



Holy Week Real-Time Reading Plan



Palm Sunday (Triumphal Entry)

Suggested Reading Time: Morning (around 9:00 - 10:00 A.M.) – Aligns with Jesus' likely arrival in the city.

Morning Reading: Matthew 21:1–11, Mark 11:1–11, Luke 19:28–44, John 12:12–19

Summary: Jesus enters Jerusalem riding on a donkey, greeted by crowds with palm branches shouting “Hosanna!”



Monday (Cleansing the Temple)

Suggested Reading Time: Morning (around 9:00 - 10:00 A.M.) – Cursing the fig tree on the way to Jerusalem

Morning Reading: Matthew 21:18–22, Mark 11:12–14

Suggested Reading Time: Midday (12:00 - 2:00 P.M.) – Matches the time Jesus likely spent teaching and moving in the Temple.

Midday Reading: Matthew 21:12–17, Mark 11:15–25, Luke 19:45–48

Summary: Jesus drives out the money changers from the Temple and heals in the Temple courts.



Tuesday (Day of Teaching and Confrontation)

Suggested Reading Time: Throughout the Day (9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.) – This was a full day of public teaching.

Morning to Evening Readings: Matthew 21:23–26:2, Mark 11:27–13:37, Luke 20:1–21:38, John 12:20–50

Summary: Jesus teaches in the Temple, confronts religious leaders, and gives the Olivet Discourse (prophecies about the end times).

Wednesday (Silent Day or Day of Rest & Plotting)

Suggested Reading Time: Morning (around 9:00 A.M.) – Reflect quietly; a day to meditate on the gravity of what’s to come.

Morning Reading: Matthew 26:3–5, 14–16, Mark 14:1–2, 10–11, Luke 22:1–6

Summary: No public ministry. Likely a day of rest for Jesus in Bethany. Meanwhile, Judas agrees to betray Him.

Thursday (Last Supper & Gethsemane)

Suggested Reading Time: Late Afternoon (4:00 - 6:00 P.M.) – Preparation for and celebration of the Last Supper.

Late Afternoon Reading: Matthew 26:17–35, Mark 14:12–31, Luke 22:7–38, John 13:1–17:26

Suggested Reading Time: Evening/Night (8:00 - 10:00 P.M.) – Time in Gethsemane, betrayal, and arrest.

Evening Reading: Matthew 26:36–75, Mark 14:32–72, Luke 22:39–65, John 18:1–27

Summary: Jesus shares the Last Supper, washes the disciples’ feet, prays for them, and agonizes in Gethsemane.

Friday (Trial, Crucifixion, and Burial – Good Friday)

Suggested Reading Time: Early Morning (6:00 - 9:00 A.M.) – Jesus is tried and sentenced.

Early Morning Reading: Matthew 27:1–31, Mark 15:1–20, Luke 22:66–23:25, John 18:28–19:16

Suggested Reading Time: Midday (12:00 - 3:00 P.M.) – Crucifixion and death; darkness covers the land.

Midday Reading (The Crucifixion): Matthew 27:32–56, Mark 15:21–41, Luke 23:26–49, John 19:17–37

Suggested Reading Time: Evening (4:00 - 6:00 P.M.) – Jesus is buried before sundown.

Evening Reading (Burial): Matthew 27:57–61, Mark 15:42–47, Luke 23:50–56, John 19:38–42



● **Saturday (Silent Tomb – Holy Saturday)**

Suggested Time: All Day Reflection – Contemplate the silence and anticipation.

Morning Reflection: Matthew 27:62–66, Psalm 22:1-21, Lamentations 3, 1 Peter 3:18

Summary: Jesus' body lies in the tomb. A day of silence, mourning, and waiting.

🌅 **Sunday (Resurrection – Easter Sunday)**

Suggested Reading Time: Sunrise (6:00 A.M.) – The women find the tomb empty.

Early Morning Reading: Matthew 28:1–10, Mark 16:1–8, Luke 24:1–12, John 20:1–18, Psalm 22:22-31

Suggested Reading Time: Afternoon (2:00 - 4:00 P.M.) – Emmaus road and first group appearances.

Afternoon Reading: Luke 24:13–35, John 20:19–23

Suggested Reading Time: Evening (after 6:00 P.M.) – Jesus appears to Thomas and others.

Evening Reading: Luke 24:36–53, John 20:24–31

Summary: The tomb is empty! Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene, the disciples, and others.