



7 – 13 Apr, 2019

Easter

The Holy Week events

† **Saturday**

The anointing at Bethany by Mary (*Joh 12:1-11*)

† **Sunday**

Palm Sunday; Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. He spends the night in Bethany (*Joh 12:12-19*)

† **Monday**

Jesus went to the Temple and found the court of the Gentiles full of traders and money changers making large profits as they gave out Jewish coins in exchange for 'pagan' money. Jesus drove them out and overturned their tables (*Mat 21:10-17*)

† **Tuesday**

In Jerusalem, Jesus evaded the traps set by the priests. On the Mount of Olives overlooking Jerusalem, Jesus taught in parables and warned the people against the Pharisees. He predicted the destruction of Herod's great temple and told His disciples about future events, including His own return (*Luk 20:1-21:36*)

† **Wednesday**

No record in the Gospels, but much activity as Jesus prepares for the Last Supper and as Judas and the Sanhedrin prepare for Jesus' arrest

† **Thursday**

In an upper room, Jesus prepared both Himself and His apostles for His death. He gave the Passover meal a new meaning. The loaf of bread and cup of wine represented His body soon to be sacrificed and His blood soon to be shed. And so He instituted the 'Lord's Supper'. Jesus washed the feet of His apostles. Then, they all went to the garden of Gethsemane, except for Judas who went to inform the Pharisees about the whereabouts of Jesus. At the garden, Jesus prayed in agony, knowing what lay ahead of Him. Jesus was arrested and tried by the Sanhedrin (*Joh 13:1-30*)

† **Friday** (*Mat 27:1-66; Mar 15:1-47; Luk 22:66-23:56; Joh 18:28-19:37*)

1. First trial, before Annas (nighttime hours); Annas is looking for an accusation, biding time till Sanhedrin is gathered at the villa of the High Priest
2. Second (and primary) trial before Sanhedrin, Jesus is condemned

3. Third trial, immediately at dawn (meanwhile, Peter denies Jesus a third time; Jesus looks upon him); the condemnation repeated, then Jesus taken to Romans
4. Fourth trial before Pilate
5. Fifth trial before Herod (looks for miracle)
6. Sixth trial before Pilate
7. Jesus is scourged; the city cries, 'Crucify Him or we will tell Rome!'
8. Jesus is finally turned over to be crucified
9. Jesus mocked (Roman soldiers); crown of thorns
10. Judas hangs himself
11. Jesus bears His cross to the gate north of the city and is crucified around 9 am
12. Jesus' Seven Sayings from the Cross
13. The Death of the God-Man
About 3 pm; veil torn, the earth quake; some graves opened and people rise and go into the city; nature yielded at the Crucifixion
14. Jesus' side pierced
15. Passover lambs slain in temple
16. Joseph and Nicodemus took Jesus' body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and laid it in Joseph's own new tomb

† Saturday

Jesus at work in Sheol and restored us to paradise. His apostles observed the Sabbath. At the request of the Jewish leadership, Pilate grants a guard and sets a seal on the tomb of Jesus

† Sunday (*Mat 28:1-13; Mar 16:1-20; Luk 24:1-49; Joh 20:1-31*)

Jesus is risen and makes many appearances. The recorded ones are

1. To Mary Magdalene
2. To the other women who come to the tomb (intending to complete the burial preparation of His body)
3. To two disciples on the Road to Emmaus
4. To Peter (nowhere recorded, but alluded to in *Luk 24:33-34; 1 Cor 15:5*)
5. To the astonished apostles (Thomas is absent)
6. To the apostles with Thomas

The victory of Easter

† God started the first creation with the light and He separated the light from darkness, never to meet

† Jesus, rose from the grave and became God's pure light, the light of the world

† Jesus at the first Easter revealed all that was unknown to us. All darkness and its tricks were driven away. The devil is put in the light that is why he lost it all

† Jesus rises from the grave (*Lk 24:1-12; Jn 10:17-18; 1 Cor 15:4*) revealed

➤ Life is stronger than death (*Jn 5:24; 11:25, Lk 23:43; Phil 3:20-21*)

Rev 2:11; 21:8)

- **Good is stronger than evil**
- **Love is stronger than hate**
- **Truth is stronger than lies**

Let us live Easter the way Mary Magdalene and the women did *(Mar 16:1-9)*

- ✚ **Mary Magdalene and the women knew that they will not be able to roll the stone and consequently fulfill their mission**
- ✚ **But they were faithful just like Ruth in doing their part and relied on the Lord for the rest**
- ✚ **They lived what Saint Augustine said, ‘I pray as if everything depends on God and I work as if everything depends on me’**
- ✚ **This is when God’s glory was shown and Through them the Word spread**

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Legend

 Refers to mandatory readings

Verse to memorize

‘And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins! Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable’
1 Corinthians 15:17-19

During the coming week, let us pray expectantly

1. **seeking the Lord’s will to be done in Lebanon**
2. **for CrossTalk to find a locale**
3. **for David, Gisele, Habib and Karim**
4. **to become more of saints and less of sinners**
5. **to seek the Lord in every word I say, every act I do and every thought I think**
6. **to help in building His Kingdom by building His Church on earth**
7. **to deny ourselves, carry our cross and follow Him**
8. **to thank Him for creating us and each one around us, on His image and likeness, and choosing us to reveal His splendor**
9. **to all the sick**
10. **to all those in prison**
11. **to the unity of the Christians**
12. **to one another to be honest and not lack integrity**
13. **to put all that we have in the Lord’s hands trusting His management**
14. **to all the Christians who are being persecuted, and to those who are persecuting them**
15. **to all families, that the Lord unites the parents together in His Name and stops all fights**

16. to the situation in Lebanon, Syria, Egypt, Iraq and the whole region

During this coming week, we will lift the Protestant Church in prayer

قانون الايمان
نحن نؤمن بـإله واحد
أب قادر على كل شيء
خالق السماء والأرض
وكل ما يرى وما لا يرى
وبرب واحد يسوع المسيح،
ابن الله الوحيد،
المولود من الأب قبل كل الدهور
إله من إله، نور من نور، إله حق من إله حق
مولود غير مخلوق،
ذو جوهر واحد مع الأب
هو الذي به كان كل شيء،
الذي من أجلنا نحن البشر ومن أجل خلاصنا نُزِلَ من السماء
وتجسد بالروح القدس من مريم العذراء وصار إنساناً
وصُلبَ عنا على عهد ببلطس البنطي
وتألم وقُبر وقام أيضاً في اليوم الثالث حسب الكتب
وصعد إلى السماء وهو جالس عن يمين الأب
وسيتأتي أيضاً بمجد ليدين الأحياء والأموات
الذي ليسَ لملكه نهاية
ونؤمن بالروح القدس، الربّ المحيي
المنبثق من الأب والإبن
المسجود له والمُجمّد مع الأب والإبن
الذي تكلم بالأنبياء
ونعتقد بكنيسة واحدة، مقدّسة، جامعة، رسولية
ونعترف بمعمودية واحدة لمغفرة الخطايا
وننتظر قيامة الموتى وحياة الدّهر الآتي
أمين

الصلاة الربانية
أبانا الذي في السموات
ليتقدّس اسمك
ليأت ملكوتك
ليتكُن مشيبتك
كما في السماء
كذلك على الأرض
خُبرنا كفافنا أعطنا اليوم
واغفر لنا ذنوبنا
كما تغفر نحنُ أيضاً
للمذنبين إلينا
ولا تُدخلنا في تجربة
لكن نجنا من الشرير
لأن لك الملك والقوة والمجد
إلى الأبد
أمين