

Come. See. Go. Tell.
Part 1 – Jesus is a great **GUY**

Jesus' planned **exit** strategy
– He was NOT caught off guard, captive, or incapacitated

Sunday – The big **reveal!**

Triumphant **Entry** into Jerusalem

What He **rode**, **Direction** He rode, What He **felt**
Zech. 9:9; Matt. 21:1-9; Luke 19:41-42

Monday – Jesus' **protests** against rejection and injustice

AM - Fig Tree **cursed** – metaphor for Israel's rejection of Jesus

PM - Cleanses the temple of **injustice** – religious coercion

Tuesday – Teaching, **traps** avoided, tough love

AM - Conversations in the Temple courtyard – **departure** stories

PM – Meeting on the **Mount** – end times discussion

Wednesday – Teaching, preparation for **Passover** and **death**

AM – More conversations in the courtyard

PM – **Mary** and **Judas** make their plans

Thursday – Closing the **circle**; passing the **baton**

AM – **Preparation** for Last Supper

PM – **Last Supper**: Washing, arguing, betrayal, teaching, Prayer
Garden of Gethsemane: prayer, sleep, arrest, trials, denial

Friday – Endured Progressive personal **Persecution**

AM- **Illegal** trials from the Jews

Unjustified treatment from the Romans

Protests against Him from the Jews

Politically motivated conviction from Romans

More **unjustified** treatment from Romans

Crucifixion by Romans

Life Group Discussion Questions – March 24, 2024

Luke 9:51-52 *When the days were approaching for His ascension, He was determined to go to Jerusalem; and He sent messengers on ahead of Him, and they went and entered a village of the Samaritans to make arrangements for Him.*

DISCOVER

1. In corporate America, what is meant by the term “exit strategy”? Why is an exit strategy important to a potential investor? What were some of the components of Jesus' exit strategy? What would've been the impact on believers if Jesus' last days were met with a sense of great confusion of crisis?
2. What would you do if you knew you had only five days to live? How would you prepare to “meet your Creator”? How would you prepare your loved ones that would be left behind? Describe how you might be intentional on each of the 5 days. How would you begin each day? How would you 'close out' each day?
3. Identify some of the reasons we don't live our lives today as if we only had a short time to live. What can we do to change this attitude?

EXPLORE

1. Walk through each gospel's version of the Passion Week, discussing the human attributes that made Jesus a “genuinely great guy.” What parts of His incarnate character are you desiring to have more of?
2. Read Luke 22:14-20. Why was Jesus so eager to eat the Passover meal with His disciples? On hearing this statement, discuss how the disciples might've felt as a result. Were they eager to partake as well? What does this say about the relationship between Jesus and His disciples?
3. Read Matthew 26:36-46. At His darkest hour, Jesus selected three disciples to “watch and pray” with Him in the Garden of Gethsemane. Why did He choose those three? What was Jesus expecting them to do? What kind of help might they have offered to Jesus as their brother and friend? As their Lord and God? What life lessons can we glean from this climatic scene?

EXPERIENCE

1. Jesus was very intentional about wrapping-up His ministry on earth. In a sense, He was focusing on the passing of His ministry baton. What are some of the benefits the next generation will reap as a result of a well-passed baton?
2. Short-term missionaries often study about the cultures they will be serving. Thus, they prepare for their “going”. What kind of things might a missionary plan for in the last days of a two-week mission trip? How might they prepare for their “leaving”? How will your host culture remember you? What evidences of this would you have left behind?
3. We are all long-term missionaries on this earth. How have you related with your fellow missionaries? How have you dealt with those who have opposed you? Have you consistently and unconditionally shown the love of God? In what ways are you now preparing those you love for your upcoming departure?

PRAY

Pray...Father in heaven, forgive me that I don't always consider how much of an influence my life and my actions have. I have neglected those responsibilities you have entrusted to me. Bring me to a place of greater awareness of the purpose of my life...to know You and to help others know You. Give me a desire to leave a legacy that pleases You and brings glory to Your great Name. Amen.