

The Last Days of our Lord

A Harmony Using the King James Version

The following guidelines were observed in the accomplishment of this four gospel harmony of our Lord's last days:

- 📁👉 None of the accounts are complete. None give all the details; however, the details given are accurate and true, and may not be ignored or set aside. A harmony must account for all the data provided.
- 📁👉 The Passover lamb symbolized Jesus – John 1:29,36; 1 Pet 1:18,19; Rev 5:6-14. [John 19:36 ∅ Ex 12:46; Num 9:12; Psa 34:20].
- 📁👉 The triumphal entry into Jerusalem was a fulfillment of type, the taking of the Passover lamb into the home. Therefore, it could have taken place only on 10 Nisan (Ex 12:3).
- 📁👉 To fulfill the type it was necessary for Jesus to die on the same day and at the same hour as the Passover lamb (Ex 12:6; Matt 26:1).
- 📁👉 To fulfill the type it was necessary that Jesus be resurrected on the "morrow after the sabbath" as the firstfruits (Lev 23:10,11).
- 📁👉 The weekly Sabbath was "an high day" (John 19:31) – a regular weekly Sabbath coinciding with a Feast Sabbath (Passover, 15 Nisan).
- 📁👉 Matthew has the cleansing of the Temple occurring on the day before the cursing of the fig tree. Mark has it following the cursing on the same day. Accepting both accounts as accurate and true (1. above), the only way to harmonize them is to postulate two cleansings or two cursings. Because of the antitypical significance of the cursing of the fig tree (the cursing of Israel), it could only have taken place one time (Jer 24:6; Amos 9:15). The cleansing of the Temple was a fulfillment of type, the removal of leaven from the home before the sacrifice of the Passover lamb. Such removal could have occurred on more than one day (Ex 12:15; 34:25). Consequently, during his last week Jesus must have cleansed the Temple twice, on successive days.
- 📁👉 Verse divisions were based on the KJV. Other translations may require slight changes.

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<u>Nisan / Hour</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Comments</u>	<u>Matthew</u>	<u>Mark</u>	<u>Luke</u>	<u>John</u>
(?)		Jewish leaders plot against Jesus following raising of Lazarus.				11:47-57
7th Day	Fri	On the way to Jerusalem. Strife among the disciples.	20:17-19 20:20-28	10:32-34 10:35-45	18:31-34	
8th Eve	Fri	Healing the blind at Jerico. <i>About 15 miles from Jerusalem.</i> Lodging with Zacchaeus. Parable of the Pounds.	20:29-34	10:46-52	18:35-43 19:1-10 19:11-27	
8th Day	Sat	<i>It is unlikely Jesus traveled at night or on the Sabbath (a Sabbath day's journey was 2000 cubits, a little less than a mile – Acts 1:12). He probably stayed with Zacchaeus from Friday evening until Sunday morning.</i>				
9th Eve	Sat	See above.				
9th Day	Sun	Coming to Bethany, six days before Passover. <i>About 2 miles from Jerusalem – John 11:18.</i>			19:28	12:1
10th Eve	Sun	Supper and anointing (personal recognition as Passover lamb). <i>Another anointing earlier in ministry – Luke 7:36-50.</i>	26:6-13*	14:3-9*		12:2-8 (11:2) 12:9-11
10th Day	Mon	Plot to kill Jesus and Lazarus. Triumphal entry (national recognition as Passover lamb): Ex 12:3-6; Isa 62:11; Zech 9:9; Gen 49:10-12. <i>It was the appointed time – John 6:15; Jos 4:19; Ezk 40:1.</i> Weeps over city. <i>The lament of Matt 23:37-39 did not occur here.</i> Jesus makes short visit to Temple and observes the activities.	21:1-11	11:1-10 11:11a	19:29-40 19:41-44	12:12-19

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The day the following events occurred is not recorded; however, the statement by the "voice from heaven" (John 12:28-30) could be understood to indicate the acceptability of Jesus as the antitypical lamb, thus pointing to 10 Nisan.

(?)		Certain Greeks desire to see Jesus. <i>Not Grecian Jews, but Gentiles, John 12:19.</i>					12:20-22
		Discourse on discipleship.					12:23-36
		Discourse on unbelief.					12:37-50
11th Eve	Mo	Lodging in Bethany.					11:11b
11th Day	n Tue	Cleansing of Temple – Ex 12:14-20; Isa 56:7; Jer 7:11. <i>First cleansing – John 2:13-17, first Passover after Jordan.</i>	21:12,13				19:45,46
		Blind and lame healed.	21:14				
		Confrontation by priests and scribes – Psa 8:2.	21:15,16				19:47,48
*see 13 Nisan, Day							
Nisan / Hour	Day	Comments	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John	
12th Eve	Tue	Lodging in Bethany.	21:17		21:37b		
12th Day	We d	Cursing of fig tree – Luke 13:6-9. Cleansing of Temple. <i>Second time in two days, third time in all.</i>	21:18,19 a	11:12-14 11:15-18			
13th Eve	We	Lodging out of the city.		11:19	21:37b		
13th Day	d Thu r	Fig tree dried up. Jesus' authority questioned. <i>No doubt, a consequence of the cleansings of the Temple.</i> The day(s) the following lessons were taught is not apparent.	21:19b- 22 21:23-27	11:20-26 11:27-33	20:1-8		
(?)		Teaching in the Temple: Parable of the two sons. Parable of the wicked husbandman. The rejected stone. Parable of the wedding garment. Pharisees, Herodians, and tribute. Sadducees and resurrection. Two great commandments. David's son, David's lord. Warnings and woes. The widow's two mites. Lament over Jerusalem.	21:28-32 21:33-41 21:42-46 22:1-14 22:15-22 22:23-33 22:34-40 22:41-46 23:1-36 23:37-39	12:1-9 12:10-12 12:13-17 12:18-27 12:28-34 12:35-37 12:38-40 12:41-44 12:41-44	21:37a,3 8 20:9-16 20:17-19 20:20-26 20:27-40 20:41-44 20:45-47		
		On the Mount of Olives: Our Lord's great prophecy. Parable of the two servants. Parable of the ten virgins. Parable of the talents. Parable of the sheep and goats. The Sanhedrin plots. <i>In ancient Jewish idiom "after three days" means "day after tomorrow" (Ex 19:10,11; 1 Sam 20:12; Luke 13:32). Hence, the phrase "after two days" could be understood to mean "tomorrow".</i> <i>A parenthetical thought, a 'flashback' to 10 Nisan, Eve (See Marshall's interlinear NT, Wilson's Diaglott, etc.).</i> Judas agrees to betray Jesus.	24:1,2 24:3-44 24:45-51 25:1-13 25:14-30 25:31-46 26:1-5 (26:6-13)	13:1-3 13:4-37	21:5,6 21:7-36		
14th Eve	Thu r	Preparation for last meal. <i>Much, if not all, of the meal could have been prepared when the disciples arrived at the house – "he will shew you a large upper room furnished and prepared" (Mark 14:15).</i>	26:17-19	14:12-16	22:7-13		

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7:00-10:00 pm		<i>The hour and sequence of the following events are not certain.</i>				
		In the upper room:				
		Jesus washes Apostles' feet.	26:21-25	14:18-21	22:14	13:1
		Betrayal foretold.	26:26-29	14:22-25	22:15-20	13:2-20
		Institution of a new memorial. (<i>Christian Passover – 1 Cor 5:7,8; 11:23-34; John 6:30-59</i>)			22:21-23	13:21-26a
		Woe unto him who is to betray.				
		Judas departs room.			22:24-30	13:26b-30
		Strife among the Apostles.			22:31-34	13:31-35
		A new commandment.			22:35-38	13:36-38
		Denials by Peter foretold.				14:1-31a
		Jesus comforts the Apostles.	26:30a	14:26a		
		Concerning purse, bag, and sword.				
		They sing a hymn and go out.				14:31b
14th (con't)	Thu	On the way to Mount of Olives:	Matthew 26:30b	Mark 14:26b	Luke 22:39	John
10:00-12:00 pm	r	Denials by Peter again foretold.	26:31-35	14:27-31		
		Jesus continues to comfort Apostles.				15:1-17:26
		They cross the brook Kidron and enter garden.				18:1
		Gethsemane:	26:36-46	14:32-42	22:40-46	
		The betrayal and arrest.	26:47-50	14:43-46	22:47,48	
		The severed ear.	26:51-54	14:47	22:49-51	18:2-9,12
		A reproof for those who came.	26:55,56	14:48,49	22:52,53	18:10,11
		All forsake Jesus.	a	14:50		
		A certain young man (Mark).	26:56b	14:51,52		
12:00-6:00 am	Fri	The trials of Jesus: <i>Jesus experienced two trials – one religious, the other civil. Each had three stages or phases, so there were six in all.</i>				
		Religious Trial I, before Annas. <i>Under the Law one man court not legal.</i>				18:13
		Religious Trial II, before Sanhedrin in house of Caiaphas. <i>Under the Law trial at night was not legal. May be the reason Jesus stood silent.</i>	26:57-68	14:53-65	22:54	18:19-24
		Peter's denials – while Jesus was before Caiaphas	26:69-75	14:66-72	22:55-62	
		Religious Trial III, before Sanhedrin at daybreak.	27:1,2	15:1	22:63-71	18:14-18, 25-27
		Judas repents and hangs himself – Acts 1:16-20.	27:3-10			
		Civil Trial I, before Pilate.	27:11-14	15:2-5	23:1-7	
		Civil Trial II, before Herod.			23:8-12	
		Civil Trial III, before Pilate.	27:15:31	15:6-20	23:13-25	18:28-32
						18:33-40
						19:1-16

