast of the Passover**

- Imagine in your minds eye the scenes as I paint the picture of the last days of the Savior's earthly ministry
- The timing of the Atonement and Crucifixion was the choice of the Savior
- Passover served both as a backdrop and saw its fulfillment in the Last Supper, the Atonement and the Crucifixion
- Passover celebrates Israel's freedom from Egyptian bondage
  - Doors marked with blood
  - Had to stay indoors until morning
  - Destroying angel "passed over" them
  - Ate sacrificial lamb and unleavened bread
    - Didn't have time for it to rise
- Symbols remain the same today

### **Passion Week**

- " Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of man shall be accomplished" (Luke 18:27)
- Jewish Sabbath is Friday sundown to Saturday sundown
- The Sabbath the week before the crucifixion was spent at the home of Mary, Martha and Lazarus

### **Saturday after the Sabbath**

- Bethany - Supper at Mary, Martha & Lazarus's house
  - Mary anointed the feet of the Savior

## **Sunday**

- Triumphant entry into Jerusalem
  - Lord directed two of his disciples to a colt on which no man had sat
  - Company started to Jerusalem with Jesus riding in midst
  - City thronged with people there for the Passover
  - People jubilant to see Jesus riding toward the city
  - People cast garments, palm fronds and other foliage in his path carpeting the way as for a King
  - Entered triumphantly into the City
  - Pharisees resentful but could do nothing
- Into the Temple
  - Jesus testified of his death and that the hour was near
  - Voice from heaven "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again"
- Back to Bethany for the night

## **Monday**

- Back to Jerusalem
  - Blighted a Fig tree on the way
- Cleared the Temple (second time)
  - 3 years earlier at the Passover (My Father's house)
  - This time "My House"
  - Cleared those who sold and overturned the money changers table
- After cleansing - He healed the sick
- Retired again to Bethany for the evening

## **Tuesday**

- Returned to the Temple in Jerusalem
- Plotting by the Rulers to take him
  - Afraid because of the people
- Challenged by the Rulers
  - Chief Priests, scribes and Elders challenge his authority
    - Answers by asking where John the Baptist received authority
    - Parable of the Two Sons
    - Parable of the Wicked Husbandman
    - Parable of the Royal Feast
  - Christ completely turns the tables on them

- Pharisees sent spies to try and trip him up
  - "Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's...."
- Sadducees question about the Resurrection
  - "Ye do err, not understanding the scriptures"
- Pharisees try again
  - "Thou shalt love the Lord God, with all they might...."
- Jesus denounces Scribes and Pharisees as hypocrites
- Widow's mite
- Destruction of Temple predicted
- Afternoon on way from Jerusalem to Bethany with his disciples (Mount of Olives)
  - Spoke of persecutions to come
  - Parable of Ten Virgins
  - Parable of the Talents

### **Wednesday**

- Jesus spends the day in Bethany
- Christ in the house of Simon the Leper for the evening meal
  - Woman anoints him with oil and disciples object to the waste of valuable oil
    - "For ye have the poor always with you; but me ye have not always"
- Plotting by Sanhedrin and priests
  - Take Christ in subtlety
  - Public executions be set aside
  - All so as to not arouse the people
- Judas Iscariot agrees to betray Christ for 30 pieces of Silver

### **Thursday (Evening is Friday to the Jews)**

- Two disciples sent to prepare a place for the Passover
  - Must be clean – no leaven
- Last Supper - Passover meal
  - Unleavened Bread
    - No leaving allowed in the house
      - Hunted, taken and burned
    - 7 days of unleavened bread

- Passover Lamb
  - 1<sup>st</sup> day of the Passover the senior member of the household took an unblemished lamb to the temple as an offering
  - The lamb was killed by a priest
  - Then returned to the bearer for the Passover meal
  - By law, these lambs had to be slain within a two-hour period (approximately 3:00 to 5:00 P.M.)
    - Two days provided to do so
  - Christ ate his Passover meal on the first day
  - Christ the prototype for the sacrifice
  - On the second day, he died on the cross while the Passover lambs were being sacrificed
- 7 days of unleavened bread
- Betrayal - "is it I?"
- Washing of feet
  - Ye are clean – but not all (meaning Judas)
- Sacrament
- Judas leaves for betrayal
- Discourse following Supper
  - "A new commandment that ye love on another as I have loved you"
  - Disciples directed to pray to the Father in his name
  - Holy Ghost promised to the Disciples
  - "I am the true vine"
- Concluding Prayer & Hymn
- Sometime late (around midnight?) leave and cross the Kidron valley to Gethsemane
- Garden of Gethsemane
  - 8 left near the entrance
  - Peter, James & John went in with
  - Atonement
- Betrayal (early in the morning 2-3 AM?)
  - After Atonement saw them coming
  - Judas identified with a kiss
  - Soldiers were hesitant
  - Peter smote off ear with sword – ear healed
  - Apostles fled

- Trial before Sanhedrin and Caiaphas
  - Smote upon
  - Convicted of Blasphemy
- Peter denies the Lord three times
  - With servants outside Sanhedrin
  - On the porch
  - Around the fire

## **Friday**

- Before Pilate
  - Accused by Sanhedrin of high treason (set him up as King)
  - Found no fault
  - Sent him to Herod (because Galilean)
- Herod Antipus (murdered John the Baptist)
  - Christ answered nothing
  - Mocked, put in a robe and sent back to Pilate
- Before Pilate 2<sup>nd</sup> time
  - Wanted to scourge him and let him go
  - People chose to have Barabbas released instead
  - People wanted Christ crucified
  - Pilate washed his hands
- Scourged
  - Whip of many thongs loaded with metal & jagged pieces of bone
  - Placed a purple robe on him and a crown of thorns with a reed for a scepter
- Judas Iscariot commits suicide
- To Calvary
  - Christ carried his cross but moved slowly
  - Simon the Cyrenian pressed into service to carry the cross
  - Women watching on
- Crucifixion
  - Nailed to the cross, thief on either side
  - Divided up his clothes and cast lots for his coat
  - Mocked
  - In attendance were
    - Mary, Mother of Jesus
    - Mary, His mother's Sister

- Mary Magdalene
- John (only Apostle we know of)
- Many other disciples
- 3 in the afternoon: "My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me?"
  - Agony of Gethsemane had returned
- Late in the afternoon
  - "It is finished"
  - "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit"
  - Earthquakes, graves opened
  - Veil of the Temple was rent
- Burial (before evening - Saturday or the Jewish Sabbath)
  - Hurriedly buried in tomb of Joseph of Armathea
  - Rock placed in front of the grave

### **Saturday (evening is Sunday for the Jews)**

- Sanhedrin had Roman guards posted
- Christ is resurrected sometime after evening (Sunday for the Jews)

### **Sunday**

- Empty Tomb
  - At dawn Women went to the tomb for further anointing of Christ's body
  - At tomb Angel told them he was not there
  - Angel sent them for the Apostles
  - John first back then Peter
  - Peter & John looked in tomb, saw linen grave clothes
- Christ appears
  - Mary Magdelane outside the tomb sees the Savior
    - "Woman, Why weepest thou?"
    - "They have taken away my Lord"
    - "Mary"
    - "Touch me not"