

THE MOVEMENTS OF JESUS IN JERUSALEM, DURING HOLY WEEK



Jesus arrives in Bethany (east of Jerusalem, on the other side of the Mount of Olives) on Friday afternoon, just before the Sabbath. He remains there for the feast at Simon the Leper's on Saturday night. On Palm Sunday, Jesus enters Jerusalem from Bethany and visits the Temple. To be safely out of the reach of His enemies, who wanted to kill Him, Jesus retreats that evening to the safety of the house of Mary, Martha and Lazarus in Bethany.

On Monday & Tuesday, Jesus leaves Bethany each day for Jerusalem, but again returns in the evening to escape His enemies. On Monday, He casts out the money-lenders. Over these two days, He teaches the crowds and argues strongly with and against His various enemies -- the Pharisees, the Sadducees and the Herodians. He spends Wednesday in Bethany.

On Thursday, Jesus comes to Jerusalem once again from Bethany. He secures the Upper Room to celebrate the feast of the Pasch and the Last Supper. This would be the night of the first Holy Mass, the institution of the Holy Eucharist and the ordination of the Apostles as priests.

Once the feast of the Pasch and the Last Supper (and first Mass) has been celebrated, Jesus leaves, in great sadness, for the Mount of Olives and the Garden of Gethsemane (a place where He liked to pray -- Judas knew this).

At the end of His Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus is betrayed by Judas. He brings with him the temple police and an escort of Roman soldiers. Jesus is arrested by the temple police, abandoned by His Apostles and disciples, tied-up and led away for trial, being beaten on the way.

Annas & Caiaphas interrogate Jesus. He is tried illegally (at night) before the Sanhedrin, accused falsely, and found (wrongly) to be guilty of death. Jesus is then taken to Pilate in the morning. Pilate doesn't want to get involved, and tries sending Jesus to Herod -- but Herod sends Jesus back to Pilate. Pilate is afraid of the Jews' threat to report him to Caesar. He gives in to the Jews, sentences Jesus to death and vainly tries to wash his hands of the whole thing.

Jesus is taken away, laden with the cross of execution, and made to carry it outside the walls of Jerusalem up Mount Calvary (Golgotha), where He is nailed to the Cross and dies in the presence of His Holy Mother, His beloved Apostle and a few disciples, while being mocked by His enemies.

