

1. Jesus Anointed at Bethany (Saturday)

Matthew 26:6-13

Now when Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, a woman came up to him with an alabaster flask of very expensive ointment, and she poured it on his head as he reclined at table. And when the disciples saw it, they were indignant, saying, "Why this waste? For this could have been sold for a large sum and given to the poor." But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, "Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a beautiful thing to me. For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me. In pouring this ointment on my body, she has done it to prepare me for burial. Truly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will also be told in memory of her."

Mary's heart was to worship Jesus even when others thought she should have done things differently. Using the very expensive oil was not a waste, it was giving her best as worship.

*bottle of oil

2. The Triumphal Entry (Sunday)

Mark 11:1-10

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.'" And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. And some of those standing there said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. 8 And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!"

The crowd is excited and praising Jesus, welcoming him as king. They believed he would save them from Rome's rule. And Jesus did come to save, but not in the way they pictured.

*Donkey/ palm branch

3. Jesus will be praised (Sunday)

Luke 19: 37-40

(At the triumphal entry)

As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out."

Jesus **will** be praised. If people do not praise him, the very rocks will!

* Rocks

4. Curses fig tree (Monday-Tuesday)

Mark 11:12-15, 20-25

On the following day, when they came from Bethany, he was hungry. And seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf, he went to see if he could find anything on it. When he came to it, he found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. And he said to it, "May no one ever eat fruit from you again." And his disciples heard it.

20 As they passed by in the morning, they saw the fig tree withered away to its roots. And Peter remembered and said to him, "Rabbi, look! The fig tree that you cursed has withered." And Jesus answered them, "Have faith in God. Truly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be taken up and thrown into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will come to pass, it will be done for him. Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses."

God is not concerned with appearance, but with one's heart and the fruit produce.

*Fig tree/ dead branch/ dead leaf

5. Cleanses the temple (Monday)

Mark 11:15-19

And they came to Jerusalem. And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold and those who bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. And he would not allow anyone to carry anything through the temple. And he was teaching them and saying to them, "Is it not written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations'? But you have made it a den of robbers." And the chief priests and the scribes heard it and were seeking a way to destroy him, for they feared him, because all the crowd was astonished at his teaching. And when evening came they went out of the city.

The temple was suppose to be a place for all people to come and worship God, but instead people were using it for their own sinful purposes.

*money/ table / temple

6. Jesus teaches in the temple (Tuesday)

Matthew 22:34-40

But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

Love God with your whole self, holding nothing back. God's love for us empowers to be able to love all people.

*Heart

7. The Passover with the Disciples (Thursday)

Mark 14:12

And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples said to him, "Where will you have us go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?"

At passover, the Israelites were spared from God's judgment through the shed blood of a lamb. Jesus is the true "Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29) and the time for his sacrifice was almost here.

*lamb

8. Washing of feet (Thursday)

John 13: 4-8

He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me."

Jesus is the example of love, humility and servanthood. He also teaches the disciples that it is through him that a person becomes clean. When you repent of your sin and trust in Jesus you are forgiven and your sins are washed away.

*wash basin/ towel

9. Institution of the Lord's Supper (Thursday)

Luke 22:19-20

And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood."

God makes a new covenant (promise) with his people to forgive their sin through his son Jesus.

*cup and bread

10. Jesus Prays at Gethsamane (Thursday)

Luke 22: 40-44

And when he came to the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not enter into temptation." And he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed, saying, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done." And there appeared to him an angel from heaven, strengthening him. And being in agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

Jesus prays for strength from God as he desires obedience to God's plan.

*Praying hands/ garden / angel

11. Arrest in Garden (Thursday/Friday after midnight)

Matthew 27: 47-56

While he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; seize him." And he came up to Jesus at once and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" And he kissed him. Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you came to do." Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus and seized him. And behold, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then should the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?" At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. But all this has taken place that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled." Then all the disciples left him and fled.

Although innocent, Jesus willingly gave himself up, so that God's plan of redemption could be completed.

