



Weekly Booster

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Holy Week Timeline

The week of Jesus' crucifixion is called "Passion Week," after the Greek verb pascho, meaning "to suffer." It began with his triumphal, popularly acclaimed entry into Jerusalem, and it culminated in his atoning death on the cross, his burial, and his resurrection. Today, the Church around the world celebrates those crucial days, now called "Holy Week." Its sequence of observances outlines the events of this central event in the Bible:

Timeline of Passion Week

LOCATION: Bethany, the Mount of Olives, and Jerusalem

The Roman road climbed steeply to the crest of the Mount of Olives, affording spectacular views of the Desert of Judea to the east and of Jerusalem across the Kidron Valley to the west.

****See the map of the Final Week located on page??**

1. FRIDAY: Arrival in Bethany

John 12:1

Jesus arrived in Bethany six days before the Passover to spend some time with his friends, Mary, Martha, and Lazarus. Here Mary anointed his feet with costly perfume as an act of humility. This tender expression indicated Mary's devotion to Jesus and her willingness to serve him.

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*Did you know that
Allodoxaphobia is the fear
of other people's opinions?*

Reminders

March 31st

Easter Sunday - Communion

April 3rd

Bible Study – 11:00 a.m.

Praise Team - 5:00 p.m.

Choir – 5:30 p.m.

Bell Choir – 6:30 p.m.

April 4th

T.O.P.S.

April 1-7

Pastor David is out of the office

**No Men's Saturday Bible Study
Until Spring - TBA

**Worship Assistants are needed
for March 31st & April

** Fellowship Volunteers needed
sign-up in Fellowship Hall



Two Volunteers Needed each Thursday

to Deliver Meals

Sign-Up Sheet is on the
Welcome Center Counter

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2. SATURDAY: Sabbath—Day of Rest

Nothing is mentioned in the Gospels. The Lord likely spent the Sabbath day in traditional fashion with his friends.

3. SUNDAY: The “Triumphal” Entry

[Matthew 21:1–11](#); [Mark 11:1–11](#); [Luke 19:28–44](#); [John 12:12–19](#)

On the first day of the week, Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, fulfilling an ancient prophecy ([Zechariah 9:9](#)). The crowd welcomed him with the words of [Psalm 118:25–26](#), thus ascribing to him a Messianic title as the agent of the Lord, the coming King of Israel.

4. MONDAY: Clearing of the Temple

[Matthew 21:12–17](#); [Mark 11:15–18](#); [Luke 19:45–48](#)

Jesus returned to the temple and found the court of the Gentiles full of traders and money changers making a large profit. Jesus drove them out and overturned their benches and tables.

5. TUESDAY: Day of Controversy and Parables

[Matthew 21:23–24:51](#); [Mark 11:27–13:37](#); [Luke 20:1–21:36](#)

In Jerusalem, Jesus evaded the traps set by the priests.

Tuesday afternoon, on the Mount of Olives overlooking Jerusalem, Jesus taught in parables and warned the people against the Pharisees. He predicted the destruction of Herod's great temple and told his disciples about future events, including his return.

6. WEDNESDAY: Day of Rest

Although the Gospels do not mention this day, the counting of the days ([Mark 14:1](#); [John 12:1](#)) seems to indicate that there was another day about which the Gospels record nothing.

7. THURSDAY: Passover, Last Supper

[Matthew 26:17–30](#); [Mark 14:12–26](#); [Luke 22:7–23](#)

In an upper room, Jesus prepared both himself and his disciples for his death. He gave the Passover meal a new meaning. The loaf of bread and cup of wine represented his body soon to be sacrificed and his blood soon to be shed.

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Did you know the Eiffel Tower can be 15 cm taller during the summer, due to thermal expansion meaning the iron heats up, the particles gain kinetic energy and take up more space?

Volunteers Needed



**LAST PERSON LEAVING
PLEASE TURN OUT LIGHTS
AND LOCK DOORS**

First United Methodist Church
**Please wear your
name tag on
Sunday mornings**



Church Office Hours

**** Children & Jr.-Sr. High
Sunday School – PK-6
during service, Jr/Sr High
at 10:30 a.m.**

****Choir – Wednesdays,
5:30 p.m. Sunday 8:30 a.m.
**Bell Choir –
Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.**

The front door to the church
will be unlocked during
office hours and closed only
for errands and lunch.

