



## ***Day 1 - The Final Week***

It's early in the final week. The props and players for Friday's drama are in position. Five-inch spikes are in the bin. A crossbeam leans against a shed wall. The players are nearing the stage—Pilate, Annas and Caiaphas, Judas, the centurions.

Players and props. Only this is no play; it's a divine plan. A plan begun before Adam felt heaven's breath, and now all heaven waits and watches. All eyes are on one figure—the Nazarene.

Commonly clad. Uncommonly focused. Leaving Jericho and walking toward Jerusalem. He doesn't chatter or pause. He's on his final journey.

Even the angels are silent. They know this is no ordinary walk or week. For hinged on this week is the door of eternity.

He knew the end was near. He knew the finality of Friday.

Let's walk with him. Let's see how Jesus spent his final days.

Enter the holy week and observe.

Feel his passion. Sense his power. Hear his promise that death has no power.

Let's follow Jesus on his final journey. For by observing his, we may learn how to make ours.

### **John 12:44-50 NLT**

44 Jesus shouted to the crowds, "If you trust me, you are trusting not only me, but also God who sent me. 45 For when you see me, you are seeing the one who sent me. 46 I have come as a light to shine in this dark world, so that all who put their trust in me will no longer remain in the dark. 47 I will not judge those who hear me but don't obey me, for I have come to save the world and not to judge it. 48 But all who reject me and my message will be judged on the day of judgment by the truth I have spoken. 49 I don't speak on my own authority. The Father who sent me has commanded me what to say and how to say it. 50 And I know his commands lead to eternal life; so I say whatever the Father tells me to say."

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