

The rest of our lives should be given to the exploration and discovery of what the crucifixion of Jesus Christ means for ourselves, our families, and the world around us.

# HOLY Week

Palm Sunday: Jesus enters Jerusalem triumphantly.

Monday: Jesus is at the temple and curses a fig tree.

Tuesday: Jesus is interrogated by religious leaders.

Wednesday: Judas makes a decision to betray Jesus.

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Maundy Thursday: The Last Supper and Jesus' upper room discourse (John 13-16)

Friday: Jesus is arrested, tried, convicted, and crucified.

Saturday:

Sunday: He is Risen!

#### The Major Characters

Jesus of Nazareth The disciples (Peter, James, John, and Judas) Roman soldiers Religious leaders Pilate Herod Caiaphas The crowd

### The Scene

Jerusalem
Passover
The Feast of Unleavened Bread

"The notion that a god might have suffered torture and death on a cross was so shocking as to appear repulsive. Familiarity with the biblical narrative of the Crucifixion has dulled our sense of just how completely novel a deity Christ was. In the ancient world, it was the role of gods who laid claim to ruling the universe, to uphold its order by inflicting punishment — not to suffer it themselves."

Tom Holland, Historian

### Why was Jesus killed?

Political Reasons.
Religious Zeal.
Divine Purpose.

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# DESTINED FOR THE CROSS 45-Day Study

16 Reasons Jesus Had to Die

## Divine Purpose

1. Jesus died to ransom people and to offer forgiveness to every person.

Matthew 20:28; 1 Timothy 2:5-6; 1 John 1:9, Matthew 6:12

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2. Jesus died to reconcile people to God the Father.

Colossians 1:21-23; Romans 5:9-10

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3. Jesus died to triumph over evil powers and authorities.

Colossians 2:13-15

"Realize that you weren't set free from the worthless life handed down to you from your ancestors by a payment of silver or gold which can be destroyed. Rather, the payment that freed you was the precious blood of Christ, the lamb with no defects or imperfections. He is the lamb who was known long ago before the world existed, but for your good he became publicly known in the last period of time. Through him you believe in God who brought Christ back to life and gave him glory. So your faith and confidence are in God." - 1 Peter 1:18-21 God's Word

### Our Response

- 1. Surrender your life to King Jesus, receive His forgiveness, and renounce all allegiances to worldly philosophies and ways of living.
- 2. Be a disciple of King Jesus.
- 3. Love and live as a victorious, beloved child of God with authority to overcome temptation and sin.