Monday
9:00-11:00
12:00-3:00
Tuesday
9:00-11:00
12:00-3:00
Wednesday
CLOSED
Thursday
9:00-11:00
12:00-3:00
Friday
9:00-11:00
12:00-3:00

Please continue to call in
advance if you need in the
church to make sure
someone is in the office. If
you reach the answering
machine please leave
your name, number, and
a brief message and your
call will be returned. Calls
after 2:00 p.m. may be
returned the next
business day.



Where did the Moon
stop at the word of
Joshua?

- a) Brook of Kidron
- b) Gibeon
- c) Waters of Jordan
- d) Valley of Aijalon

Why did Moses name his first
son "Gershom"?

- a) for he said, God is with us
- b) for he said, I have been a
sojourner in a foreign land
- c) for he said, The Lord saw
my sorrow.
- d) for he said, I have fought
and won.

According to Leviticus, which
of the following animals is
unclean?

- a) cow
- b) locust
- c) pig
- d) lamb

**Check page 4 for answers from
the previous week.**



31st – Chris Perkins
2nd – Gregg Broermann, Abby DeLong
3rd – Nathan Blane, Colin Powles
5th – Mary Lou Rexroth

****See a wrong birthday or anniversary, or need one added, please call the
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Services are now on our YouTube
channel only.

<https://www.youtube.com/@shen.church8192/streams>

***Prelude/Postlude/Accompanist: Terry Stafford**

Call to Worship

Leader: This is the good news: the grave is empty, Christ is risen.

People: Hallelujah!

L: This is the good news: the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never put it out.

P: Hallelujah!

L: This is the good news: once we were no people, now we are God's people.

P: Hallelujah!

L: Christ is our peace, the indestructible peace we now share with each other.

P: Hallelujah!

“Hear the Good News”

Scripture Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Songs

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today #302

The Easter Song #3090

He Lives #310

Last Week's Attendance

In-Person Worship – 84

On-Line Worship – 18

Our Mission:

“Know & Serve God by Sharing Christ's Love.”

Our Vision:

“We will grow in holiness, our community will thrive, & we will make a difference in our world.”

**Answers for March 24th are d) through a revelation of Jesus Christ b) Isaiah
c) Memucan**

Quiz hints – Q1) Joshua Q2) Exodus Q3) Leviticus



Supporting the local pantry

April 2024

Pasta (any kind), Jell, Ketchup & Mustard, Pickle Relish, Spices, Green Beans & Corn, Mandarin Oranges, Cinnamon Applesauce, Chicken Noodle Soup, Soda Crackers, Canned Tuna or Chicken, Bar Soap, Shampoo & Conditioner, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste.

There are times when people who use the Food Pantry come to the pantry on foot. They are then forced to walk home carrying, pushing, or pulling several pounds of food. Southwest Iowa Transit, for a very reasonable fee of \$5.00, will take individuals with their food items home. If you are interested in helping pay for these fees, simply seal your cash (whatever you would like to give) in a plain envelope and add it to your donated food items.

Bring Your Change to Make a Change

*Collected each Sunday after
the children's message*



"Each of you should GIVE what you have decided in YOUR HEART to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for GOD LOVES a cheerful GIVER." (2 Corinthians 9:7)

The Noisy Offering is one more way to do ministry for those in need and also teach your children the importance of giving and serving. Each Sunday a new opportunity for mission giving will take place after the Children's Message. Sunday School students will walk around the congregation, collecting your loose coins and currency in their colorful metal pails. This would be a good time to clean out the loose change from your pockets or purse. The money donated in March & April will go to the **Heifer International Organization**.



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And so he instituted the “Lord’s Supper.” After singing a hymn they went to Gethsemane, where Jesus prayed in agony, knowing what lay ahead for him.

8. FRIDAY: Crucifixion

[Matthew 27](#); [Mark 15](#); [Luke 22:66—23:56](#); [John 18:28—19:37](#)

Following betrayal, arrest, desertion, false trials, denial, condemnation, beatings, and mockery, Jesus was required to carry his cross to “the place of the skull” ([Matthew 27:33](#)), where he was crucified with two other prisoners.

