

# The Passion Week of Jesus

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**The *Largest Percentage* of the Gospels are devoted to the Last Week of Jesus' Life!**

Gospel of <b>Mark</b>	chapters 11-16	38 %
Gospel of <b>Matthew</b>	chapters 21-28	29%
Gospel of <b>Luke</b>	chapters 19-24	25%
Gospel of <b>John</b>	chapters 12-21	48%

## ***Passion Week: From Palm Sunday to Resurrection Sunday***

Palm Sunday	– <i>The Triumphal Entry</i>	Luke 19:28-44
Monday	- <i>Jesus at the Temple</i>	Luke 19:45-48
Tuesday	- <i>Jesus Teaching in the Temple area</i>	Luke 20:1- 21:38
Wednesday	- <i>Agreement to betray Jesus</i>	Luke 22:1-6
Thursday	- <i>The Last Supper, Prayer in Garden, Jesus' arrest</i>	Luke 22:7-53
Friday	- Peter's denial, Jesus' Trials, Crucifixion, Death, Burial	Luke 22:54- 23:56
Saturday	- Jesus in tomb of Joseph of Arimathea, Soldiers guarding	Matthew 27:57-66
Sunday	- Resurrection, Emmaus Road, Appear to Disciples	Luke 24:1-49

*	<b>The Synoptic Gospels – Historical</b>			<b>Theological</b>
<b>The Gospels</b>	<b>Matthew</b>	<b>Mark</b>	<b>Luke</b>	<b>John</b>
<b>Date</b>	A.D. 58-68	A.D. 55-65	A.D. 60-68	A.D. 80-90
<b>Audience</b>	Jewish mind <i>religious</i>	Roman mind <i>pragmatic</i>	Gentile, Greek <i>idealistic</i>	Universal – All <i>cosmopolitan</i>
<b>Theme – Jesus as</b>	Messiah – King	Servant – Redeemer	Perfect Man	Son of God
<b>Picture of Christ</b>	The Lion	The Bull	The Man	The Eagle
<b>Emphasis on Jesus</b>	His Humanity, God-Man			Divinity God-Man
<b>Unique Material</b>	42%	7%	59%	92%
<b>Ministry Focus</b>	Public			Private
<b>Geography</b>	Concentrates on Galilean Ministry			Judean Ministry
<b>Teaching Method</b>	Parables			Allegories
<b>Teaching Emphasis</b>	More Ethical, Practical			Person of Christ
<b>Relationship to other Gospels</b>	Complimentary			Supplementary

\*Information adapted from *The New Open Bible Study Edition* (Nelson Publishers), p 1068.

***"The Cross of Jesus is God's 'plus sign' on humanity – sign of Love, Forgiveness, Hope, and Eternal Life."***

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# *The CRUCIFIXION . . . Explained*

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William Wilson, an Englishman adds, “Not only was the cross the most painful of deaths, it was the most debasing. The condemned was stripped naked and left exposed in his agony. Often the Romans even denied burial to the victim. Allowing the body to hang until it disintegrated.”

Let me read a rather lengthy rendition of crucifixion-----and I don't want your minds to wander---it is better than I can say it, it is more brief than I would be, and it is to the point.

“The executioner laid the crossbeam behind the victim and brought him to the ground quickly by grasping his arm and jerking him downward. As the victim fell the beam was fitted under the back of his neck and on each side soldiers quickly knelt on the inside of the elbows. Once began the matter was done quickly and efficiently. The executioner wore a leather apron with pockets, he placed two square five inch nails between his teeth and a hammer in his hand kneeling beside the right arm. The soldier's whose knee rested on the inside of the elbow held the forearm flat on the board and the executioner probed with his hand the wrist and hand of the victim to find the little hollow spot---meaning where there would be no vital artery or vein. When he found it he took one of the square cut iron nails from his teeth, held it against the spot directly behind the so called life-line, raised the hammer over nail head and brought it down with force. As soon as he was satisfied that the condemned man could not in struggling pull himself free, he did the same on the other hand. The two soldiers would grab each side of the cross beam and as he motioned they lifted. As they pulled up they dragged the victim by the wrist. When the soldiers reached the upright the four of them began to lift the cross beam higher until the feet of the victim were completely off the ground---the body writhed with pain. When the cross beam was set firmly the executioner reached up set the board which listed the name of the prisoner and his crime and then he knelt before the cross. Two soldiers hurried to help---each took hold of a leg at the calf. The ritual was to nail the right foot over the left foot. This was probably the most difficult part of the work. If the feet were pulled downward too far and nailed too close to the foot of the cross---the prisoner always died quickly. Over the years the Romans learned to push the feet upward buckling the knees so the condemned man could lean on the nails so as to stretch himself upward.

