

# THE PASSION WEEK WITH JESUS

Daily Bible Readings from the Gospel of Matthew



## Reflection and Anticipation

Easter isn't so much a day as it is a season. For the Christian, Resurrection Sunday should be something we anticipate celebrating like no other day of the year! While many Baptist churches do not hold services throughout what is called "Holy Week," Bible believing Christians should make the week leading up to Easter one of significant spiritual reflection and anticipation. After all, Jesus spent his last week on earth teaching and ultimately dying for us. I wonder if Christians don't look forward to Resurrection Sunday as much as they ought to because they spend little time reflecting on the final week, and especially the final hours, of the life of Christ. Make time each day this week to read the following passages of Scripture and reflect on what was happening in the life of Christ. Especially on Friday, take time in the morning, at noon, at 3:00 PM, and in the evening to reflect on what Jesus was enduring at those precise times. After all, He was suffering for us – for our sins! Then on Saturday imagine being one of the disciples – Jesus was dead! Saturday must have been a horribly dark day. But Sunday was coming! Rise early on Easter Sunday and read the account of the resurrection with your family and boldly proclaim, "He is Risen!" Then get to church early to greet other believers with, "He is risen indeed!" Celebrate Resurrection Sunday as though it were the best day of the year – which is exactly what it is!

**Sunday** – Matt. 21:1-17

**Monday** – Matt. 21:18-22:46

**Tuesday** – Matt. 23:1-25:46

**Wednesday** – Matt. 26:1-16

**Thursday** – Matt. 26:17-75

**Friday**

Morning – Matt. 27:1-34

Noon – Matt. 27:34-45

3:00 PM – Matt. 27:46-55

Evening – Matt. 27:56-61

**Saturday** – Matt. 27:62-66

**Sunday** – Matt. 28:1-8

