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Holy Tuesday and Holy Wednesday¹

“He was despised and rejected--a man of sorrows, acquainted with deepest grief. We turned our backs on him and looked the other way. He was despised, and we did not care.” (Isaiah 53:3 NLT)

Tuesday of Holy Week

In Christianity, Holy Tuesday is the last Tuesday prior to [Easter Sunday](#); it is the third day of [Holy Week](#) after [Palm Sunday](#) and [Holy Monday](#). According to Matthew, Mark and Luke, Jesus again returns to Jerusalem where He is confronted by the Temple leadership for what He did the day before. They questioned His authority. He also teaches extensively using parables and other formats. There is the parable of the vineyard (Matthew 21:33-46), the parable of the wedding banquet, (Matthew 22:1). There is also the teaching on paying taxes (Matthew 22:15) and the rebuke of the Sadducees who deny the resurrection (Matthew 22:23). There is also the fearful prophecy about the destruction of Jerusalem if the inhabitants do not come to faith in Him. He warns that not one stone will be left on another (Matthew 24). **Let us pray with Jesus and listen carefully to His final teachings just before his passion.**

Holy Tuesday is April 16, 2019.

Wednesday of Holy Week

Depending on the denomination, this particular day may or may not be celebrated at all. Those that do observe Holy Wednesday typically mark it with readings of particular scriptures and the singing of relevant hymns. Traditionally this day was called “Spy Wednesday” for it was on this Wednesday before the crucifixion that Judas conspired to hand Jesus over. For this he was paid thirty pieces of silver (Matthew 26:14). Jesus likely spent the day in Bethany. In the evening Mary of Bethany anoints Jesus with costly perfumed oil. Judas objects but Jesus rebukes him and says Mary has anointed Him for His burial! (Matthew 26:6). The wicked were harassing Jesus and plotting against Him. **Wickedness is still prevalent today as it was so many years ago. Are you still praying? AMEN.**

Holy Wednesday or “Spy Wednesday is April 17, 2019.

¹ <http://blog.adw.org/2010/03/walking-with-jesus-in-holy-week/>

“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” Matthew 28:18 – 20

