

A large crowd of people in ancient, biblical-style clothing is gathered. In the center, a man with a beard and a brown robe holds a wooden staff. The crowd consists of men and women of various ages, all looking towards the right side of the frame. The background shows stone walls and columns, suggesting an outdoor setting in a city or temple area.

The Last Week

Following the Lord Jesus through the week leading up to His death and resurrection

3. The fig tree and the temple

Where are we up to?

Saturday
(Sabbath)

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Jesus enters Jerusalem on a donkey and returns to Bethany in the evening

Jesus clears the Temple and returns to Bethany in the evening

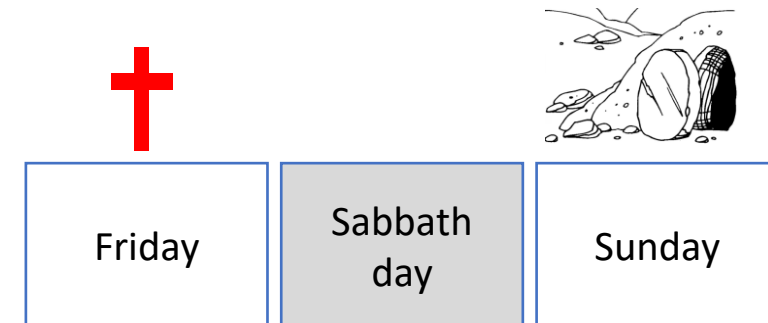


Jesus is challenged by the rulers. He teaches His disciples about the last days and that night He is anointed by Mary at Bethany.

(Judas agrees to betray Jesus for 30 pieces of silver)

Jesus has the **Passover meal** with the Twelve and is later arrested in Gethsemane.

Jesus is tried and crucified. 



What do we see?

Two incidents

- The fig tree
- The Temple

and an explanation...

Sunday

“Behold, your King...”



Sunday

... **when He had looked around at all things,**
as the hour was already late,
He went out to Bethany with the twelve.

(Mark 11:11)

Monday

Very early, perhaps
day-break

Now in the morning,
as He returned to the city,
He was hungry.

(Matthew 21:18)

When He came to it,
He found nothing but leaves

(Mark 11:13)



Monday

Two questions...

- Why was He hungry?
- Why did He curse the tree?



Previously...

He also spoke this parable:

“A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard,
and **he came seeking fruit** on it and **found none....**”

(Luke 13:6)



“Look, for three years I have come
seeking fruit on this fig tree and **find none.**”

Cut it down; why does it use up the ground?”

(Luke 13:7)

Monday

Leaves...

but no fruit...

“Let no one eat fruit from you ever again.”

(Mark 11:14)

Monday

Then Jesus went into the temple and began to **drive out** those who **bought and sold** in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves.

(Mark 11:15)



Monday

The House of God

... He found in the temple those who sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the money changers doing business. When He had made a whip of cords, **He drove them all out of the temple...** (John 2:14-15)



At the start

Then He went into the temple and began to drive out those who bought and sold in it, saying to them, **"It is written, 'My house is a house of prayer,' but you have made it 'a den of thieves.'"** (Luke 19:45-46)



At the end



Monday

Then His disciples
remembered
that it was written,
*“Zeal for Your house
has eaten Me up.”*

(John 2:17)



Monday

“Sir, we wish to see Jesus.”

(John 12:21)

Truly, truly, I say to you,
unless a grain of wheat **falls into the earth and dies**,
it remains **alone**...

(John 12:24)



Monday

**...but if it dies,
it bears much fruit.**



Monday

He who **loves his life** will **lose it**,
and he who hates his life in this world
will keep it for **eternal life**.

(John 12:25)



Monday

“Father, glorify Your name.”

(John 12:28)

**Now is the judgment of this world;
now the ruler of this world will be cast out.**

(John 12:31)

Monday

**Lord, who has believed
our report?**

(John 12:38)

*“He has blinded their eyes
and hardened their hearts...”*

(John 12:40)



Monday

When evening had come,
He went out of the city.

(Mark 11:19)