



Week 1: "It's

Later than You Think"

"Passion Week"

Passion = Latin = *passio* = To Suffer, To Endure

Following Jesus Does Not Exempt Us From The BROKENNESS Of This World.

"If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. Matthew 16: 24-25

### **Timeline of Jesus' Passion Week:**

Day 1: Palm Sunday – Triumphant ENTRY Into Jerusalem

...the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

Matthew 21:8-9[ESV]

*"When Our Unbiblical Expectations Of Jesus Are Not Met, We Can Become  
Disillusioned & Disappointed In Our Faith."*

Day 2: Jesus OVERTURNS The Tables of the Money Changers & Confronts The Religious Leaders In The Temple Courts

He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you make it a den of robbers."

Matthew 21:12-13

"But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut the kingdom of heaven in people's faces. For you neither enter yourselves nor allow those who would enter to go in. Matthew 23:13

*"Jesus Words Here Are Not Conciliatory They Are Cutting -  
They Are Not Friendly They Are Fierce."*

Day 3: Jesus Prophesies the DESTRUCTION of the Temple & Preaches the "Olivet Discourse"

Jesus left the temple and was going away, when his disciples came to point out to him the buildings of the temple. <sup>2</sup>But he answered them, "You see all these, do you not? Truly, I say to you, there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down." Matthew 25:1-2

*"Jesus Message Is Given In Love, Not To Evoke Fear,  
But Rather Confident Preparation."*

### **The Parable of the Ten Virgins**

Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, <sup>4</sup>but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and

slept. But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour. Matthew 25:1-13

Both Wisdom And Foolishness Come Down To PREPARATION, Or The Lack Thereof.

### **Application Questions:**

#1: Am I Prepared For HARDSHIP?

#2. Am I Prepared For BLESSING?

#3. Am I Prepared To MEET Jesus Face to Face?

## **Life Group Discussion Questions**

- What is your favorite thing about weddings? Do you cry at weddings? Why? Why not?
- Was there something you heard in this week's message that you were confused by or had a hard time believing?

### **Read Matthew 25:1-13.**

- What is your main takeaway from these verses?
- Life can be made up of seasons of both hardships and blessings. What season would you say you are in? What can you do in your current season that will make you grateful you did so in the future?

### **Ways You Can Prepare To Meet Jesus Face To Face:**

1. Audit Your End Of Life Regrets. What is one thing that you would regret?
2. Make A To-Don't List. What would be one thing on your to-don't List?
3. Invite Accountability. Give someone permission to hold you accountable.
4. Rest. Consider how to make rest a part of the rhythm of your life?
5. Fight For The Souls Of Your Children. Pray for you children's salvation.
6. Don't Hold Grudges. Is it time to say sorry?
7. Memorize Scripture. Make an effort to committed Scripture to memory?
8. Invite Someone To Church. Who can you invite to church this Easter?
9. Wake Up Your Spirit. Consider fasting from something this Easter season?
10. Build In Marble. If Jesus delays his return, what are you doing to build the church?

### **Additional Resource:**

The Passion Week: YouVersion Bible App. <https://www.bible.com/en/reading-plans/36265>

Devotional & Prayer Journal (Hard copy available at Connect Table. Digital copy on our website)

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