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THE CRUCIFIXION OF JESUS CHRIST

HIS FINAL WEEK—PART ONE

It would begin on a Saturday evening in Bethany and be concluded on the following mid-Friday morning near the hill of Golgotha.

Saturday

- Martha prepares a supper at Bethany to celebrate the raising of Lazarus from the dead (Jn. 12:1, 2).
- Mary (Martha's sister) anoints Jesus with some costly ointment (Mt. 26:6-13; Mk. 14:3-9; Jn. 12:3-11).
 1. Judas rebukes Mary for this, but is himself rebuked by Jesus.
 2. Jesus predicted this act of devotion would be remembered throughout the ages.

Sunday

- The triumphal entry into Jerusalem (Mt. 21:11, 14-17; Mk. 11:1-11; Lk. 19:28-44; Jn. 12:12-19)
 1. He rode into the city on a colt and received His only "ticker tape" parade (Mk. 11:1-7; Lk. 19:36-38).
 2. He then entered the temple and healed both the blind and the lame (Mt. 11:14).
 3. Little children in the temple sang His praises, much to the displeasure of the Pharisees (Mt. 11:15).

Monday

- Cursing of the fig tree (Mt. 21:18-19a; Mk. 11:12-14)
- Second cleansing of the temple (Mt. 21:12, 13; Mk. 11:15-18; Lk. 17:45-48)
- The request by some Greeks to see Jesus (Jn. 12:20-36a)
 1. He explains just why it was necessary for Him to die.
 2. He asks that the Father would be glorified by His death and was assured this would indeed be the case.

- Many of the key Jewish leaders had believed on Him but did it in secret for fear of being put out of the synagogue.

Tuesday

- The withering of the fig tree Jesus had previously cursed (Mt. 21:19b-22)
- His comments on the faith that removes mountains (Mk. 11:22-24)
- His confrontations with the Jewish leaders
 1. The Herodians (Mt. 22:15-22; Mk. 12:13-17; Lk. 20:20-26)
 2. The Sadducees (Mt. 22:23-33; Mk. 12:18-27; Lk. 20:27-38)
 3. The Pharisees (Mt. 22:34-46; Mk. 12:28-34)
- His condemnation of the Jewish leaders (Mt. 23:1-36; Mk. 12:38-40; Lk. 20:45-47)
 1. They gave the word *hypocrisy* a bad name!
 2. Their lives were roadblocks to God's Kingdom.
 3. They taught their converts to be the same.
 4. They made oaths but had no intention of honoring them.
 5. They were like whitewashed tombs, beautiful on the outside but full of rotting bones on the inside.
 6. Their descendants had murdered the prophets in the past.
 7. They themselves would soon do the same in regard to both present and future prophets.
- He commends a poor widow for her sacrificial gift (Mk. 12:41-44; Lk. 21:1-4).
- He weeps over the sins of Jerusalem (Mt. 23:37).
- He delivers the Mount Olivet Discourse (Mt. 24:1-25, 46; Mk. 13:1-37; Lk. 19:43, 44; 21:5-11, 20-24, 29-36)—“ *Then Jesus went out and departed from the temple, and His disciples came up to show Him the buildings of the temple. And Jesus said to them, ‘Do you not see all these things? Assuredly, I say to you, not one stone shall be left here upon another, that shall not be thrown down.’ Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, ‘Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?’ ”* (Mt. 24:1-3).
 1. First half of the Great Tribulation (Mt. 24:4-14)
 - a. Rise of false christs and prophets
 - b. Increase of wars
 - c. Famines, pestilences and earthquakes

- d. Fearful signs from heaven and turbulent seas (Lk. 21:25)
- e. Worldwide preaching of the Gospel
- 2. Middle part of the Great Tribulation (Mt. 24:15-20)
 - a. Placing of the Abomination of Desolation in the Jewish temple
 - b. Flight of the surviving Jews into the mountains
- 3. Final part of the Great Tribulation (Mt. 24:21-26)
 - a. The worst time in human history
 - b. Attempt of the Antichrist to lure the Jews out of hiding
- 4. The Second Coming of Christ (Mt. 24:27-31)
 - a. The glory accompanying His return
 - b. The gathering of the elect
- 5. The parable of the fig tree (Mt. 24:32-35)
- 6. The importance of the watchfulness (Mt. 24:36-51)
- 7. The parable of the ten virgins (Mt. 25:1-13)
- 8. The parable of the talents (Mt. 25:14-30)
- 9. The parable of the sheep and goats (Mt. 25:31-46)