

Carry Your Cross — A closer look at Holy Week

Winter 2024 Men's Bible Study — Wednesdays @ 6:00 p.m.

When the Apostle Paul proclaimed the Gospel to the church in Corinth approximately 25 years after Jesus' resurrection, his message focused on the cross: "we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles" (1 Corinthians 1:23). Beginning the sermon by essentially saying, "I know none of you are going to believe this, but..." doesn't seem like an effective strategy!

With a message like this, how could first century Christians—or 21st century Christians—expect to attract converts? And yet they did. Within 300 years of Jesus' resurrection, the followers of this so-called foolish Gospel of a crucified Savior had gone from being an largely ignored religious sect within Judaism to being outlawed and occasionally persecuted to overtaking the Roman Empire.

How might a fresh look at Jesus' actions, encounters, teachings, and sufferings on Holy Week help us follow him in our lives? Lets open our Bibles and learn together!

Jan. 3 *Palm Sunday—Entry.* Matthew 21:1-11

Jan. 10 *Monday—Confront.* Luke 21:1-4

Jan. 17 *Wednesday—Faithful?* Mark 14:3-9

Jan. 24 *Maundy Thursday—Serve.* Luke 22:14-23

Jan. 31 *Good Friday—Crucify.* John 18:28-38

Feb. 7 *Holy Saturday—Silence.* Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Feb. 14 *Ash Wednesday*

Feb. 21 *The Gravity of Sin.* Psalm 51:1-17

Feb. 28 *A Passover Festival.* Exodus 12:29-32

Mar. 6 *The Difficulty of Crucifixion.* 1 Cor. 15:1-11

Mar. 13 *Carry your Cross.* Luke 14:25-33