



Part 3 of 5

GOOD FRIDAY



OVERVIEW

Good Friday is a significant day in the Christian calendar that commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. According to Christian belief, it is the day on which Jesus was arrested, tried, and sentenced to death by crucifixion. The events leading up to his crucifixion include the Last Supper (the Passover meal Jesus shared with his disciples), his prayer and agony in the Garden of Gethsemane, and his betrayal by Judas Iscariot.

Following his arrest, Jesus underwent multiple trials before Jewish and Roman authorities, including the Jewish Sanhedrin and Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor of Judea at the time. Despite finding no fault in Jesus, Pilate yielded to the demands of the crowd and sentenced him to death by crucifixion.

Jesus was then scourged and made to carry his cross to the site of his execution, Golgotha, also known as Calvary. He was crucified alongside two criminals. According to the Gospels, Jesus uttered several statements from the cross, including the famous "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do" (**Luke 23:34**) and "It is finished" (**John 19:30**), before he died.

Good Friday is observed with solemnity and reflection by Christians around the world. Many churches hold services that focus on Jesus' suffering and sacrifice, and some communities participate in processions or enactments of the Stations of the Cross, which depict Jesus' journey to the crucifixion site. It is a day of fasting and penance for many Christians, leading up to the celebration of Easter, which commemorates Jesus' resurrection.

STUDY OUTLINE

Read The Following Scripture Passages:
Luke 23:32-43 | Matthew 27:33-44 | Mark 15:22-32
Isaiah 53

1. Introduction to Good Friday

- A. Define Good Friday as a significant day in the Christian calendar commemorating the crucifixion of Jesus Christ.
- B. Discuss its importance in the context of Christian faith and theology.

2. Historical Context

- A. Explore the historical and cultural background of Jerusalem during the time of Jesus.
- B. Discuss the political and religious dynamics between the Jewish authorities and the Roman Empire.

3. Events Leading to Good Friday

- A. Outline the events leading up to Good Friday, including the Last Supper, Jesus' arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane, and his trials before Jewish and Roman authorities.

4. The Crucifixion

- A. Describe the process of crucifixion in ancient Roman times.
- B. Analyze the significance of Jesus' crucifixion in Christian theology, focusing on concepts such as redemption, atonement, and sacrifice.

5. Theological Interpretations

- A. Explore different theological interpretations of Jesus' death on the cross, including the ransom theory, satisfaction theory, and moral exemplar theory.
- B. Discuss how various Christian denominations understand and interpret the meaning of Good Friday.

6. Scriptural Reflection

- A. Examine biblical passages related to Good Friday, such as the accounts of Jesus' arrest, trials, crucifixion, and last words from the cross.
- B. Reflect on the symbolism and significance of key moments in the biblical narrative.

7. Liturgical Traditions and Practices

- A. Explore how Good Friday is observed in different Christian traditions, including liturgical services, fasting, prayer, and devotional practices.
- B. Discuss the significance of rituals such as the Stations of the Cross and the veneration of the cross.

8. Contemporary Relevance

- A. Consider the relevance of Good Friday in the modern world and its implications for Christian faith and life.
- B. Reflect on how the themes of suffering, redemption, and sacrifice resonate with contemporary issues and challenges.

9. Personal Reflection and Application

- A. Encourage participants to reflect on the personal significance of Good Friday in their own spiritual journey.
- B. Invite individuals to consider how the message of Good Friday shapes their beliefs, values, and actions.

10. Conclusion

- A. Summarize key insights gained from the study of Good Friday.
- B. Encourage participants to carry the lessons of Good Friday into their observance of Easter and their daily lives as Christians.

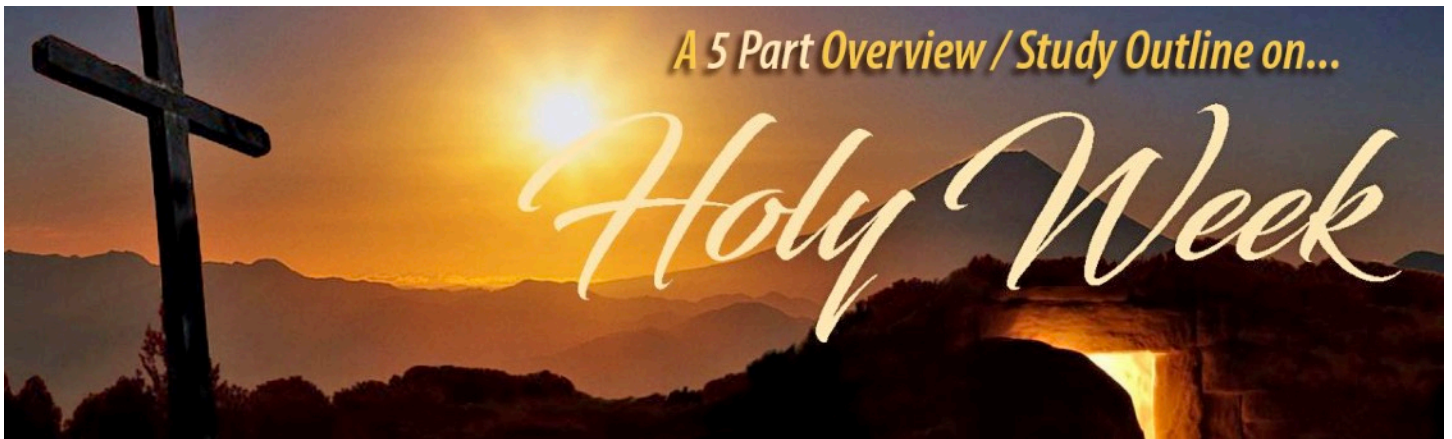
Much Like He instructed the nation of Israel, God wants us to “Keep In Remembrance” the things which He has foretold and fulfilled for us.

12 Remember His marvellous works that he hath done, his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth; - 1 Chronicles 16:12

...there can be no better way to keep our salvation alive and vibrant for others to see than to continue to “Remember” all that Our God has done to offer the world salvation and an eternity with Him, through Jesus as the Christ.

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It is our prayer that you will have found this OVERVIEW & STUDY OUTLINE To be helpful in your knowledge and remembrance of the extreme length of Love that Our Father, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob has exercised, to save us all through the Lord Jesus as the Christ. To all those that believe on Him and what He has done for us.

John 3:16 | Romans 10:9-10

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