

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY --- "Jesus According to Jesus"

Lesson 5 --- Holy Week

Luke 19:28-44 and Mark 11-15

I. Jesus' entry into Jerusalem

^ We remember Jesus' three-year ministry around Galilee. Jesus then "set his face to go to Jerusalem" (Luke 9:53).

^ Jerusalem ... the city of David ... of the Temple ... the Temple built, destroyed by invaders, rebuilt (later to be destroyed by the Romans. The Wailing Wall remains) ... the center of their faith practices.

^ Jesus' entry: riding on a donkey ... deliberating fulfilling Zechariah 9:9? The meaning of that? ... the donkey an animal of humility and peace ... the cloaks on the road ... the palm branches ... the shouts of "Hosanna!" ... each fulfilling scripture

^ Who did the crowds welcome? That is, whom did they see, what did they expect, perhaps what did they want as Jesus entered?

^ Jesus weeping over Jerusalem ... what was this about? Why is this so much a key to this day and Holy Week? "Not knowing the things that make for peace" ... "not recognizing their visitation from God" ... THE ISSUE FOR US: Do we follow Jesus as Jesus was and is for Jesus as we want him to be, wish him to be, have projected him to be? What is the difference between Jesus and their expectations of him? What would happen to Jesus when he obviously did not give them what they wanted?

II. Monday

^ The "cursing" of the fig tree and the temple incident ... related words and deeds (Mark 11:12-19)

III. Tuesday

^ Jesus words on forgiveness (11:20-25), Jesus' authority challenged (11:27-33), the parable of the vineyard owner's son being killed (12:1-12), taxes to Caesar? (12:13-17), God of the dead or of the living? (12:18-27), the Great Commandment (12:28-34), challenging scribal teaching and practice (12:35-44), the temple's destruction and Jesus's return (13:1-4).

III. Wednesday

^ The betrayal (14:1-11)

IV. Thursday

^ The Passover meal (14:12-16)

^ Adding to this the Gospel of John's accounts of the love commandment and the foot washing (John 13), Jesus' words (John 14-16) and prayer (John 17)

^ The Last Supper (14:17-25)

^ Gethsemane, Prayer and Arrest (14:26-52)

^ Interrogation and Condemnation (14:53-65)

^ Confession and Denial (14:66-72)

V. Friday

^ From 6 to 9 am (15:1-12)

^ From 9 am to Noon (15:22-32)

^ From Noon to 3 pm (15:33)

^ From 3 to 6 pm (15:34-41)

^ 6 pm and the Burial of Jesus (15:42-47)

(The above titles and outlines from Marcus J. Borg and John Dominic Crossan, THE LAST WEEK. A Day-by-Day Account of Jesus's Final Week in Jerusalem).

VI. EASTER!

Matthew 28, Mark 16, Luke 24, John 20