

3-25-2026 – Walked It!

Jesus didn't just talk about the love of the Father; He walked it.

He didn't just preach/teach . . . He lived it.

Look at where He walked the last week of His life

1 – Luke 19 – Jesus walks to Jerusalem.

- When Jesus journeys to the Holy City, He knows what awaits Him.
 - o He knows there is a colt tied just inside the village of Bethphage/Bethany; colt that's never been ridden. Untie it, bring.
 - o Jesus will enter Jerusalem riding on a colt/donkey.
 - Prophecy – Zechariah 9:9 – “See, your King comes to you, righteous and victorious, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”
- Jesus stops before entering Jerusalem, makes a curious statement:
 - o ⁴¹ As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it ⁴² and said, “If you, even you, had only **known on this day** what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes. ⁴³ The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side. ⁴⁴ They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not **recognize the time of God's coming to you.**”
- **This time** was anointed & appointed; Prophesied 100s of years earlier.
 - o **Daniel 9:25** – “Know and understand this: From the issuance of the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the Messiah, the Prince, there **will be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks.** It will be rebuilt with streets and a trench, but in times of distress.”
 - o **Divine timeline** for the Messiah, given by Angel Gabriel to Daniel.
 - o “**Weeks**” we understood to mean **"weeks of years."** Common interpretation of biblical prophecy: **each "week" represents 7 yrs.**
 - **7 x 7 weeks = 49. 7 x 62 weeks = 434. 434 + 49 = 483 years.**

- **Calculate from** decree to rebuild Jerusalem. When was that?
 - In April of 444 B.C. - decree by Artaxerxes which allowed Nehemiah to return and rebuild the city. ([Nehemiah 2:1-8](#)). That's the starting point of the prophetic timeline.
- Calculating **483** years isn't as easy as it seems.
 - Hebrew calendar isn't like our calendars today.
 - 360 days instead of 365; "leap months" instead of leap yrs.
- **Sir Robert Anderson**, chief of Scotland Yard, an English lawyer studied Daniel's prophecy. Did the calculations.
 - **483** yrs happened during **Passover, AD 33. April 6** – This is the moment of **Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem**.
- **Jesus walked to Jerusalem right on time.** It's why He said to the Jewish people: "you did not recognize the time of God's coming to you."
 - **God's plans unfold according to His divine timetable, we can Trust in His perfect timing.**
- Jesus walked to Jerusalem and entered the city just as God planned. It was the beginning of last week of life. He knew it... knew God's plan.
 - "After this period of sixty-two sets of seven, the Anointed One will be killed, appearing to have accomplished nothing..." **Dan. 9:26**
 - **We know what Jesus accomplished! Praise God . . . He loves us!**

2 – Luke 22-23 – Jesus was arrested during Passover. "They led Him away" – from Garden/Gethsemane to house of High Priest Caiaphas (the denial), then **walked** between Pilate – Herod – back to Pilate. The trials. 4x.

And in between – mocked by soldiers. **Luke 22:64** – "They blindfolded him and demanded, "Prophecy! Who hit you?" Insults. No reply.

- **Luke 23:9** – Herod "plied him w/many questions, but Jesus gave him no answer. "

- **John 19:10 - Pilate** – “Do you refuse to speak to me?” “Don’t you realize I have power either to free you or to crucify you?”
- **Matt. 27:12-14** – “When he was accused by the chief priests and the elders, he gave no answer. Then Pilate asked Him, “Do You not hear how many charges they are bringing against You?” But Jesus gave no answer, not even to a single charge, much to the governor’s amazement.”
 - **Isaiah 53:7 prophecy** – “He was oppressed & afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, & as a sheep before its shearers is silent, he did not open his mouth.”
 - **Impact on Peter** – **1 Pet. 2:23** – “When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.”
- **Jesus Walked His Talk.** - **Luke 6:27-29** - “But to those of you who will listen, I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, / bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. / If someone strikes you on one cheek, turn to him the other also.”
 - Who will listen? Who will do the same? Turn the cheek.
 - Our calling isn’t easy. “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? . . . And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that.” **Lk 6:32-33**
 - Turn the cheek. Bless, don’t curse. Love enemies. Do good.
 - Put revenge in God’s hands. Leave hate behind.

3 – Jesus walked to His crucifixion. He carried his cross.

John 23:17 – “Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha).”

- The route is called the “Via Dolorosa” – “way of suffering.”
- It’s about ½ mile from the Praetorium to Golgotha. Steep route thru, crowded streets [Passover pilgrims] to get out of the city up the hill.

- Likely took an hour... weak/ after flogged. That's why Simon of Cyrene was forced to carry Jesus' cross. (Mt. 27:32; Lk.23:26; Mk 15:21)
 - **Interesting note** – **Acts 11:20** says that some **believers from Cyrene** went to Antioch, preaching to Gentiles about Jesus. ?
 - Mark notes - **Simon** was the **father of Alexander & Rufus**.
 - **Rom. 16:13** – Paul wrote: “**Greet Rufus**, chosen in the Lord, and his mother, who has been a mother to me, too.”
 - Simon, a passerby, becomes an unexpected participant in Jesus' crucifixion; chosen by soldiers, but chosen by God.
 - His carrying of the cross had an impact – his family appears to have been involved in the early church. [Acts & Romans]
 - Perhaps Jesus had this moment in mind when he said earlier: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.” [**Mark 8:34**]
- Another encounter in walk to Golgatha – mourning women. [Luke 23]
 - Jesus says, “Do not weep for me; weep for yourselves and for your children.” - The **judgment to come** for those who reject Him
- Jesus walks out of Jerusalem, up the hill to Golgatha. He walked that hill for you and for me. “No greater love / lay down one's life.”
- During the greatest suffering of His life:
 - Jesus said, “**Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.**” – **Luke 23:34**
 - Forgiveness! He practiced what He preached. He walked the talk.
 - Jesus preached, “Forgive, and you will be forgiven” **Luke 6:37**
 - **Matt 6:14** - “If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you.”

In every Road walked ... in everything He did ... Jesus showed His love for us.