

Hope Begins Here!

1 Peter 1:3-5

The resurrection of Jesus only grips us when placed against the backdrop of what happened during the week leading up to that Sunday.

1. SUNDAY – Day of D Matthew 21:4-11

To Jerusalem, the capital city! Mt. 16:21; Lk. 9:51-52; Mt. 19:1-2; Jn. 12:1, 9-13
“And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved [“to rock, vibrate, throw into a tremor”]...” Matthew 21:10

2. MONDAY – Day of A Matthew 21:12-13

Jesus took command of the Temple, driving out those who desecrated it.

3. TUESDAY – Day of C Matthew 21:23

The religious leaders fight back – “who gave you this authority?!” This was a long & difficult day (Matthew 21:18-26:5). It culminated with Jesus taking His disciples aside and delivers the *Olivet Discourse* – answers to questions about future events.

4. WEDNESDAY – Day of B Matthew 26:14-16

A day of rest in Bethany. A feast in Simon the leper’s home where Jesus is anointed. Judas sells Jesus for the price of a slave.

5. THURSDAY – Day of P Matthew 26:26-30, 36-39

Passover observed by those from Galilee (Judaean’s observed Passover on Friday). This evening meal is filled with teaching before leaving for Gethsemane.

6. FRIDAY – Day of S Matthew 27:33-37

From the garden of Gethsemane to the courts of Roman leaders to the Praetorium to the Via Dolorosa to the cross to the grave.

7. SATURDAY – Day of A Matthew 27:59-61

Jesus is gone. His body lies in a tomb awaiting resurrection morning.

8. SUNDAY – Day of V Matthew 28:1-6

Life! Victory! Hope! “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, (4) To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, (5) Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.” 1 Peter 1:3-5



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