

# The Last Seven Days

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## Introduction

King of Kings and Lord of Lords, Glory ...

Jesus came into our lives, Jerusalem, they worshipped Him as King

We Will Glorify the King of Kings ...

## Sunday: We Needed Cleansing

- **Context:**
  - **Entrance:** Jesus comes into our lives
  - **Weeps:** Weeps for your sins

**Matthew 21:12–13 CSB**

Jesus went into the temple and threw out all those buying and selling. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the chairs of those selling doves. He said to them, "It is written, **my house will be called a house of prayer**, but you are making it **a den of thieves!**"

What has Jesus cleansed out of my life? What still needs to be cleansed?

| **Blow out the 1st candle**

## Monday: We Were Fruitless

**Matthew 21:18–19 CSB**

Early in the morning, as he was returning to the city, he was hungry. Seeing a lone fig tree by the road, he went up to it and found nothing on it except leaves. And he said to it, "May no fruit ever come from you again!" At once the fig tree withered.

What fruit has Jesus brought out of my life? How am I still fruitless?

| Blow out the 2nd candle

## Tuesday: We Were Rebellious

**Matthew 21:23 CSB**

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching and said, "By what authority are you doing these things? Who gave you this authority?"

### Background

- offensive parables, challenge questions, great commandment, david's son,
- woes to Pharisees,
- Lament of Jerusalem,
- Olivet discourse, end time parables
- Lodged mt olives each night

How was I rebellious before I met Jesus? How do I still act rebelliously?

| Blow out the 3rd candle

## Wednesday: We Were Without Worship

**Matthew 26:6–15 CSB**

While Jesus was in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper, a woman approached him with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume. She poured it on his head as he was reclining at the table. When the disciples saw it, they were indignant. "Why this waste?" they asked. "This might have been sold for a great deal and given to the poor."

Aware of this, Jesus said to them, "Why are you bothering this woman? She has done a noble thing for me. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me. By pouring this perfume on my body, she has prepared me for burial. Truly I tell you, wherever this gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will also be told in memory of her."

Then one of the Twelve, the man called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, "What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you?" So they weighed out thirty pieces of silver for him.

What have I loved more than Jesus?

| Blow out the 4th candle

## Thursday: We Were Self Righteous

- Passover prep, slaying of lamb,
- Feet washing: Peter doesn't need it!

### **Matthew 26:25 CSB**

Judas, his betrayer, replied, "Surely not I, Rabbi?" "You have said it," he told him.

- Last supper, sunset

### **Matthew 26:26–28 CSB**

As they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take and eat it; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks, he gave it to them and said, "Drink from it, all of you. For this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

- Judas leaves

### **Matthew 26:33–35 CSB**

Peter told him, "Even if everyone falls away because of you, I will never fall away." "Truly I tell you," Jesus said to him, "tonight, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times." "Even if I have to die with you," Peter told him, "I will never deny you," and all the disciples said the same thing.

- Gethsemane
  - Jesus prays, they fall asleep
  - Jesus is at peace with those arresting, Peter cuts off an ear
  - Jesus courageously faces the cross, the disciples flee

How have I been humbled since I became a Christian? How am I still prideful?

## | Lord's Supper

| **Bread:** Sing: 1st verses of "Amazing Grace", "Jesus Loves Me", "O How he Loves you and Me"

### **Matthew 26:26 CSB**

As they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take and eat it; this is my body."

| **Blood:** Sing "Nothing but the Blood of Jesus"

### **Matthew 26:27–28 CSB**

Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks, he gave it to them and said, "Drink from it, all of you. For this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."

| **Blow out the 5th candle**

## **Friday: We Were Guilty**

### Jesus' innocence, our guilt

- Annas, Caiaphas, Sanhedrin trials, but no good witnesses
  - Meanwhile, Peter is trying to escape death, guilt when he denies and sees Jesus
- Pilate trial, Herod trial
  - Suicide of Judas, guilt
- Pilate declares innocent
  - Pilate washes his hands (guilt)

### **Matthew 27:21–23 CSB**

The governor asked them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" "Barabbas!" they answered. Pilate asked them, "What should I do then with Jesus, who is called Christ?" They all answered, "Crucify him!" Then he said, "Why? What has he done wrong?" But they kept shouting all the more, "Crucify him!"

- Jesus the innocent dies at the hands of us, the guilty! Between the guilty!

**What you have written on this paper represents your sin (Your need of cleansing, your fruitless living, your rebelliousness, your lack of worship, your self-righteousness, and your guilt). NAIL THIS PAPER TO THE CROSS!**

**Matthew 27:32–44 CSB**

As they were going out, they found a Cyrenian man named Simon. They forced him to carry his cross. When they came to a place called *Golgotha* (which means Place of the Skull), they gave him wine mixed with gall to drink. But when he tasted it, he refused to drink it. After crucifying him, they divided his clothes by casting lots. Then they sat down and were guarding him there. Above his head they put up the charge against him in writing: This Is Jesus, the King of the Jews. Then two criminals were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. Those who passed by were yelling insults at him, shaking their heads and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross!" In the same way the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him and said, "He saved others, but he cannot save himself! He is the King of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God rescue him now—if he takes pleasure in him! For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" In the same way even the criminals who were crucified with him taunted him.

| **Blow out the 6th candle**

**Matthew 27:45–50 CSB**

From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over the whole land. About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "***Elí, Elí, lemá sabachtháni?***" that is, "**My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**" When some of those standing there heard this, they said, "He's calling for Elijah." Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and offered him a drink. But the rest said, "Let's see if Elijah comes to save him." But Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and gave up his spirit.

**Matthew 27:57–61 CSB**

When it was evening, a rich man from Arimathea named Joseph came, who himself had also become a disciple of Jesus. He approached Pilate and asked for Jesus's body. Then Pilate ordered that it be released. So Joseph took the body, wrapped it in clean, fine linen, and placed it in his new tomb, which he had cut into the rock. He left after rolling a great stone against the entrance of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were seated there, facing the tomb.

# Saturday: We Were Dead

**Matthew 27:62–66 CSB**

The next day, which followed the preparation day, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said, “Sir, we remember that while this deceiver was still alive he said, ‘After three days I will rise again.’ So give orders that the tomb be made secure until the third day. Otherwise, his disciples may come, steal him, and tell the people, ‘He has been raised from the dead,’ and the last deception will be worse than the first.” “You have a guard of soldiers,” Pilate told them. “Go and make it as secure as you know how.” They went and secured the tomb by setting a seal on the stone and placing the guard.

**Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Nailed Him ..., ? laid Him in the tomb?**

- There is a temptation to think that we are still dead in those sins
- If what we nailed to that cross stayed there, we would be lost!
- If what was buried in that tomb stayed there, we would be lost!
- Everything depends on what comes out of that tomb!

| Blow out the 7th candle, leave in silence