9. FRIDAY: In the tomb

Jesus’ body was placed in the tomb before 6:00 p.m. Friday when the Sabbath began and all work stopped, and it lay in the tomb throughout the Sabbath.

10. SUNDAY: Resurrection

[Matthew 28:1–10](#); [Mark 16:1–8](#); [Luke 24:1–49](#); [John 20](#)

Early in the morning, women went to the tomb and found that the stone closing the tomb’s entrance had been rolled back. An angel told them Jesus was alive and gave them a message. Jesus appeared to Mary Magdalene in the garden, to Peter, to two disciples on the road to Emmaus and later that day to all the disciples but Thomas.

Prophecy is Fulfilled

Many of Christ’s Passion Week actions and experiences fulfilled Scripture:

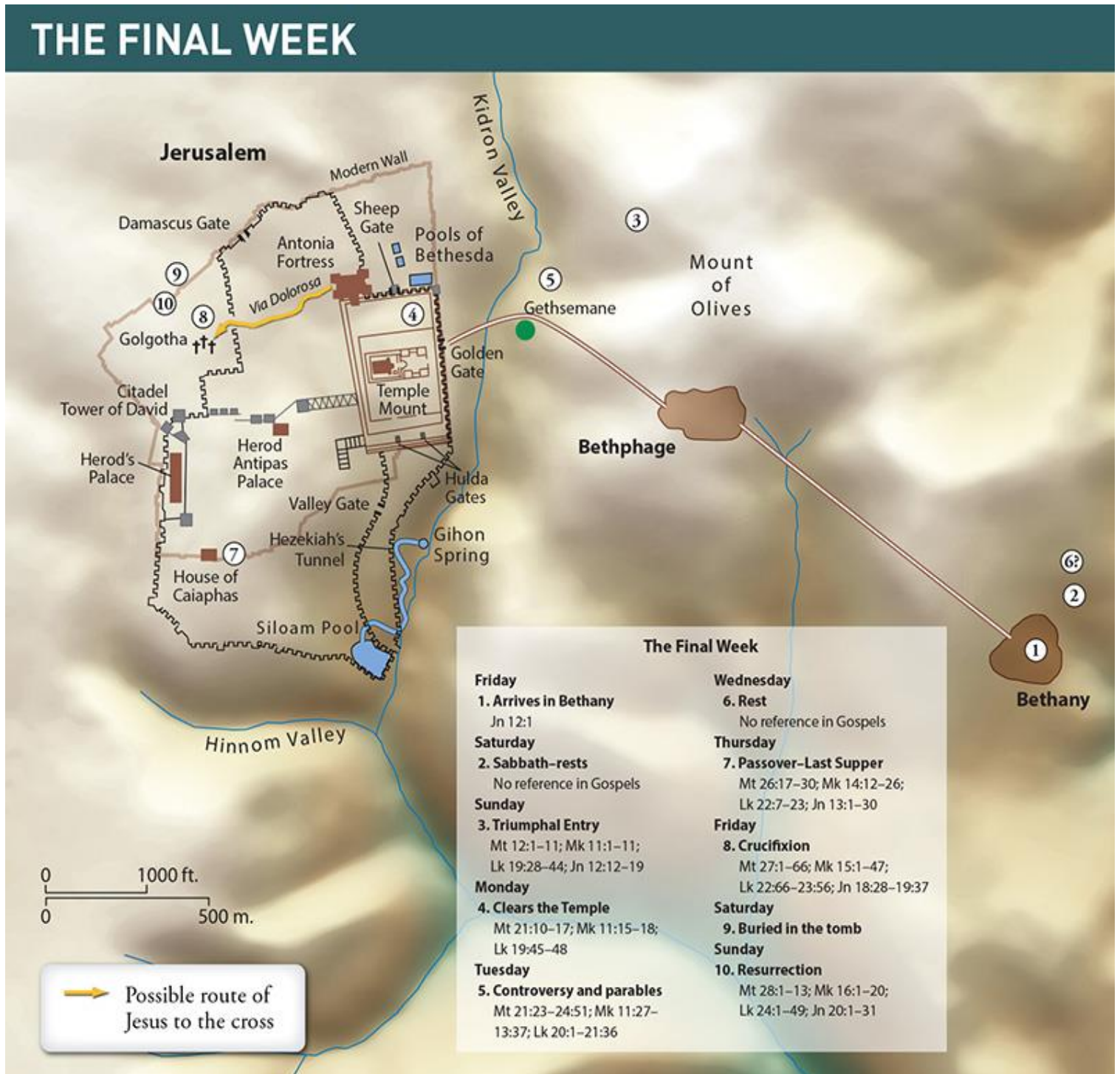
- He rode on a young colt in humility ([Matthew 21:1–5](#); [Zechariah 9:9](#))
- He cleansed and judged the temple ([Matthew 21:12–13](#); [Malachi 3:1–3](#))
- He faced accusations with silence ([Matthew 26:63](#); [Isaiah 53:7](#))
- He was scorned and mocked in his suffering ([Matthew 27:39–44](#); [Psalm 22:6–8](#)) and
- He died among the wicked and was buried in the grave of a rich man ([Matthew 27:57–60](#); [Isaiah 53:9](#)).

