

Part 1

Lesson #11

PREPARATION FOR LESSON: Read Matthew 21 - 23; Mark 11 - 12; Luke 19:29 - 21:4; John 12:12-50 or
Harmony of the 4 Gospels, SECTIONS 134 - 145

DEVELOPED OUTLINE: Last Week of His 4th year - 31 AD Jesus is now 37 years old. Jewish Time

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| <p>A. West Bethany to Jerusalem and back 5 miles Luke 19:29-44
Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on a donkey colt</p> <p>B. West Bethany to Jerusalem to Mt. of Olives 3 miles
Judges fig tree; cleanses temple; talks with Gentiles Mk. 11:12-26; Lk. 21:37; John 12:20-50</p> <p>C. Mt. of Olives to Temple to Mt. of Olives 1 mile Matt. 21:23 - 25:46
 1. Returns to Jerusalem; examined by Sanhedrin in the Temple courtyard
 2. Jesus examines the Sanhedrin
 3. Leaves in late afternoon; stops with apostles on Mt. of Olives to answer their questions
 He tells them about future events: signs, preparation and judgment</p> <p>D. Mt. of Olives to West Bethany 2 miles
 1. They eat in Simon's home where Mary anoints Jesus John 12:1-11
 2. Judas arranges the betrayal Matt. 26:1-16
 3. Jesus sends 2 apostles to prepare Passover Matt. 26:17-19</p> <p>E. W. Bethany to Jerusalem 2½ miles Lk. 22:14-30; Jn. 13 - 14
 1. Deals with their lack of humility by washing the apostles' feet
 2. Declares His betrayal and denial; Judas leaves
 3. Eats the Passover meal ; uses the last part to establish a new meal for His followers
 The Lord's Supper, Holy Communion</p> <p>F. Upper Room to Gethsemane ¾ mile Lk. 22:36-56; John 15:1 - 18:12
 1. Instructs and prays for the apostles
 2. Prays with apostles in garden; is betrayed by Judas</p> <p>G. Gethsemane to palace of Annas ¾ mile John 18:12-14, 19-24</p> <p>H. Annas to palace of Caiaphas next door Matt. 26:57 - 27:10
 1. The Sanhedrin accuse Jesus of blasphemy; condemns Him to death
 2. Peter denies Jesus
 3. Judas returns the money; commits suicide</p> <p>I. Caiaphas to Pilate's palace ¾ mile John. 18:28-38
 Pilate finds Him innocent; sends Him to Herod</p> <p>J. Pilate to Herod ½ mile Luke 23:6-12
 Asks Jesus questions; ridicules Him; returns Him to Pilate</p> <p>K. Herod to Pilate ½ mile Luke 23:13-25
 1. Offers to punish Him; to release Him or Barabbas
 2. Lets the soldiers whip Him
 3. Washes his hands of the matter; turns Jesus over to the Sanhedrin, giving permission for His death</p> <p>L. Pilate to Calvary ¼ mile Luke 23:26-49
 1. Needs Simon to carry His cross
 2. Is placed on cross between 2 criminals
 3. Is ridiculed; suffers the wrath of man from 9:00 am to noon
 4. Suffers the wrath of God the Father from noon to 3:00 pm; His spiritual death
 5. Speaks the "7 last words" during the 6 hours; His physical death
 6. Signs accompany His death Matt. 27:51-54</p> <p>M. Calvary to Joseph's tomb about 1-2 blocks distance
 1. Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus (Sanhedrin) bury Him before sundown Fri. John 19:38-42
 2. The Sanhedrin ask the Romans to seal the tomb; post a guard Matt. 27:62-66</p> | <p>Sunday</p> <p>Monday</p> <p>Tuesday</p> <p>Wed. to Thur. aft.</p> <p>Upper Room Friday
after sundown on Thursday</p> <p>6:00 am Friday</p> <p>9:00 am - 3:00 pm Friday</p> |
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EXPLANATIONS:

