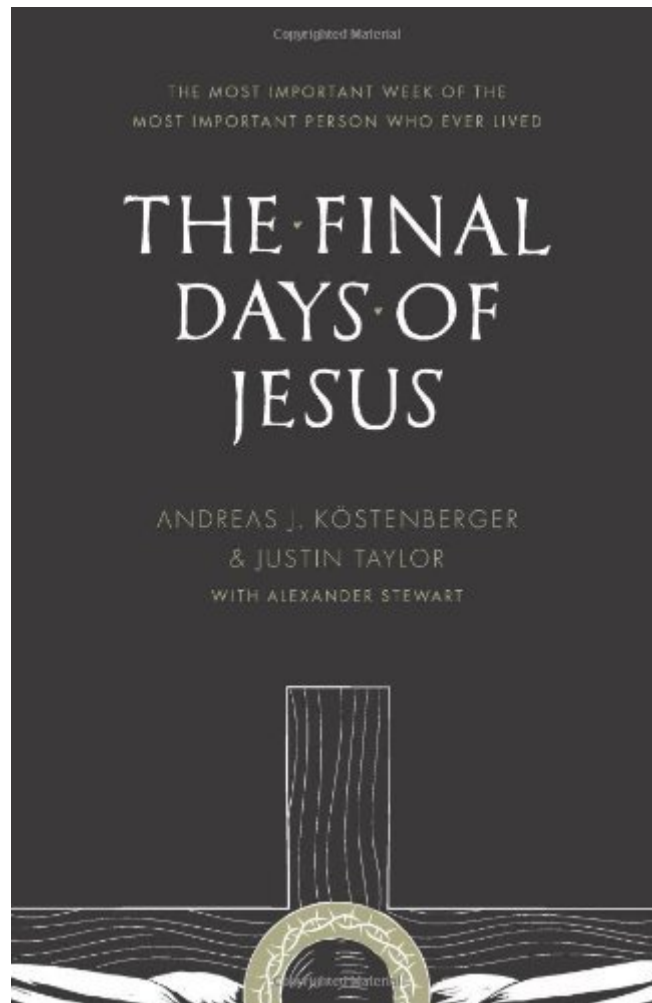


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Walk With Jesus During His Last Week on Earth On March 29, AD 33, Jesus entered the city of Jerusalem and boldly predicted that he would soon be put to death—executed on a cross, like a common criminal. So began the most important week of the most important person who ever lived. Nearly 2,000 years later, the events that took place during Jesus's last days still reverberate through the ages. Designed as a day-by-day guide to Passion Week, *The Final Days of Jesus* leads us to reexamine and meditate on the history-making, earth-shaking significance of Jesus's arrest, trial, crucifixion, and empty tomb. Combining a chronological arrangement of the Gospel accounts with insightful commentary, charts, and maps, this book will help you better understand what actually happened all those years ago—and why it matters today.

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Customer Reviews

Andreas Köstenberger, an outstanding biblical scholar from Southeastern Seminary; Justin Taylor, the well-known blogger and publisher at Crossway Books; and Alexander Stewart, a research assistant for Köstenberger; have teamed up to write a book on the last days of Jesus—that is, the

final week of his life. The authors primarily march through the week day by day, from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday, though they also include a brief epilogue that includes other resurrection appearances, the Great Commission, and Christ's ascension. The format of the book is easy to follow, and the commentary is brief and consistently excellent. For each day in the final week of Jesus' life, the events are listed, the scriptural passage (or passages) pertaining to the event is printed, and a commentary on the passage is provided. The Final Days of Jesus should prove to be helpful for pastors, teachers, and interested laypersons who preach and teach about the events in our Lord's last week. Moreover, those who desire to meditate on Jesus' last week will find this to be an excellent resource as well. One of the main advantages of Kästenberger and Taylor's book is its brevity. Here is a resource that pastors and teachers will be able to read in advance of teaching, for the commentary is concise and accessible. I especially found helpful the numerous tables that illustrated events or other truths. Sometimes busy pastors and teachers don't have the time to plunge into technical details about Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection, and yet they need to be informed by responsible scholarship about what occurred. This book serves that need.

It's Palm Sunday. You remember people laid down palm branches for Jesus as he rode into Jerusalem. But where was that story again? You know Good Friday is a just a few days away and then Easter Sunday, but what changed between the celebration of Palm Sunday and the horror of the crucifixion? Wouldn't you like to follow Jesus step by step through those last days and hours of his last week? If only you had a guide to lead you through all that the Gospels record about those last days. Enter "The Final Days of Jesus." I'm not aware of any other book that does quite what this book does. Beginning with Palm Sunday the authors devote a chapter to each day of the last week of Jesus' earthly ministry. The chapters for Palm Sunday through Tuesday tell us the events that happened on those days and where we can find them in the Bible. Then beginning with Wednesday and continuing through Easter Sunday they provide the very words of Scripture from all four of the Gospels (one event at a time) as we follow Jesus toward the cross and on to the empty tomb. All of these chapters include simple yet powerful explanations of each event as it happens. The point of the book is not to provide a dramatic retelling of the final days of Jesus. The Scripture account is dramatic enough. Instead it aims to let the Bible speak while adding powerful commentary to help the reader understand what he's read. Wondering why Passover was such a volatile time in Israel? The authors will tell you. Do you wonder how some seeming contradiction in the Gospel accounts can be explained? You'll likely find a reasonable answer or two provided. Having trouble keeping all the different Marys straight or remembering who Herod Antipas was?

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