

TRADITIONAL VIEW OF HOLY WEEK

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	Rides into Jerusalem as king	Teach	Teach	Teach	Teach & Last Supper	Tried and Crucified	In the Tomb	Risen Appears to followers
Sabbath				Spy Wednesday	Maundy Thursday	Good Friday	Holy Saturday & Pass-over	

ANOTHER VIEW OF HOLY WEEK

Sat	Palm Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Good Friday	Sat Sabbath	Easter Sun
Rides into Jerusalem as king	Teach	Teach	Teach & Last Supper	Tried and Crucified	In the Tomb	In the Tomb	In the Tomb	Appears to followers
Sabbath				Day of Preparation	Pass-over	Feast of Unleavened Bread	Rises after 6 p.m.	

WALK THE TALK

1. What concerns or excitement do you experience when talking about the “last days”? What signs are you seeing now that we are in the “season”?
2. What does Jesus’ list of seven signs teach you?
3. What was helpful in Jesus’ application given in verses 34-36?
4. What did you learn from this study?



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TWO LESSONS FOR THIS SERIES:

1. In seven consecutive stories we see Jesus being TESTED, and we see Him testing the DOUBTERS.
2. Jesus is the ONLY exception to the rule that “*You can fool all of the people some of the time.*”

WAYS TO VIEW THIS PROPHECY

1. As prophecies that would happen in the FIRST CENTURY (except verses 25-28).
2. As prophecies that will happen yet in the FUTURE.
3. As prophecies that would be fulfilled TWICE: both in the FIRST century and again in the FUTURE.

THE PRELUDE (A PROPHECY)

Luke 21:5 Some of his disciples were remarking about how the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and with gifts dedicated to God. But Jesus said, 6 “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.”

1. As Jesus and His disciples were LEAVING the Temple Mount and crossing to the Mount of OLIVES, the disciples remarked about the BEAUTY of the temple buildings.
2. Jesus explained that the Temple and its beauty would be completely DESTROYED.

THE PUZZLE

Luke 21:7 “Teacher,” they asked, “when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are about to take place?”

The disciples “tested” Jesus by asking WHEN this prophecy would take place and what SIGNS would give them warning.

THE PROGRESSION

Luke 21:8 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. 9 When you hear of wars and uprisings, do not be frightened. These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away.”

Luke 21:10 Then he said to them: “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. 11 There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven.

Luke 21:12 “But before all this, they will seize you and persecute you. They will hand you over to synagogues and put you in prison, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of my name. 13 And so you will bear testimony to me. 14 But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves. 15 For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict. 16 You will be betrayed even by parents, brothers and sisters, relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. 17 Everyone will hate you because of me. 18 But not a hair of your head will perish. 19 Stand firm, and you will win life.

Luke 21:20 “When you see Jerusalem being surrounded by armies, you will know that its desolation is near. 21 Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, let those in the city get out, and let those in the country not enter the city. 22 For this is the time of punishment in fulfillment of all that has been written. 23 How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers! There will be great distress in the land and wrath against this people. 24 They will fall by the sword and will be taken as prisoners to all the nations. Jerusalem will be trampled on by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

Luke 21:25 “There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. 26 People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. 27 At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. 28 When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

Jesus listed 7 EVENTS that would be SIGNALS of the coming destruction of Jerusalem. (This also seems to be the order of events for the LAST DAYS of the earth.)

1. False MESSIAHS
2. WARS and REVOLUTIONS
3. EARTHQUAKES, famines, FEARFUL events
4. Persecution and MARTYRDOM - yet spiritual protection

5. Jerusalem surrounded by ARMIES and DESTROYED

— the “TIMES of the Gentiles” are FULFILLED

6. SIGNS in the heavens and CHAOS on earth

7. The Son of Man RETURNING in a CLOUD

THE PARABLE

Luke 21:29 He told them this parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees. 30 When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. 31 Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near.

Jesus used an illustration that all of us understand — SEASONS. There are seasons of planting and HARVEST. Jesus’ list of 7 events point to the “SEASON” of His coming.

THE PERIOD

Luke 21:32 “Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. 33 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

This statement has caused CONFUSION for MANY people.
Which GENERATION is Jesus referring to?

The generation that sees the “LEAVES SPROUT” makes the most SENSE in this passage and context.

THE PRESCRIPTION

Luke 21:34 “Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap. 35 For it will come on all those who live on the face of the whole earth. 36 Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.”

1. GUARD your heart, making sure that the WRONG things don’t get the attention.
2. Be WATCHFUL.
3. Pray for PROTECTION and STRENGTH.

THE POSTLUDE

Luke 21:37 Each day Jesus was teaching at the temple, and each evening he went out to spend the night on the hill called the Mount of Olives, 38 and all the people came early in the morning to hear him at the temple.

Luke 22:1 Now the Festival of Unleavened Bread, called the Passover, was approaching, (ἐγγιζῶν eggizō) . . .