

Welcome To Sunday Night Bible Fellowship



"We proclaim Him, warning every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man mature in Christ." Col 1:28

"Two Copper Coins"

Luke 21:1-4

March 17, 2024

Passion Week

Month of Nisan
1st month of Hebrew Calendar.
(Exodus 12:2) (March/April)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Jesus arrived in Bethany yesterday (Saturday), and on Sunday the crowds visit Jesus and Lazarus in Bethany, which upset the Jewish leaders (John 12:9-20).	Select the sacrificial lamb. Exodus 12:3 "On the <u>tenth</u> of this month they are each one to take a lamb for themselves..." Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on a donkey colt a.k.a. Palm Monday (John 12:12) also see Matt. 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:29-38; John 12:9-20) Jesus visits the temple, looked around, and heals many Jesus returns to Bethany for the evening	Jesus curses the Fig Tree (divine judgment re: Israel) Jesus cleanses the Temple again, He overturned tables, seats, and prevented people from using the temple as a shortcut Jesus' conversation with Greeks (John 12:20-36) God the Father audibly speaks, and everyone hears (John 12:28-33) Jesus talks about His coming death and the unbelief of the Jews	Withered Fig tree is seen again (Mark 11) Jesus teaches all day in the Temple grounds. Jewish leaders official challenge of Christ's authority Jesus tells parables to the chief priests, scribes and Pharisees on the Temple grounds Jewish leaders plot to kill Him Jesus teaches the Olivet Discourse to the Disciples See chapters Matthew 21-25; Mark 11-13; Luke 19-21; John 12	Jesus sends Peter and John to prepare for the Passover meal. Note: Jews from <u>Galilee</u> (northern Israel) celebrate Passover on Thursday after sunset. Jesus & disciples Last Supper The Upper Room Discourse and Jesus High Priestly Prayer Jesus and Disciples go to Mount of Olives (Garden of Gethsemane) overnight to pray. See chapters Matthew 26; Mark 14; Luke 22; John 13-18	Early am betrayal and arrest of Jesus 6 Trials of Jesus (3 Jewish then 3 Roman) The Passover day. Jews from <u>Judea</u> (southern Israel) would celebrate Passover on Friday. Sacrifice the lamb. Exodus 12:6 "You shall keep it until the <u>fourteenth</u> day...to kill it at <u>twilight</u> " and Deut 16:6 Jesus is crucified. Jesus' body put in Joseph's tomb before sunset. Day 1.	Jesus' body in the tomb Day 2. Jewish Feast of Unleavened bread continues for 7 days Note 1: Biblical days don't start/end at midnight. See slide below for an explanation of Galilean and Judean start/end Sunrise/Sunset Note 2: For details on what happened during the hours of Thursday and Friday see the below graphic	Jesus' body in the tomb Day 3. Jesus is resurrected Post-resurrection and appearances over the next 40 days to over 500 people

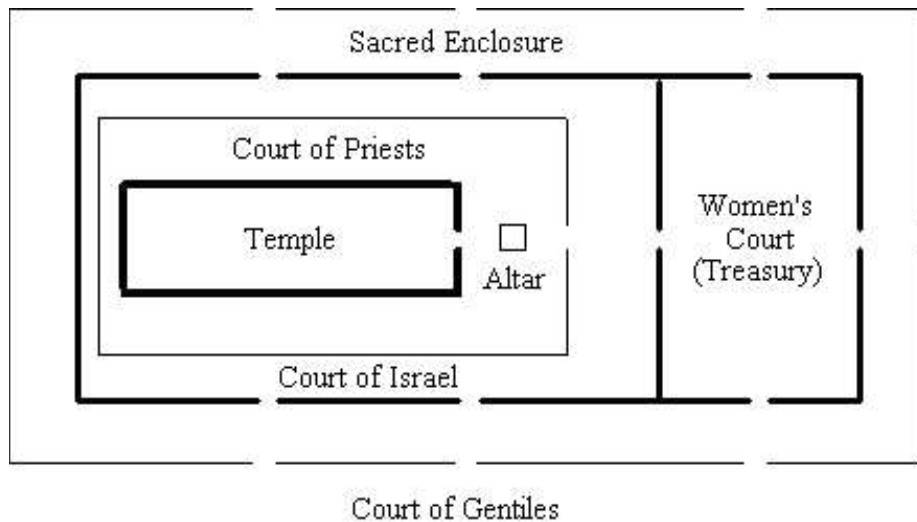
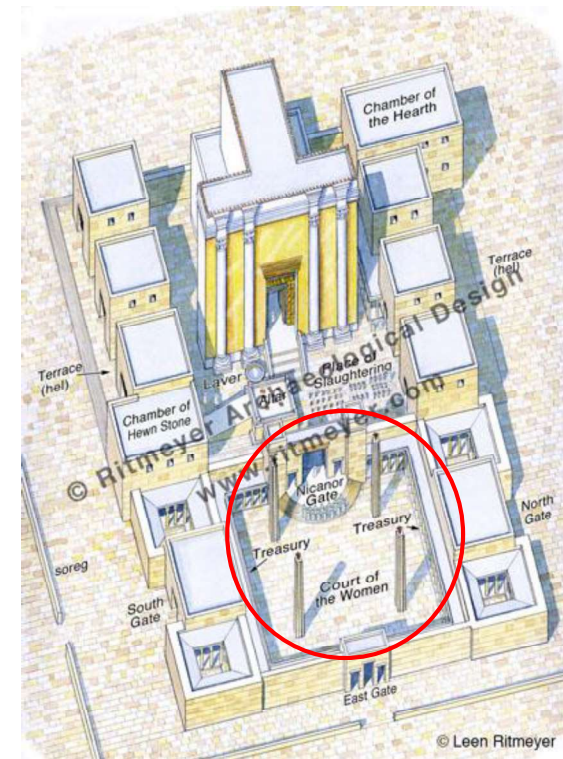


