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**The final week of Jesus' life on earth forever changed history, as God enacted his plan of redemption for mankind. The power of sin and death was broken once and for all through the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ.**

The classic paintings in this book are from the Providence art collection, and have been selected to bring the events of Holy Week and Easter to life in chronological order.

The story of Easter is a story that never loses its power. As you follow the events from Jesus' final arrival in Jerusalem, to his death, resurrection, and ascension, let the story fill you with hope in a new way. Let it speak to you every time you journey through these pages.

But he was wounded for our  
TRANSGRESSIONS,  
crushed for our  
INIQUITIES;  
UPON HIM WAS THE PUNISHMENT  
that MADE US WHOLE,  
and by HIS BRUISES we are  
HEALED.



THE SUNDAY BEFORE THE  
RESURRECTION

# THE CELEBRATION

MATTHEW 21:9 (NIV)

The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

“Hosanna<sup>a</sup> to the Son of David!”

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”<sup>b</sup>

“Hosanna<sup>c</sup> in the highest heaven!”

a. Matthew 21:9 A Hebrew expression meaning “Save!” which became an exclamation of praise; also in verse 15

b. Matthew 21:9 Psalm 118:25,26

c. Matthew 21:9 A Hebrew expression meaning “Save!” which became an exclamation of praise; also in verse 15



MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

# THE CLEANSING

LUKE 19:45-46 (ESV)

And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold, saying to them, “It is written, ‘My house shall be a house of prayer,’ but you have made it a den of robbers.”



MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

# THE UNSUCCESSFUL TRAP

MARK 12:13-17 (NKJV)

Then they sent to Him some of the Pharisees and the Herodians, to catch Him in *His* words. When they had come, they said to Him, “Teacher, we know that You are true, and <sup>[a]</sup>care about no one; for You do not <sup>[b]</sup>regard the person of men, but teach the way of God in truth. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not? Shall we pay, or shall we not pay?”

But He, knowing their hypocrisy, said to them, “Why do you test Me? Bring Me a denarius that I may see *it*.” So they brought *it*.

And He said to them, “Whose image and inscription *is* this?” They said to Him, “Caesar’s.”

And Jesus answered and said to them, <sup>[c]</sup>“Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.”

And they marveled at Him.

a. Mark 12:14 Court no man’s favor

b. Mark 12:14 Lit. look at the face of men

c. Mark 12:17 Pay



## MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

# THE PRAISE

MATTHEW 21:15-16 (HCSB)

When the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonders that He did and the children shouting in the temple complex, “*Hosanna* to the Son of David!” they were indignant and said to Him, “Do You hear what these children are saying?”

“Yes,” Jesus told them. “Have you never read: You have prepared<sup>[a]</sup> praise from the mouths of children and nursing infants?”<sup>[b]</sup>

a. Matthew 21:16 Or *restored*

b. Matthew 21:16 Ps 8:2



MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

# THE WIDOW'S OFFERING

LUKE 21:1-4 (NRSV)

He looked up and saw rich people putting their gifts into the treasury; he also saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. He said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them; for all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in all she had to live on."





## MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

# THE LAST DAYS

LUKE 21:5-9 (NIV)

Some of his disciples were remarking about how the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and with gifts dedicated to God. But Jesus said, “As for what you see here, the time will come when not one stone will be left on another; every one of them will be thrown down.”

“Teacher,” they asked, “when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are about to take place?”

He replied: “Watch out that you are not deceived. For many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am he,’ and, ‘The time is near.’ Do not follow them. When you hear of wars and uprisings, do not be frightened. These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away.”



MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

# THE PARABLE OF THE SHEEP AND THE GOATS

MATTHEW 25:31-36 (NKJV)

When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the<sup>a</sup> holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides *his* sheep from the goats. And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on His right hand, “Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I *was* naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.”

a. Matthew 25:31 NU omits *holy*



THURSDAY OF HOLY WEEK

# THE WASHING OF THE DISCIPLES' FEET

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JOHN 13:12-14 (HCSB)

When Jesus had washed their feet and put on His robe, He reclined<sup>a</sup> again and said to them, “Do you know what I have done for you? You call Me Teacher and Lord. This is well said, for I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet.”



THURSDAY OF HOLY WEEK

# THE LORD'S SUPPER

MATTHEW 26:26-28 (NLT)

As they were eating, Jesus took some bread and blessed it. Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, “Take this and eat it, for this is my body.”

And he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to God for it. He gave it to them and said, “Each of you drink from it, for this is my blood, which confirms the covenant<sup>a</sup> between God and his people. It is poured out as a sacrifice to forgive the sins of many.”

a. 26:28 Some manuscripts read *the new covenant*.