

## WEEK 45 — JESUS' FINAL TEACHINGS, ARREST, AND TRIALS

**Date:** about AD 29

**The Story:** God's power is on display through Jesus, but less through miracles than in the earlier stories. Now Jesus reveals God's power through his bold teaching that illuminates the hypocrisy of the Jewish leaders and through his outstanding character: his courage, devotion to his Father, refusal to be intimidated, compassion, humility, and love. This week's stories take us (with a brief flashback to Saturday) from Tuesday to Friday morning of Jesus' final Passover week, to just before his crucifixion.

\* Kids' readings may not align with the daily full readings. Parents, see the content ratings on the back page.

### NOVEMBER 6                      MATTHEW 23-24

**Today's reading** continues Jesus' teaching on Tuesday of his final Passover week, as Jesus speaks against the hypocrisy of the Jewish leaders and then prophesies the destruction of the temple and of Jerusalem and the surprise of his second coming.

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**In a hurry? 10-minute reading:** Matthew 23-24

**Kids' Reading\*:** Matthew 25

### NOVEMBER 7                      MATTHEW 25:1 to 26:35

**Today's reading** wraps up Jesus' teaching on Tuesday of his final Passover week with warnings about his return and about the judgment. 26:1-2 brings us into Wednesday that week, with Passover "two days away"—it will begin on the Jewish Friday, which for Jews began at sundown Thursday evening. The story of the woman anointing Jesus actually takes place on the preceding Saturday (recall John 12:1-8); told here, it hints at what John made explicit: Judas loved money, and for money he betrayed Jesus. Then we arrive at the Passover, which is prepared Thursday and shared that evening (the Jewish start to Friday).

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**In a hurry? 10-minute reading:** Matthew 25:1 to 26:35

**Kids' Reading\*:** Matthew 26:1-16 • John 13:1-17

### NOVEMBER 8                      MARK 13:1 to 14:31 • LUKE 21:1 to 22:38

**Today's reading** covers material from our last two days' readings from Matthew, bringing us from Tuesday into Wednesday of Jesus' final Passover week (with a flashback to Saturday in the story of the woman who anointed Jesus). Then it enters into Thursday, with preparations for the Passover. At the Passover meal Thursday evening ("Friday evening" for the Jews), Jesus initiates the sharing of what will later be called the Lord's Supper, and he prophesies his betrayal (by Judas) and Peter's threefold disowning of him.

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**In a hurry? 10-minute reading:** Luke 21:1 to 22:38

**Kids' Reading\*:** Matthew 26:20-25 • John 13:21-38 • Luke 22:14-34

### NOVEMBER 9                      JOHN 13-15

**Today's reading** shares a very different angle on Jesus' last supper with his disciples, the Passover meal. Rather than focusing on the institution of the Lord's Supper, John tells how Jesus modeled humility and love at the meal, predicted exactly who would betray him, predicted Peter's disowning of him, and then taught his disciples for a while. Chapters 14-15 bring us unique teaching about Jesus' relationship with God the Father and with his followers, and about the work of the Holy Spirit.

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**In a hurry? 10-minute reading:** John 13-15

**Kids' Reading\*:** John 17 • Luke 22:35-38 • Mark 14:26-31

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**NOVEMBER 10                      JOHN 16-17 • MATTHEW 26:36-75**

**Today's reading** picks up in the middle of Jesus' teaching after the Last Supper on the evening of the Passover festival. He speaks obliquely of leaving his disciples—but after they grieve they will be filled with joy. His prayer (John 17) for mutual glorification with the Father, for his disciples, and for the world is among the greatest prayers in the Bible. Returning to Matthew, we find out what happens after the Last Supper. Jesus is arrested and put on rapid, secret trial before the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem. His suffering now begins.

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**In a hurry? 10-minute reading:** John 16-17 • Matthew 26:36-56

**Kids' Reading\*:** Luke 22:39-53 • Matthew 26:57-75

**NOVEMBER 11                      MATTHEW 27:1-31 • MARK 14:32 to 15:20**

**Today's reading** from Matthew covers the first events of Friday morning. Judas, filled with regret, ends his own life. Meanwhile, the Jewish leaders lead Jesus away to face the Roman governor. There, Jesus is found innocent and yet condemned to die. Watch for Matthew's unique contributions to the story of Jesus' trials and crucifixion—here, the supernatural warning that Pilate's wife received and shared with her husband. In Mark, we review the Passion Story (the story of Jesus' suffering) from Gethsemane to Jesus' condemnation and humiliation. Notice the young man in 14:51-52; some think this was Mark, but who knows?

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**In a hurry? 10-minute reading:** Matthew 27:1-31 • Mark 14:32 to 15:20

**Kids' Reading\*:** John 18:1-27 • Matthew 27:1-10

**NOVEMBER 12                      LUKE 22:39 to 23:25 • JOHN 18**

**Today's reading** brings us Luke's account of Jesus' arrest and trials. Luke alone tells us that Jesus heals the ear that is cut off and that he appears before King Herod Antipas, who had executed John the Baptist. John 18 begins John's account of Jesus' Passion. There Jesus is questioned by the former high priest, Annas, father-in-law of the current high priest, Caiaphas. John also provides a fuller account than the other writers of Jesus' trial before Pilate, which will continue into chapter 19.

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**In a hurry? 10-minute reading:** Luke 22:39 to 23:25 • John 18

**Kids' Reading\*:** John 18:28-40 • Luke 23:1-25

**Parents' Guide**

PG preview for young children

**Mt 23:**13-39 (T), 30-31 (V), 34-37 (V)

**Mt 24:**6-12 (T, V), 15-22 (T), 28-30 (T), 37-43 (T), 48-51 (V)

**Mt 25:**41 (T)

**Mt 26:**2 (V), 4 (V), 21-25 (T), 38 (T), 47-52 (T, V), 55 (V), 59-61 (T), 66-68 (T, V), 69-75 (T)

**Mt 27:**1-4 (T, V), 6-10 (T), 20-26 (T, V), 27-31 (V)

**Mk 13:**6-11 (T, V), 13-20 (T)

**Mk 14:**1 (V), 18-21 (T), 34 (T), 42-50 (T, V), 51-52 (N, V), 55 (V), 56-58 (T), 64-65 (V), 71 (T)

**Mk 15:**1 (V), 7 (V), 13-20 (T, V)

**Lk 21:**9-12 (T, V), 17 (T), 20-26 (T, V), 34-36 (T)

**Lk 22:**2-6 (T), 44 (T), 48-54 (T, V), 63-65 (T, V)

**Lk 23:**19 (V), 21 (V), 23-25 (V)

**Jn 15:**18-25 (T)

**Jn 16:**2 (V), 21 (T)

**Jn 18:**2-3 (T, V), 10-12 (V), 22-23 (V), 26 (V), 31-32 (V), 36 (V), 40 (V)

PG-13 preview for under age 13

**Mt 27:**5 (V)

**Mk 13:**12 (T, V)

**Lk 21:**16 (T, V)

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none

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V = Violence