**Chronology of the Events of the Passion Week**

This weekend begins the passion week of Christ. The significance of these nine days is demonstrated by the Gospel writers: though Christ spent three years ministering, the four authors commit at least one-fourth (Matthew and Luke) to almost one-half (John) of their books to this single week. As you prepare for communion on Thursday and the remembrance of the resurrection next Sunday, you may find it helpful to meditate on the events of that week that led to the demonstration of Christ’s glorious victory at the cross.

**Saturday**  
*Jn. 11:55-12:1*  
Supper at Bethany

**Sunday**  
*Mt. 21:1-17; Lk. 19:29-44*  
Disciples bring colt  
Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem  
Jesus in the city and temple  
Retirement to Bethany

**Monday**  
*Mk. 11:12-18*  
The fig tree cursed  
Second cleansing of the temple

**Tuesday**  
*Mt. 21:23-22:14, 41-46; Jn. 12:2-8*  
The last day in the temple  
Christ’s authority challenged  
Parable of the two sons  
Parable of the wicked husbandman  
Parable of the rejected stone  
Parable of the marriage feast  
The question of tribute to Caesar  
The question of the resurrection  
The greatest commandment  
David’s son and Lord  
Denunciation of the scribes and Pharisees  
Lament over Jerusalem  
The poor widow’s gift  
Greeks desire to see Jesus  
The Olivet Discourse  
Parables: The fig tree, the porter, the master of the house, the faithful and evil servants, the ten virgins, the talents, the sheep and the goats  
Judas bargains to betray Jesus

**Wednesday**  
*Mt. 26:14-16; Mk. 14:10-11; Lk. 22:1-6*  
Day of quiet at Bethany
Thursday

*Mt. 26:17-46; Mk. 14:12-42; Lk. 22:7-46*

Preparation for the Passover
The Pascal meal and the Lord’s supper
Jesus washed the disciples’ feet
Judas signaled as the traitor
Apostles warned against desertion
The great upper room discourse (Jn. 13-17)
The agony in Gethsemane
The betrayal and arrest
Peter and the healing of Malchus’ ear

Friday

*Mt. 26:47-27:56; Mk. 14:43-15:46; Jn. 18:2-19:30*

First Jewish trial - before Annas
Second Jewish trial - before Caiaphas
Third Jewish trial—before Sanhedrin
Jesus declared His messiahship
Jesus mocked; Peter’s denial and remorse
First Roman trial - before Pilate
Second Roman trial - before Herod
Third Roman trial - before Pilate again
Pilate handed over Jesus to the Jews
Pilate again attempted to rescue Jesus
Judas’ suicide
The road to the cross
On the cross:
  First three hours: 9:00 to 12:00 a.m.
    Three sayings:
    “Father forgive them...”
    “Today you will be with me in paradise”
    “Dear woman, here is your son”
  Second three hours: 12:00-3:00 p.m.
    Four sayings:
    “My God, my God...”
    “I am thirsty...”
    “It is finished”
    “Into your hands I commend my spirit”
Supernatural phenomena accompanying Jesus’ death:
  Darkness, earthquake, rending of the temple veil
Burial of the body in Joseph’s tomb

Saturday

*Mt. 27:57-66; Lk. 23:47-56; Jn. 19:31-42*

Body in the tomb

Sunday

*Mt. 28:1-10; Mk. 16:1-8; Lk. 24:1-35; Jn. 20:1-31*

The Resurrection