

THE KING MARCHES INTO BATTLE

John 18

"As the sun set one evening before Passover, each side retreated to prepare for the first real battle of an invisible war, a cosmic campaign for the souls of humanity. Both claimed to be the sole guardian of divine truth..." - Charles Swindoll

The Sovereign Advance Into Battle

18:1-11

- Jesus "marches" His disciples towards battle – a spiritual battle He fights on our behalf.
- Jesus steps forward and declares, "I am He," and the soldiers fall back — a response to divine _____.
- Peter reaches for a sword, but Jesus reaches for the cup.
- Jesus protects His own, even in arrest.

The Contrast of Faithfulness and Fear

18:12-27

- Jesus stands bound before Annas, yet speaks openly and boldly without defense.
- Jesus suffers injustice and brutality without retreat.
- Peter stands in a different trial by a charcoal fire and denies Jesus three times.
- The true High Priest remains faithful while Peter, the devoted disciple, falters in _____.

The Revelation of His Kingship

18:28-38

- The Jewish leaders are more concerned with religious ritual than their relationship with God.
- Jesus is tried before Pilate, and reveals He is not a worldly king but a spiritual king.
- Jesus came to bear witness to the _____.

The Willing Exchange of the Innocent for the Guilty

18:39-40

- Barabbas, a rebel, is released; Jesus, the sinless Son of God, is condemned.
- The guilty goes free; the righteous is handed over.
- Victory over sin will ultimately come through the _____.

Believe in the King who gave Himself willingly.

Stand firm in truth when pressured.

Trust in God's sovereignty when circumstances seem chaotic.

EPHESIANS 6:12

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

EXODUS 3:14b

...And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'I am has sent me to you.'"

PHILLIPIANS 2:9-10

Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth...

HEBREWS 7:26-27

For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself.

JOHN 12:32-33

And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die.

JOHN 3:16-17

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

ROMANS 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Harmony of the Events of Holy Week

Day	Event	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
Friday/ Saturday	Jesus arrives in Bethany				12:1
	Mary anoints Jesus				12:2-8
	Crowd comes to see Jesus				12:9-11
Sunday	Triumphal entry into Jerusalem	21:1-11	11:1-10	19:28-44	12:12-18
	Some Greeks seek Jesus				12:20-36
	Jesus weeps over Jerusalem			19:41	
	Enters temple		11:11		
	Returns to Bethany	21:17	11:11		
Monday	Jesus curses the fig tree	21:18-19	11:12-14		
	Clears the temple	21:12-13	11:15-17	19:45-46	
	Returns to Bethany with the Twelve		11:19		
Tuesday	Disciples see the withered fig tree on the return to Jerusalem	21:20-22	11:20-21		
	Temple controversies in Jerusalem	21:23-23:39	11:27-12:44	20:1-21:4	
	Olivet Discourse on the return to Bethany	24:1-25:46	13:1-37	21:5-36	
Wednesday	Jesus continues daily teaching in the temple			21:37-38	
	Sanhedrin plots to kill Jesus	26:3-5	14:1-2	22:1-2	
Wed/Thurs	Preparations for the Passover	26:17-19	14:12-16	22:7-13	
Thursday	Passover meal/Last Supper	26:20-35	14:17-26	22:14-30	
	Upper Room Discourse				13:1-17:26
	Jesus prays in Gethsemane	26:36-46	14:32-42	22:39-46	
Friday	Betrayal and arrest (<i>after midnight?</i>)	26:47-56	14:43-52	22:47-53	18:2-12
	Jewish trials:				
	- before Annas				18:13-24
	- before Caiaphas and part of the Sanhedrin	26:57-75	14:53-72	22:54-65	
	- before full Sanhedrin (<i>after sunrise?</i>)	27:1-2	15:1	22:66-71	
	Roman trials:				
	- before Pilate	27:2-14	15:2-5	23:1-5	
	- before Herod			23:6-12	
	- before Pilate	27:15-26	15:6-15	23:13-25	18:28-19:16
	Crucifixion (<i>approx. 9:00am to 3:00pm</i>)	27:27-54	15:16-39	23:26-49	19:16-37
	Burial (<i>evening</i>)	27:57-61	15:42-47	23:50-54	19:38-42
Sunday	Empty-tomb witnesses	28:1-8	16:1-8	24:1-12	
	Resurrection appearances	28:9-20	16:9-20	24:13-53	20:1-21:25