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Last Days of Christ.

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- I. THE LAST WEEK.—APRIL 2 TO 9, A. D. 30.
1. SUNDAY.....Triumphal Entry.
 2. MONDAY.....Cleansing Temple.
 3. TUESDAY.....Parables and Prophecies.
 4. WEDNESDAY.....Retirement.
 5. THURSDAY.....Last Supper.
 6. FRIDAY.....Crucifixion.
 7. SATURDAY.....In the Tomb.
 8. SUNDAY.....Resurrection.

MUCH of the gospel narrative is given to the last week of our Lord's life, commonly called Passion Week, or "week of suffering." The week began Sunday, April 2, and closed Sunday, April 9. The closing months of Christ's ministry were spent in Perea, across the Jordan. The last week in March He began His last journey to Jerusalem, on the eve of the great Passover feast. On the last day of March, He arrived at Bethany, on the east slope of the Mount of Olives, and there spent Saturday, April 1, the Jewish Sabbath, in the home of His friend Lazarus, probably.

During the last week Bethany continued to be the home of our Lord and His disciples, Jerusalem being visited by day and the nights spent at Bethany. On Tuesday, April 4, in the temple, occurred our Lord's last public teaching. Toward evening He stopped on His return to Bethany upon Mount Olivet, and spoke privately to His disciples the parables of the virgins and talent- and the prophecies concerning Jerusalem and the day of judgment. Wednesday was spent in retirement at Bethany, and Jerusalem was entered for the last time toward night on Thursday, at which time occurred in order the last Passover and the Lord's Supper, followed by Gethsemane and the arrest.

Friday was the day of death and, near its close, the burial. Saturday was spent in the tomb, together with the first part of Sunday: making, according to Jewish reckoning of days, three days in the tomb. Sunday, early in the morning, was the resurrection. Let the student of this lesson fill in by more extended study the details of each day of the week.

II. THE LAST DAY.—FRIDAY, APRIL 7, A. D. 30.

Beginning at about 6 p. m., Thursday, April 6, and closing Friday, the 7th, at 6 p. m.—the Jewish day.

First, from 6 to 9 p. m., Thursday night, is the Passover feast and Lord's Supper.

From 9 to midnight, probably, follows our Lord's last discourse with His disciples and the agony of Gethsemane.

Between midnight and 3 a. m. is placed the arrest and the appearance before Annas and Caiaphas in succession.

Between 3 and 6 a. m. occurred the Jewish trial by Caiaphas and the Sanhedrim.

Then on Friday, from 6 to 9 a. m., Christ appears successively before Pilate, Herod, and (again) Pilate, and is scourged and crucified. He was on the cross from 9 a. m. to 3 p. m. of Friday, dying at 3 o'clock. His burial was between 3 and 6 p. m.

III. "THE SEVEN WORDS."—ON THE CROSS, 9 A. M. TO 3 P. M.

The "seven words of the Cross" are inexpressibly dear to the Christian. Fix the words, their meaning, the attending and intervening incidents in memory and in heart clearly, and there will be a deeper sense of those last hours so full of suffering to the divine victim, yet so full of wonderful meaning to us as redeemed by His blood. Every scholar of your class should, when the current Sunday school lessons include them, be led and assisted by the teacher in fixing in mind these "seven words."—*Sunday-school Magazine.*

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