*Soldier / Sword

12. Jesus on Trial before religious leaders (Friday)

Mark 14: 61-64

Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?" And Jesus said, "I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven." And the high priest tore his garments and said, "What further witnesses do we need? You have heard his blasphemy. What is your decision?" And they all condemned him as deserving death.

To speak against God and make claims to be his son was a serious offense and deserving of death, but in this case the claims were true. Jesus affirms that he is God's son and will sit at the right hand of his Father. (Psalm 110:1)

*throne / Christ/ gavel / I am

13. Jesus on Trial before Pilate (Friday)

Mark 15:6-15

Now at the feast he used to release for them one prisoner for whom they asked. And among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in the insurrection, there was a man called Barabbas. And the crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do as he usually did for them. And he answered them, saying, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" For he perceived that it was out of envy that the chief priests had delivered him up. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release for them Barabbas instead. And Pilate again said to them, "Then what shall I do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" And they cried out again, "Crucify him." And Pilate said to them, "Why? What evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him." So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

Barabbas, the guilty one was set free, while Jesus, the innocent one was convicted, "the righteous for the unrighteous" (1 Peter 3:18)

*handcuffs / tied rope

14. Jesus is mocked and beaten (Friday)

Mark 15:16-20

And the soldiers led him away inside the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters), and they called together the whole battalion. And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on him. And they began to salute him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they were striking his head with a reed and spitting on him and kneeling down in homage to him. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. And they led him out to crucify him.

Jesus is the true king and is deserving of all honor and praise, yet the soldiers were blind to see him rightly and so instead of worship they mocked him. Scripture tells us though that one day every knee will bow and confess that Jesus is Lord. (Phil 2:9-11)

*crown of thorns / King of the Jews / Purple cloth

15. Jesus is crucified (Friday between 9 am and 3 pm)

Mark 15: 25-32

And it was the third hour when they crucified him. And the inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucified two robbers, one on his right and one on his left. And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!" So also the chief priests with the scribes mocked him to one another, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also reviled him.

"When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly." (1 Peter 2:23) Although mocked and reviled, Jesus entrusted ALL to God the Father, knowing that God will make everything right.

* nails / cross / inscription of King of the Jews...

* IESUS NAZARENVS REX IVDAEORVM (latin). OUTOS ESTIN O BASILEUS TWN IOUDAIWN (greek)

ישוע הנצרי ומלך היהודים (hebrew)

16. Two robbers (Friday)

Luke 23:39-43

One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."

Everyone stands guilty and condemned before God, fully deserving punishment. But "believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved." (Acts 16:31)

*3 crosses/ cross/

17. Death of Jesus (Friday)

John 19:28-30

After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Jesus' sacrifice finished the work he was sent to accomplish. He paid sin's penalty in full.

* "It is finished" sign/ small jar / sponge /

18. Jesus is buried (Friday evening)

Matthew 27: 57-60

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away.

It was necessary for Jesus to die, so that death would be defeated. (Heb 2:14-15)

*Tomb / stone / linen / empty cross

19. The Resurrection (Sunday morning)

Luke 24:1-9

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." And they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest.

Jesus' resurrection from the dead, proves that God was satisfied that sin was paid for in full. If Jesus was not alive now, it would mean that his sacrifice was not enough to pay for sin. We can rejoice because the tomb is empty and Jesus is alive!

*empty tomb / sunrise

20. The Great Commission (after resurrection)

Matthew 28:16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Jesus came to earth with a purpose to fulfill. He wants his followers to continue his mission, telling people how to be rescued from sin and death, through belief in His life, death and resurrection.

*map / world

21. Promise of the Holy Spirit (after resurrection)

John 14: 25-27

"These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

We can walk in confidence and assurance that God is with us and has equipped us with everything we need to live a life of obedience and joy in him.

*Dove

Col 1:13-14

13 He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Romans 5:8

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Revelation 5:9:

“Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation.”

1 Timothy 1:15:

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.

2 Corinthians 8:9:

You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

2 Corinthians 5:21:

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Romans 8:32:

He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

Romans 6:23:

The wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Mark 10:45:

“The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

1 John 4: 9-10

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

Phil 2:8-11

And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

John 17:3

And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sen