

Holy Week Journal

Monday Matthew 21:12–16 Jesus disrupts the Temple, making space for something deeper.

Imagine happened to be present in the Temple when Jesus entered and turned over the tables.

Do you think you would see his disruptive action as a surprising work of God, challenging the established fixed form of religion and opening the way to something different?

Tuesday Matthew 21:18–22

Jesus curses the barren fig tree and speaks of faith that bears fruit. Think about signs of spring and abundance. Imagine you walked past the fig tree just before Jesus arrived.

Would you have seen its barrenness as a warning against scarcity thinking?

How might Jesus' words challenge you to trust in unseen abundance from God, even when things look lifeless?

Wednesday Matthew 26:14–16

Judas makes a decision for which others will judge him – but what led him there? Think about how we might affirm dignity in those we might overlook or misjudge. Imagine you were present when Judas approached the chief priests. Would you have seen only betrayal, or would you have wondered what pain or confusion led him there?

How does this moment invite you to look deeper before judging?

Thursday Matthew 26:26–30

Jesus shares bread and wine, offering hope in the face of betrayal. Imagine you were at the table with Jesus, holding a cup in your hands.

Would you have seen this meal as a quiet act of restoration?

What does this moment have to say about the possibility of hope even when things feel fragile?

Friday Matthew 27:27–31

Jesus endures cruelty without retaliation. You have followed Jesus, listened to his teaching, experienced his love.

Imagine you were in the crowd.

How do you reconcile Jesus now being silent as he is mocked and beaten?

Saturday Matthew 27:57–61

Jesus' body is laid in the tomb. Silence and waiting begin. Imagine you were one of the women watching the tomb being sealed.

What false messages might have crept in about endings, failure or absence?

What truths might still be waiting to rise, quietly, in the silence?