

## The Feast of Passover (Day 4 of 10)

### *Biblical Prophecy Fulfilled Timeline of Events*

#### Overview & Prayer

#### The Passover Overview Spotless Lamb of God

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*"They shall be without defect."*  
Numbers 28:31

#### On the fourth day:

##### Sunday Daytime (Abib/Nisan 11<sup>th</sup>) – 1<sup>st</sup> day of the week

- Jesus returns to Jerusalem the second time and curses the fig tree.<sup>1</sup>
- He drives the moneychangers out of the Temple for the second time.

##### Sunday Nighttime (Abib/Nisan 12<sup>th</sup>) – 2<sup>nd</sup> day of the week

- Jesus spends the night in Bethany.

##### Monday Daytime (Abib/Nisan 12<sup>th</sup>) – 2<sup>nd</sup> day of the week

- Jesus returns to Jerusalem the third time.
- The fig tree has withered.

#### Reflection Reading fourth day:

*"So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be (lead to the Messiah) justified by faith."*  
Galatians 3:24

#### Prayer on the fourth day:

##### Daily Exercise - Lectio Divina

Lectio Divina is a Latin term that means "divine reading." It is a way or method of reading the Scriptures in such a manner that facilitates the reader in receiving a "specific word" from God. The practice was developed early in the church's history with Origen first expressing its principles around 220 AD. The system consists of four parts: reading, meditation, prayer and contemplation. It may be practiced privately or in a small group setting. There are four elements to be considered in preparing for this exercise:

1. Set aside enough time to complete the exercise so that you don't have to rush through it. Usually thirty minutes is adequate.
2. Find a quiet place free of distractions.
3. Read the Selected Passage Above of Scripture.
4. Transition from what you have been doing by calming you mind and body. This can be done by taking a few slow, deep breaths and inviting the Lord to speak to you through His word.

##### Reading

1. Read the passage aloud slowly a couple of times.
2. Be silent for one-to-two minutes.
3. Is there a word or phrase that is meaningful to you?

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<sup>1</sup>The season for figs is the beginning of summer yet springtime had just arrived. Jesus used the illustration of the fig tree in His Olivet discourse on the following day concerning the future. Therefore, He cursed the fig tree because it was giving a false and misleading sign. It was prematurely putting forth leaves, which would indicate that it was about to bear fruit. This issue will be covered in a future lesson.

4. Repeat the word or phrase several times silently as if to memorize it.

\* If in a group, share it in turn. Do not elaborate simply state what it is.

### **Meditation**

1. Read the passage again.
2. Be silent for two to three minutes.
3. Think about how the reading applies or touches your life today.

\* If in a group, share it in turn. Briefly state "I hear, I see, I feel ..."

### **Prayer**

1. Talk with God about what he is showing you.

\* If in a group, pray quietly.

### **Contemplation**

1. Read the passage again.
2. Be silent for two to three minutes.
3. Reflect on "I believe God wants me to \_\_\_\_\_ today/this week/etc."

\* If in a group, share in turn. At this point you can elaborate somewhat on what you believe God is telling you to do.

## **Study on the fourth day:**

### **A Matter of Faith – Lesson 44**

*"They said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?' And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem.*

*And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying,*

***"The Lord has risen indeed!"***

**Luke 24:33**