The prophet Isaiah foretold Jesus’ suffering in detail, describing the Lord as a sacrificial lamb ([Isaiah 52:13—53:12](#)). Jesus himself explained that his death was his purpose in coming to earth ([Matthew 20:28](#)) calling his followers to “take up their cross daily” in sacrificial service ([Luke 9:23](#)). After his death, the apostles echoed this call when they commended the “crucified life” to their hearers ([Galatians 2:20](#)).

From the time of his final entry into Jerusalem, the Lord Jesus faced fierce opposition, physical torture, and suffering, which led to his death. His choice of this path can only be explained by his love for the Father, his desire to obey his will, and his love for the lost sheep he came to find. He was determined to die a substitutionary death for our deliverance. This is the path he chose as he rode into Jerusalem.

Holy Week Map & Reference –from page 1

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Does it seem ironic that one of the most tragic days in Christian history is called Good Friday? The New Testament describes a day of suffering that ends in Jesus' crucifixion, events that sound like anything but good.

In this short video from The United Methodist Church, learn the 3rd-century history behind the phrase, as well as how remembering this day moves us to the hope of Easter.

Watch the short video by [clicking here](#) or cut and paste

<https://bit.ly/3vsMTAe>

If you have additional questions, Ask The UMC explains more about [Holy Week](#) (<https://bit.ly/4awPWGx>), including a [companion piece](#) (<https://bit.ly/3vrbFk6>) on how Good Friday got its name.

Ask The UMC to answer other questions about The United Methodist Church and faith-related topics. [Check it out](#) (<https://bit.ly/3PBgpuC>).

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Communion Sunday, March 31st
No Communion In April

Easter

No Sunday School
For PK-6,
or
Jr./Sr. High
This Sunday, March 31st



As we step through the final days of Holy Week and make a turn toward Easter, we walk with Christ and Christ walks with us. Maundy Thursday is a day we reflect on the ways in which Jesus shows his lordship, not through displays of political power but through washing the feet of the disciples. The way we show love, the way we show that we walk in the way of Jesus, is through our service and acts of compassion towards others. On Good Friday, Jesus cries out "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" It is in the cross that we know even in the God-forsaken places and times of our life, Christ is there, for nothing can ever separate us from the love of Christ. And then comes Holy Saturday. Saturday is a day of darkness and doubt. It is a time of questions. Was Jesus really who he said he was? Is the way of sacrifice and compassion really the way of God? Should we not just resign ourselves to despair? And then on the first day of the week, at dawn, we start to realize that a new creation is emerging. Christ is risen and everything changes! New life is possible for us all!

One way to walk through Holy Week is through the prayer practices of a Labyrinth and the Stations of the Cross; practices that have been with the church since the Middle Ages. These prayer stations will be open for you to come and go **today (Thursday) until 5:00pm** and then again **Friday morning from 9:00am until 1:00pm.**

Good Friday service is at **6:30pm** and we hope to see you on Easter morning at 9:00am.

Grace and peace,
Pastor David B. Clark



****Public Service Announcement** - April is National Distracted Driving Awareness Month. April 1-8, the Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau (GTSB) is partnering with law enforcement across Iowa to curb the alarming and unsafe trend of distracted driving. Beginning April 1, motorists will see increased law enforcement efforts to educate those found illegally using an electronic device. To limit distractions, GTSB encourages drivers to enable the 'driving' focus feature on their phone and use hands free features.