

# EASTER: THE DEATH AND BURIAL

## Part One

### I. Triumphal Entry (Mt.21:2-11)

- A. Jesus enters Jerusalem on a donkey and a foal. This was a fulfillment of (Zech.9:9). The donkey symbolized humility (Phil.2:8). The Second Advent will be different (Rev.19:11-16)!
- B. The people spread out their garments and waved palm branches. The palm branches symbolized triumph and victory. They shouted, "Hosannah." This meant Salvation now. Even after all this, the Jews still didn't know who Jesus was and what he was going to do. This teaches us that not all those who proclaim Jesus really know him (Mt.7:21-23). A few days later, most of this crowd cried, "crucify him."
- C. Jesus went into the temple and overthrew the money tables and healed the sick (Mt.21:12-16).
- D. The next day (Monday), Jesus went into the temple and began to answer all the questions of the religious Jews (Mt.21:23-25). He taught daily in the temple and on the Mount of Olives at night.
- E. The Jews began to plan how they might kill Jesus. They were very upset with what he was teaching and proclaiming. He had gotten in the way of their pride, traditions, authority, and money. They had planned to kill Him, but didn't want to do it on the feast of the Passover, which was the common time that the Jews started the Passover days (Mt.26:4,5) (Jn.18:28). (Wed. 6:00 p.m.)

### II. The Passover & Betrayal

- A. The Passover or "Last Supper" was eagerly anticipated by Jesus. The disciples and Jesus had sat down to eat (Mt.26:17-35) (Tuesday night). Remember what the Passover meal was for? It was at this time that Jesus reminded them of the betrayal and crucifixion... Judas.
- B. After supper had ended, they walked to the Mount of Olives and to the garden of Gethsemane. Jesus prayed here in the garden, knowing that the arrest was about to happen (Mt.26:36-56).

### III. The Trial & Crucifixion

- A. Jesus was arrested and taken before the Jewish and Roman leaders. No one could find any fault!
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Annas [the old high priest] (Jn.18:13)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Caiaphas [the present high priest] (Mt.26:57-75)
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Pontius Pilate [Roman Governor] (Mt.27:1-14) (Wednesday morning)
  - 4<sup>th</sup> King Herod [Roman king] (Lk.23:6-12)
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Back to Pilate (Mt.27:15-26)
- B. Jesus was spit on, mocked, and struck with the palms of their hands.
- C. The Crucifixion (Mt.27:27-56) (9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.) (Wednesday)
  - 1. They prepared Jesus by putting a crown of thorns on his head. The spitting, mocking, and beating continued. Thorns represent the curse of our sin that was put on Christ (Is.53:6).
  - 2. As they led Jesus to the crucifixion site (Golgotha or Calvary), a man named Simon was apprehended and made to carry the cross part of the way. This was about a fifteen-minute climb, north of Jerusalem, "without" the city gates (Heb.13:12). Jesus was then nailed to the cross.
  - 3. It went dark from 12:00 - 3:00 p.m. Jesus then died. This was about the time the Jews were killing the lambs for the Passover (1Cor.5:7,8). The veil in the temple was also rent. They wanted His body off the cross before the Sabbath feast started (Wed. 6:00 p.m.) (Jn.19:31).

### IV. The Burial (Mt.27:57-66)

- A. The body of Jesus was prepared by a disciple named Joseph and also Nicodemus.
- B. Jesus was placed in the never used tomb (Is.53:9) of wealthy Joseph.
- C. The next day (Thursday), the Jews made sure of the tombs protection for the next 72 hours...
- D. Remember what Jesus said in Matthew 12:40? "For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth."