

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

Wed and Thurs morning

- 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 (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
 - 1st 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
- Garden of Gethsemane
 - 8 left near the entrance
 - Peter, James & John went in with
 - Atonement
- Betrayal
 - After Atonement saw them coming
 - Judas identified with a kiss
 - Soldiers were hesitant
 - Peter smote off ear with sword – ear healed
 - Apostles fled
- Trail 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 2nd 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
 - Hurriedly buried in tomb of Joseph of Armathea
 - Rock placed in front of the grave

Saturday

- Sanhedrin had Roman guards posted

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 Magdalene outside the tomb sees the Savior
 - "Woman, Why weepst thou?"
 - "They have taken away my Lord"
 - "Mary"
 - "Touch me not"