Sunday

- **Jesus enters Jerusalem on a donkey colt** Luke 19:29-44 is the fulfillment of Zechariah 9:9.
 The people assume Jesus is on the way to set up His kingdom; they repeat the official words to greet Him.
Hoshaná save now, meaning set up Your kingdom now.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Psa. 118:22-27
 Jesus accepts their claim because He **is** Messiah; it needs to be on record He fulfilled Zechariah's prophecy.
 But the Sanhedrin have not accepted that He is the Messiah; acceptance must come from them.
 They made the decision for the nation and rejected Him 1½ years earlier.
 The consequences cannot be changed; Jerusalem, the temple and nation will be destroyed in 70 AD.
 Knowing this, Jesus weeps as He approaches the city of Jerusalem.
 We may call it the Triumphal Entry, but for Jesus it was a day of great sadness.
- **Families must choose their Passover Lamb on this day**
 It has to be set apart 4 days before killing it to examine and test it; it must be a perfect lamb.
 It must be a 1-year-old male, meaning it is in the prime of life.
 Jesus' ride into Jerusalem is Jesus being chosen and set apart as God's lamb.
 He will be examined and tested in the next 4 days to prove He is perfect; He is qualified.

Monday

- **Judgment of the fig tree** Mk. 11:12 The word *curse* means *judgment*.
 When the fig tree in Israel is in full leaf, figs have begun to form. They are small, but edible. It is proof that 6 weeks later there will be mature, ripe figs. Jesus approaches the tree, finds leaves, but no edible small figs. It looks like a wonderful fruit tree, but it is not going to provide food for anyone. Without the beginning fruit, there is no possibility of mature figs later on. Because the tree is a sham, Jesus pronounces judgment - it will die.
 The fig tree is a picture of the Sanhedrin of the 1st century. They look religious but cannot give spiritual food to anyone. They are a sham. It is why they will be under God's judgment and killed.
- **Cleansing of the Temple courtyard** Jesus begins and ends His public ministry with this action.
 Temple activities and ceremonies have become a sham like the fig tree without fruit. They will end in 70 AD.

Tuesday

- **Jesus is tested** by each branch of Sanhedrin plus the Herodians; all will see that He is qualified to be God's Passover Lamb.
Sanhedrin (as a unit) ask Him where He got His authority because they have not given it to Him.
 Jesus gives 3 parables to describe the Sanhedrin. They are like... Mt. 21:28 - 22:14
 The son who said he would obey but did not.
 Tenants who kill the servants and son of the owner to get control of the vineyard (Jewish nation).
 Guest at wedding feast who refuses the garment provided by the host.
 (refuses God's rightness - the garment of salvation).
- **Pharisees** (pro-Jewish) and **Herodians** (pro-Herod and Roman) join forces to ask if Jews should pay taxes to Caesar.
 The Jews coined their own money for Jewish business and offerings. They used Roman money only for the outside world. Since they could not use Roman money for Jewish purposes, they should use Roman money, to pay Roman taxes. They should use Jewish money to give to God.
- **Sadducees** try to entrap Him with a question about the resurrection.
 They do not know God's power to create resurrection bodies that are totally different.
 We will know and enjoy each other, but not in the bond of marriage.
 They do not know Scripture. God promised Abraham, Isaac and Jacob they would possess the land. They only lived in the land. There has to be a resurrection for them to possess it - purpose of the kingdom.
- **Scribe** asks Him which is the greatest commandment.
 Jesus names 2 - Love God with all your heart, soul and mind. Love your neighbor as yourself.
 If these 2 are fully kept, all other commands would also be kept
- **Jesus gives His critics a test** from Psalm 110:1 David is speaking,
The Lord (Yahweh, God the Father) said to my Lord (Adonai, Messiah-Jesus), sit at My right hand...
 Ordinarily David would have said, *The Lord said to my son*. David was guided by the Holy Spirit to reveal the Messiah would not just be humanity but also deity. In His humanity - Jesus is David's **son**, physical descendent.
 In His deity - Jesus is David's **Lord**.



EXPLANATIONS: *continued*

About Titles Pharisees became rabbis so they could have disciples they could teach and control.
 They told adult students they were children or servants with no right to think or choose. Mt. 23:8-10
 They made all the important decisions for the students in work, marriage, family and food.
 They insisted on being called *father, teacher, rabbi (master)*, meaning they must be obeyed without question.
 Jesus is not against titles to show respect and position; He is against titles used for mind control and abuse.
 Never call anyone *father* meaning you are a helpless child and must blindly obey.
 Never call anyone *teacher* meaning only their instruction can be followed.
 Never call anyone *rabbi/master* meaning he is master over you.
 As an adult, never put yourself in a relationship where you give up your right to think and choose.

About Future Events from the Jewish viewpoint only

How will we Jews know when our Temple is about to be destroyed?

When Jerusalem is surrounded by armies. Luke 21:20-24.

What will be the signs the perfect kingdom is about to come? Matthew 24:29-30; Mk 13:24-26

After 7 years of *trouble for Israel*, the sun, moon and stars will go dark; this will cause panic and fear.

With the total blackout of natural light, the Shekinah glory will be visible thruout the world.

It is Jesus coming in the clouds of glory to set up His kingdom.

The age that exists just before the Kingdom age - what will be the signs that age is winding down?

Signs will be like birth pangs with considerable time in between Matthew 24:7-8; Mark 13:8; Luke 21:10-11

World wars: wars of 1917-1945 were the means thru which the nation of Israel was put back on the map.

Famines: some 27 million died in famines in the years following World War I.

Earthquakes: they will increase both in number and intensity.

About the nation of Israel Jesus' last words to the Sanhedrin in His public ministry **Matthew 23:37-39**

The Sanhedrin led the nation to reject Him in the first century. Jewish leadership in the future must reverse that decision by leading the nation to accept Him. Jesus will not come back to set up His kingdom until the Sanhedrin and Jewish people ask Him to return. Hosea 5:15 - 6:3

BELIEFS of Sanhedrin branches Mark 11:27 *chief priests* (Sadducees); *teachers of the law* (scribes); *elders* (Pharisees)

Sometimes the Gospel writers refer to the Sanhedrin as *the Jews; the Jews from Jerusalem*.

Sadducees: From the Sadducee party known for their pro-Greek beliefs and views; ultra liberal and progressive.
 They used only the books of Moses to develop their beliefs; they did not accept Mishnah laws.
 They did not believe in angels, spirits, resurrection of the body or the supernatural.

Scribes and Pharisees: From the Pharisee party known for their pro-Jewish beliefs and views; ultra-conservative.

They believed in angels, spirits, resurrection of the body and miracles.

The Scribes focused on explaining and teaching Mishnah law.

The Pharisees focused on enforcing Mishnah law.

RESPONSE to Jesus by the Jewish leaders at the end of:

1st year - tried to push him over a cliff in Nazareth.

2nd year - said He was empowered by Satan - in Galilee.

3rd year - tried to arrest Him in the Temple courtyard.

3 months - decide to kill Him - in Jerusalem.

APPLICATION: *Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven*

Jesus cannot return to set up His kingdom until Jewish leaders of the Jewish nation ask Him. Satan sees this as an opportunity.
 If there were no nation and there were no Jews to ask Him, Jesus could not return and there could be no kingdom. Satan's kingdom would be secure. So thruout history, Satan has done everything possible to destroy the Jews.

Jesus knew this would happen, so He provided the answer when He taught the Jewish disciples to pray a Jewish prayer.

Thy kingdom come: they were asking God to bring the perfect kingdom like He promised.

Do not let us be overcome by Satan's attack, but deliver us from the evil one.

They were asking God to protect them because Satan was trying to destroy them.

The apostles brought this prayer to the Church. For 2000 years, God has used the Church to pray for the preservation of the Jews, the return of their nation and their promised perfect kingdom. We are indebted to them for the Bible, our knowledge of Jesus and Jesus Himself. They owe some of their survival to us as we have prayed for God's kingdom and deliverance from Satan's attacks.

Satan will lose; Jesus will win; His kingdom will come; we the Church, together with the Jewish nation, will be part of it.