The victim was now in a v-position in his arms, and became conscious of two unendurable circumstances. The first was that the pain in his wrists was beyond bearing and that muscle cramps knotted in his forearms, upper-arms and in the pads of his shoulders. The second was that his pectoral muscles at both sides of his chest were momentarily paralyzed. This induced in him an involuntary panic for he found that while he could draw air into his lungs he was powerless to exhale.”

(He goes on to describe how victims were in constant motion in order to keep breathing.) “To hang strictly from the hands long enough would prohibit the breathing process. So he literally rubbed himself up and down and up and down constantly so as to live on. A victim did not die because of loss of blood but because of suffocation. He could no longer breathe properly once he sagged and could not lift himself up.”

Dr. Merrill Unger states in his dictionary that some lived nine days before death.

Jesus while on the cross made seven statements all of which made perfect sense. None of which were stated in bitterness or ugliness.

Finally He stated, “**It is finished**”. And he bowed His head and gave up His Spirit.

# JESUS On THE CROSS 7 Last Statements

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1. But Jesus was saying, ***"Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."*** And they cast lots, dividing up His garments among themselves.

**Luke 23:34**

2. And He said to him, ***"Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise."***

**Luke 23:43**

3. When Jesus then saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, ***"Woman, behold, your son!"*** Then He said to the disciple, ***"Behold, your mother!"*** From that hour the disciple took her into his own household.

**John 19: 26-27**

4. Now from the sixth hour darkness fell upon all the land until the ninth hour. About the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, ***"ELI, ELI, LAMA SABACHTHANI?"*** that is, ***"MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?"***  
**Matthew 27:45-46      see also Mark 15:33-34**

5. After this, Jesus, knowing that all things had already been accomplished, to fulfill the Scripture, said, ***"I am thirsty."***

**John 19:28**

6. A jar full of sour wine was standing there; so they put a sponge full of the sour wine upon a branch of hyssop and brought it up to His mouth. Therefore when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, ***"It is finished!"*** And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

**John 19:29-30**

7. And Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, ***"Father, into your hands, I commit my spirit."*** Having said this, He breathed His last.

**Luke 23:46**

***"Christmas has its cradle, but Easter has its Cross. Preach with passion the Cross of Jesus Christ and His salvation and prepare for the Resurrection, the truth that validates eternity!"***

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All Scripture from the New American Standard Bible.

# JESUS is the Only way to Eternal Life

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John 14:6      Jesus said to him, *"I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me."*

**Know that    GOD LOVES YOU !**

John 3:16  
*"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life."*

**How do we respond to the Cross?**

**1. Recognize and Admit our sin.**

*"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."* Romans 3:23

**2. Realize Jesus died on that Cross for us.**

*"God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."*  
Romans 5:8

**3. Repent of our sin.**

*"...God is now declaring to (people) that all everywhere should repent."* Acts 17:30  
*"because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead."* Acts 17:31

**4. Receive Jesus Christ into our heart and lives.**

*"But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name."* John 1:12

**Salvation is by the Grace of God!**

*"For by grace you have been saved through faith and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, that no one should boast."* Ephesians 2:8-9

**We are Saved to Serve!      We are called to "make Disciples!"** Matthew 28:18-20

*"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."* Ephesians 2:10

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