

## THE GREATEST WEEK IN HISTORY

The week that Jesus went to the Cross included the most significant days in earth's history. Here are a few aspects to that week.

### **The Greatest Submission**

In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus made the ultimate commitment of surrender to the will of the Father, knowing that the cup of suffering he was about to experience would transcend that of any human who would ever live.

### **The Greatest Injustice**

Jesus, the first man to live a perfect and sinless life was tried illegally at night on bogus charges by religious leaders who hated him enough to see him murdered.

### **The Greatest Concentration of Evil**

As Jesus was crucified, the world had never seen such a concentration of evil in one location on earth. Satan and all his dark spiritual forces were there to torment Jesus and gloat over their seeming victory over Jesus.

### **The Greatest Hatred and Wrath**

Jesus bore the sins of all mankind for all generations and the full weight of God's wrath of the wages of sin, which is death. The Cross is a symbol of God's hatred for sin.

### **The Greatest Love**

The Cross is also a symbol of the greatest example of sacrificial love. **Jesus bore the curse of our sins**, our shame (he died naked), our sorrows (at Gethsemane), our sickness (at the scourging post and at the cross) and our poverty.

***Earth's darkest day and earth's brightest day are three days apart.***

*- E. Stanley Jones*

### **The Darkest Day**

The three hours when Jesus was on the cross were the darkest ones spiritually. Even as the Son of God was dying, the earthly sun disappeared and darkness covered the city of Jerusalem.

### **The Brightest Day**

The resurrection of Jesus is the greatest display of God's glory and overcoming power over death and all the works of the enemy. Up to this point in history, this was the greatest week in history. However, there is a time coming that will be even more momentous. The whole world will turn dark and all of earth's inhabitants will look up to the sky and see the glorious return of Jesus to set up his kingdom on this earth. Matthew 24:27-31, 2 Thessalonians 1:4-10. **jesusreigns.net**