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- 7 They questioned Him, saying, "Teacher, when therefore will these things happen? And what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?"
- 8 And He said, "See to it that you are not misled; for many will come in My name, saying, 'I am He,' and, 'The time is near.' Do not go after them.
- 9 "When you hear of wars and disturbances, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end does not follow immediately."

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- Jesus, probably deep in thought, was looking down.
- He looks up and sees the treasury.
- Located in the Court of Women.
- The Temple was run by the Sadducees and Chief Priests. They lived a rich life. Jesus, at the end of Luke 19, drove out the abusers and moneychangers.
- The treasury contained 13 horns into which people could give their offering.
- They were labeled according to the offering given.





Types of offering:

1. To pay this year's taxes.
2. To pay last year's taxes.
3. To pay for the offering of two birds.
4. To make a donation for other birds.
5. For work at the altar.
6. To purchase frankincense.
7. For gold for the interior of the holy of holies.
8. For money left over from the sacrifice of sin.
9. For money left over from the transgression or guilt offering.
10. For money left over from the bird sacrifice for a woman with blood.
11. For offerings required after a Nazarite vow.
12. For money left over for leper sacrifices.
13. For money to be used for burnt offerings.

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• **Luke 16:14**

14 Now the Pharisees, who were lovers of money, were listening to all these things and were scoffing at Him.

Mark 11:15-16

15 And He entered the temple and began to drive out those who were buying and selling in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who were selling doves;

16 and He would not permit anyone to carry merchandise through the temple.

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Luke 20:46-47

46 "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and love respectful greetings in the market places, and chief seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets,

47 who devour widows' houses,

- Here is a widow who is destitute.
- Copper coins. Smallest of Jewish coins.
- She contributes the bare minimum.

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Jesus makes some observations.

Here are the only facts Jesus gives us:

1. she is poor.
2. she is a widow.
3. she gives 100% (all she has to live on).
4. she gives more than all the rich, those who are wealthy.

Jesus does not say:

1. Her spiritual status.
 2. Her motive for giving.
 3. Her attitude.
 4. Her devotion.
 5. Praise for what she did.
 6. For the listeners to do the same – "give 100%."
- This is an illustration of a poor widow who is hooked by a religious system.
 - She is trying to earn favor with God. Buy her way into heaven.
 - It is an example of a religious system that abuses the poor. RC and PG.
 - It is a works-righteousness system.

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Matt 6:1-4

1 "Beware of practicing your righteousness before men to be noticed by them; otherwise you have no reward with your Father who is in heaven.

2 "So when you give to the poor, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be honored by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full.

3 "But when you give to the poor, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing,

4 so that your giving will be in secret; and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you.

"We lose the approval of God when we seek the applause of men!"

Mark 12:41-44

- 41 And He sat down opposite the treasury, and began observing how the people were putting money into the treasury; and many rich people were putting in large sums.
- 42 A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which amount to a cent.
- 43 Calling His disciples to Him, He said to them, "Truly I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the contributors to the treasury;
- 44 for they all put in out of their surplus, but she, out of her poverty, put in all she owned, **all she had to live on.**"
- That last phrase is wrong, not biblical.
 - No where in Scripture are we commanded to give 100%.

Application

1. For some passages of Scripture, it is just as important to observe what is not said as it is that which is said.
2. Man-made religion and false teachers, even within the Church, if driven by the flesh, will prey upon the poor and abuse them to gain wealth.
3. God nowhere in Scripture commands you to give 100% of what you have to support His work.

Principles of biblical giving:

1. SACRIFICIAL BUT NOT SENSELESS.

2 Cor 8:3

3 For I testify that according to their ability, and beyond their ability, they gave of their own accord,

2. PROPORTIONAL AND NOT LEGALISTIC.

1 Cor 16:2

2 On the first day of every week each one of you is to put aside and save, as he may prosper, so that no collections be made when I come.

3. PURPOSEFUL AND NOT PRESSURED.

2 Cor 9:7,8

7 Each one must do just **as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion**, for God loves a **cheerful giver**.

8 And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed;