

# CROSSROAD



## From Praise to Passion

A six week journey for the season of Lent

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## Crossroad is a contemplative journey with Jesus, from his parade into Jerusalem, through the week, and to the crucifixion

This Bible study is meant for meditation and reflection on Jesus' last week in Jerusalem.

The questions provided are not meant for specific answers, but as jumping off points for wondering and contemplation.

Space is given for musings and questions.

The study will be more enlightening if the passages are read early in the week. Spend some time each day mulling over the readings and pondering Jesus' words and actions, keeping it in the forefront of your thoughts.

The scriptures for the entire week are listed first. After brief outline, definitions and context, the scriptures are broken down by story. You can read through all the Matthew passages on one day, Mark the next, etc. or you can divide the reading up by stories, i.e. read all accounts of the triumphal entry on one day, then read all accounts of the trashing of the temple the next, etc.. However you want to break it up is just fine.

Don't beat yourself up if you get behind. do what you can. Try to finish the readings prior to our sessions together.

We will use Mark's gospel as a timeline, jumping to the other three gospels for their parallel stories. The first three gospels have fairly similar storylines, each one emphasizing concepts that would relate to their intended reader. John's gospel is one of symbolism. John's stories aren't meant to be chronological, as he uses the stories to make statements about the nature of Jesus and his ministry.

It will be helpful to have a bookmark for each Gospel.

I pray we will all come to a better understanding of the person of Jesus, and how he represented (and still represents) God's nature and extravagant love.