		The crucifixion:						
6:00-9:00 am		On way to Golgotha.	27:32-34	15:21-23	23:26-32	19:17		
9:00 am		Nailed to cross.	27:35-38	15:24-28	23:33	19:18-22		
		On the cross.	27:39-44	15:29-32	23:34-38	19:23-27		
		Thief's confession.			23:39-43			
12:00-3:00 pm		Darkness over the land.	27:45	15:33	23:44			
3:00 pm		"It is finished":	27:46-50	15:34-37	23:46	19:28-30		
		Temple veil rent, earthquake.	27:51	15:38	23:45			
		Graves opened.	27:52,53					
		Witnesses' reaction.	27:54-56	15:39-41	23:47-49			
		Side pierced.				19:31-37		
		Body taken from the cross and entombed.	27:57-61	15:42-47	23:50-56	19:38-42		
3:00-6:00 pm		FIRST DAY AND NIGHT – Matt 12:40.						
15th Eve	Fri	The Jewish Passover Feast.				18:28 19:14		
15th Day	Sat	"An high day" – weekly Sabbath coinciding with Passover Sabbath. SECOND DAY AND NIGHT.				19:31		
16th Eve	Sat	Chief priests set a watch. <i>The meeting between the priests and Pilate probably did not occur on "an high day", but immediately following – Saturday evening. This may explain Matthew's use of the phrase "the next day, that followed the day of the preparation".</i>	27:62-66					
16th Day	Sun	Tomb opened by angel. <i>The day the manna ceased – Joshua 5:10-12.</i> THIRD DAY AND NIGHT – Luke 24:21	28:2-4					
		Tomb found opened and empty by the women – Mary Magdalene, Mary Cleophas, Salome, and Joanna.	28:1	16:1-4	24:1-3	20:1		
Nisan / Hour	Day	Comments	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John		
16th (con't)	Sun	Mary Magdalene runs to Peter and John.				20:2		
		Angels in tomb speak to the other women.	28:5-7	16:5-7	24:4-8			
		The women leave the tomb to spread the news.	28:8	16:8				
		Mary Magdalene returns with Peter and John, who quickly leave.				20:3-10 20:11-13		
		Angels speak to Mary Magdalene from tomb.		16:9		20:14-17		
		Jesus speaks to Mary Magdalene outside of tomb.	28:9,10					
		Jesus speaks to the other women as they go to disciples.	28:11-15					
		Guards give report to chief priests of events at tomb. <i>The sign of Jonas – Matt 12:39; 16:4; Luke 11:29.</i>		16:10	24:9-11	20:18		
		The women give report to the disciples.			24:12*			
		Peter returns to the tomb and leaves wondering.			24:34			
		The Lord appears to Peter – 1 Cor 15:5.			24:13-32			
		On the road to Emmaus. <i>Sixty stadia is about 7 miles.</i>			24:33-49	20:19-23		
		Disciples gather in a room with door shut.						

* Text may be spurious