

The Harmony of the Holy “Week” Accounts

The Upper Room Discourse & Prayer:

Lk 22:24-30 & Jn 13:31 - 17:26

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I. Chronology: Two Views (of a Very Many):

A. A More-Traditional View

1. Friday, 8th of Nisan¹ — Jesus arrives in Bethany from Jericho²
2. Saturday, 9th of Nisan — A normal sabbath³
3. Palm Sunday, 10th of Nisan — Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a donkey⁴
4. Monday, 11th of Nisan — Jesus curses a fig tree and clears the temple
5. Tuesday, 12th of Nisan — The fig tree is found withered; Jesus teaches in the temple, then goes into hiding; Jesus tells His disciples about the future while on the Mount of Olives; a woman anoints Jesus; Judas agrees to betray Jesus
6. Wednesday, 13th of Nisan — Nothing is known.
7. Maundy Thursday, 14th of Nisan, Passover — **Jesus eats the Passover meal, His last supper with his disciples**
8. Good Friday, 15th of Nisan — Jesus the Christ is crucified for the sins of the world
9. Black Saturday, 16th of Nisan — A normal sabbath
10. Easter Sunday, 17th of Nisan — Jesus the Christ is raised from dead! Hallelujah!

¹ also called Abib

² Some believe this trip was on Saturday, but they forget that Jesus would not have traveled on a sabbath day.

³ This view assumes that when John writes, “the next day” that he really means, “the next non-sabbath day”.

⁴ Some believe the triumphal entry was on Monday, falling on a 10th that year, such that he died on Passover instead of the day after.

B. An Alternate View

1. Friday, 8th of Nisan — Jesus arrives in Bethany from Jericho; a woman anoints Jesus
2. Saturday, 9th of Nisan — A normal sabbath, Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a donkey (It may have been a sabbath day's journey⁵. It was also late⁶, so the sabbath may have been over.)
3. Sunday, 10th of Nisan — Jesus curses a fig tree and clears the temple
4. Monday, 11th of Nisan — The fig tree is found withered; Jesus teaches in the temple, then goes into hiding; Jesus tells His disciples about the future while on the Mount of Olives; Judas agrees to betray Jesus
5. Tuesday, 12th of Nisan — Nothing is known
6. Wednesday, 13th of Nisan — **Jesus eats the Passover meal, His last supper with his disciples**
7. Thursday, 14th of Nisan, Passover — Jesus the Christ is crucified for the sins of the world
8. Friday, 15th of Nisan, 1st Day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread — A high sabbath
9. Saturday, 16th of Nisan — A normal sabbath
10. Sunday, 17th of Nisan, The Feast of First Fruits — Jesus the Christ is raised from dead! Hallelujah!

II. Discussion

Read Lk 22:24-30 & Jn 13:31 - 17:26 and discuss the questions below.

- A. What message did Jesus give us to tell?**
- B. What special knowledge does Jesus leave with us?**
- C. What power do we have through prayer? What is the purpose of prayer?**
- D. What are the purposes of the Holy Spirit/Wind?**
- E. What is our purpose? How can we achieve it on this earth in Jesus' absence?**
- F. What will be the world's response to us?**
- G. How can we be comforted? How can we avoid stumbling?**
- H. How can we bear fruit in our current situation in life?**

⁵ Acts 1:12

⁶ according to Mark