OUR JOURNEY TO THE CROSS

THROUGH THE CROSS

AND BEYOND THE CROSS

Passion Week Bible Study 2026

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Introduction

This is not just a Bible study.

This is a spiritual journey.

This week, we walk with Jesus:

- **To the Cross (Cleansing & Confrontation)**
- **Through the Cross (Sacrifice & Surrender)**
- **Beyond the Cross (Faith & Transformation)**

Our goal is not just information—

but transformation.

DAY 1 — MONDAY

Clean House Before You Carry Glory

Matthew 21:12–13 (NLT) Jesus Clears the Temple

12 Jesus entered the Temple and began to drive out all the people buying and selling animals for sacrifice. He knocked over the tables of the money changers and the chairs of those selling doves.

13 He said to them, "The Scriptures declare, 'My Temple will be called a house of prayer,' but you have turned it into a den of thieves!"

EXEGESIS (THEN)

After His triumphal entry, Jesus enters the Temple—the center of worship. Instead of reverence, He finds corruption. Merchants were exploiting worshippers, turning sacred space into profit. Jesus overturns tables, restoring God's house to its intended purpose: prayer.

SYNOPSIS (NOW)

God confronts what we tolerate.
Before He elevates, He cleans.

REFLECTION

What is God cleansing in me?

What must I release?

ACTION STEP

Let go of one thing God is correcting today.

DAY 2 — TUESDAY

Produce or Pretend

Mark 11:12–14 (NLT)

Jesus Curses the Fig Tree

12 The next morning as they were leaving Bethany, Jesus was hungry.

13 He noticed a fig tree in full leaf a little way off, so he went over to see if he could find any figs. But there were only leaves because it was too early in the season for fruit.

14 Then Jesus said to the tree, "May no one ever eat your fruit again!" And the disciples heard him say it.

EXEGESIS (THEN)

Jesus sees a fig tree full of leaves. Leaves suggested fruit—but there was none. This symbolized Israel's outward religion without inward transformation.

SYNOPSIS (NOW)

God is not impressed by appearance—He is looking for fruit.

REFLECTION

What fruit is missing in my life?

Where am I pretending instead of growing?

ACTION STEP

Do one action today that reflects real faith.

DAY 3 — WEDNESDAY

The Sound of Betrayal

Matthew 26:14–16 (NLT)

Judas Agrees to Betray Jesus

14 Then Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve disciples, went to the leading priests

15 and asked, "How much will you pay me to betray Jesus to you?" And they gave him thirty pieces of silver.

16 From that time on, Judas began looking for an opportunity to betray Jesus.

EXEGESIS (THEN)

Judas agrees to betray Jesus for money. His decision was not sudden—it was cultivated over time through misalignment.

SYNOPSIS (NOW)

What you entertain will influence you.

REFLECTION

What voices are shaping me?

Where am I vulnerable?

ACTION STEP

Remove one unhealthy influence today.

DAY 4 — THURSDAY

Serve Before You Suffer

John 13:3–5 (NLT)

Jesus Washes His Disciples' Feet

3 Jesus knew that the Father had given him authority over everything and that he had come from God and would return to God.

4 So he got up from the table, took off his robe, wrapped a towel around his waist,

5 and poured water into a basin. Then he began to wash the disciples' feet, drying them with the towel he had around him.

EXEGESIS (THEN)

Jesus washes the disciples' feet—a servant's role. He redefines leadership through humility.

SYNOPSIS (NOW)

Humility unlocks authority.

REFLECTION

Where can I serve more?

Is pride blocking me?

ACTION STEP

Serve someone today without recognition.

DAY 5 — FRIDAY

It Had to Happen

John 19:30 (NLT)

The Death of Jesus

30 When Jesus had tasted it, he said, "It is finished!" Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

EXEGESIS (THEN)

Jesus is crucified, fulfilling prophecy. "It is finished" declares redemption complete.

SYNOPSIS (NOW)

What looks like defeat may be God’s purpose.

REFLECTION

What pain do I need to surrender?

Can I trust God in this season?

ACTION STEP

Give one burden fully to God today.

DAY 6 — SATURDAY

Working in the Silence

Matthew 27:59–60 (NLT)

The Burial of Jesus

59 Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a long sheet of clean linen cloth.

60 He placed it in his own new tomb, which had been carved out of the rock. Then he rolled a great stone across the entrance and left.

EXEGESIS (THEN)

Jesus is in the tomb. Everything appears still. But God is still working.

SYNOPSIS (NOW)

Silence is not absence.

REFLECTION

Where do I need to trust God?

Am I willing to wait?

ACTION STEP

Choose faith even without evidence.

DISCIPLESHIP CHALLENGE

Each1 — Grow
Reach1 — Share
Bring1 — Invite
TeachEvery1 — Live it

FINAL DECLARATION

I will not just observe the cross…
I will be transformed because of it.

SUNDAY IS COMING

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