

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

THE LIFE OF JESUS

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PART 14: THE FINAL PREPARATION

FINAL TRIP TO JERUSALEM

Most of the 3.5 years Jesus spent on earth took place in Galilee because of the threats from the Jewish leadership. **John 4:1-3**

Once Jesus finished laying the foundation of the future church, He returned south once again to the den of iniquity – the temple in Jerusalem. As Jesus and His entourage departed from Jericho on the road to Jerusalem, He encountered two desperate blind men who wanted to be healed more than anything. **Matthew 20:29**

The crowd didn't care about these blind men who survived by begging and got angry when these beggars cried out for Jesus to help them. Desperation caused the blind men to cry out even louder since they knew this was their only opportunity to receive sight from the miracle healer. **verses 31**

Jesus was going to Jerusalem to confront Satan and already knew the outcome. He was going to pay for the sins of humanity with a cruel death on the cross. This was going to be the greatest test Jesus had ever faced in His human body. A commotion from the crowd cut through His thoughts as the frantic voices from the blind men called out for help and Jesus asked what they wanted. **verse 32**

They very much wanted full use of their eyes like everyone else. Jesus had compassion for these two poor men and healed them. **verses 33-34**

ENTERING JERUSALEM

Jesus had previously entered Jerusalem on several occasions in an inconspicuous manner but this time it would vastly different as He would enter as a king and fulfill the prophecy by the prophet Zechariah. **Matthew 21:1-11; Zechariah 9:9**

THE CONFRONTATION

Jesus had visited the temple grounds several times, the first time when He was 12 years old. **Luke 2:40-49**

On this occasion He entered the temple as the Creator and showed His wrath toward the Jewish religious system that had been developed by evil men. He must have displayed supernatural power because the temple guards did nothing to subdue Him as He cleaned house and let them know what He was doing. **Matthew 21:12-13**

Jesus performed some last healings despite the vitriolic hatred from the Jewish leadership. **verses 14-17**

Jesus openly challenged Satan's earthly rulers in Jerusalem and their retribution was coming. **Matthew 26:1-5; 14-16**



LAST GATHERING WITH THE TWELVE

Jesus knew this was His final gathering with His 12 apostles. He did not invite the 70 others or the 38 women – including his mother – who were part of the group that followed Jesus on a daily basis. Jesus knew that Judas would betray Him but still allowed him to come and participate with the other 11 apostles. **John 13:1**

Jesus had elaborately prepared for this last Passover meal in which He would participate. More than likely the property owner already knew about Jesus and readily agreed to let Him and the apostles use it for the Passover meal.

It is obvious that this large banquet room had been arranged by the Lord and whoever constructed this house did so under the guidance of the Holy Spirit since this Upper Room would also be used on the day of Pentecost. **Luke 22:7-13**

The Passover meal was eaten on Tuesday evening, and when Jesus came to the Upper Room, He made known to the apostles that He had been looking forward to this moment since He instituted it in Egypt 1,500 years earlier. **verses 14-15**

Jesus proceeded to set up the ceremony which would abolish and replace the Passover once Jesus was resurrected. Jesus only kept the bread and one of the cups from the elaborate Passover meal. **verses 16-20**

Jesus told the apostles afterwards that one of them would betray Him to the Jewish leadership and this triggered strife among the twelve. **verses 21-28**

Jesus then instituted a third rite for the church – foot washing. **John 13:1-5**

There is no mention that Judas Iscariot objected to having his feet washed; Peter on the other hand went ballistic and told Jesus that He could never wash his feet! **verses 6**

Jesus rebuked Peter and stated that if he did not submit, Peter would have no part of Jesus; Peter submitted but also asked Jesus to wash his head and hands as well. **verses 7-11**

When Jesus finished with the foot washing, He gave a short but powerful teaching that the apostles were to teach others to have foot washing events too. **verses 12-17**

THREE CHRISTIAN RITES

Water baptism through immersion, communion and foot washing are three rites introduced by Jesus. **Matthew 28:18-20**

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

Do you have an ear to hear with?