

**I. Introduction: In the last week before His death, Jesus was hailed as the Messiah, but five days later He was crucified by the same Jews who loudly proclaimed His praise.**

- A. Jesus was not a victim of a fickle mob, a friend who turned out to be a traitor, or a group of jealous Jews, but He was, rather, a part of God's sovereign redemptive plan.

**II. The Passover Week (Matthew 21-27; Mark 11-15; Luke 19-23; John 12-19).**

- A. Sunday: The King's Welcome (**Matt 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:28-44; John 12:12-19**). Jesus entered Jerusalem as a conquering hero, celebrated as David's heir.
- B. Monday: The King's Authority (**Matt 21:12-22; Mark 11:12-26; Luke 19:45-48; John 12:20-50**). Jesus exercised divine authority over nature and the temple.
- C. Tuesday: The King's Challenge (**Matt 21:23-25:46; Mark 11:27-13:37; Luke 20:1-21:38**). Jesus showed that His leadership, wisdom, and knowledge were superior.
- D. Wednesday: The King's Betrayal (**Matt 26:1-16; Mark 14:1-11; Luke 22:1-6**). Judas planned to betray Jesus, while the disciples were preparing for the Passover.
- E. Thursday: The King's Confrontation (**Matt 26:17-75; Mark 14:12-72; Luke 22:7-71; John 13:1-18:27**). Jesus was betrayed, arrested, tried, and sentenced by the Jews.
- F. Friday: The King's Execution (**Matt 27:1-66; Mark 15:1-47; Luke 23:1-56; John 18:28-19:42**). Jesus was tried and declared innocent, but delivered up to death.

**III. Conclusion: Jesus was crucified because God intentionally allowed men, by His divine plan, to crucify His Son, so that He could make eternal life available for all humanity.**

## Study Questions: The Passover Week

1. Ever feel like you have had a busy week? What did the week before Jesus' crucifixion look like? What did the people shout at the beginning of the week and the end of the week?
2. From a human standpoint, who was responsible for Jesus' crucifixion? (**Acts 2:22-24, 36**) Who actually planned His death? (**Acts 2:23; 3:18; Isa 53:10**) Why is that detail important?
3. What happened on Sunday morning of Passover week? (**Matt 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:28-44; John 12:12-19**) What did they shout as Jesus entered the city? (**Matt 21:9**) Why?
4. What did Jesus do on Monday? (**Matt 21:12-22; Mark 11:12-26; Luke 19:45-48; John 12:20-50**) How did this demonstrate authority? What did He curse? (**Matt 21:18-19**)
5. How did the Jewish leaders challenge Jesus' authority on Tues? (**Matt 21:23-25:46; Mark 11:27-13:37; Luke 20:1-21:38**) What did He pronounce on them? (**Matt 23:1-36**)
6. What was Judas planning on Wednesday? (**Matt 26:1-16; Mark 14:1-11; Luke 22:1-6**) What prompted his betrayal? (**Mark 14:3-9**) What preparations were the disciples making?
7. What happened on Thursday evening of the Passover? (**Matt 26:17-75; Mark 14:12-72; Luke 22:7-71; John 13:1-18:27**). How was Jesus betrayed? Arrested? Put through trials?
8. How was Jesus finally handed over to be crucified? (**Matt 27:1-66; Mark 15:1-47; Luke 23:1-56; John 18:28-42**). How was He mocked? Beaten? Crucified? And buried?

### Prayer

1. Would you pray that God would help you to see the divine hand of God in Passover week?
2. Would you pray that Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection would grip you in a new way?