



The Last Week Robert Morris

Focus

What Jesus chose to do and say during His last week on earth is relevant to us today. As we enter Holy Week, consider the roots of anti-Semitism and how we can help change the popular myth about who or what put Jesus on the cross.

Fun

What would you do if you knew you only had one week to live? What would be on your bucket list? Make a list of the 10 things you'd want to accomplish in that week.

Review

Key Scriptures: John 12:12–13; Matthew 21–26; Mark 11–14; Luke 19–22

1. At Gateway, we are not anti-Semitic.

John 10:18

Anti-Semitism is based on the long-held belief that the Jews crucified Jesus, but that statement is 100 percent false. The Jews didn't put Jesus on the cross, and neither did our sins. Jesus voluntarily gave His life for us.

2. At Gateway, we are for the Jewish people.

Romans 1:16

We truly believe that Jesus is the Jewish Messiah. He fulfilled all 53 Messianic prophecies, including many that occurred during the last week of His life. The first of everything that we give at Gateway goes to Jewish missions, and the first service we have every month is our Jewish Ministry Shabbat Service.

3. We are for the whole world.

Revelation 7:9

The Bible clearly states that people of all nations will stand before God—with

palm branches in their hands—and give Him praise. Our philosophy is that we take the gospel to the Jew first, but it's for the whole world. We love everyone, because people are made in God's image.

Group Dynamics Idea As a group, consider attending one of the monthly Shabbat services to learn more about the Jewish faith and how Gateway honors God's chosen people. For more information, visit jewish.gatewaypeople.com.

Discuss

1. Pastor Robert laid out some historical facts about the roots of anti-Semitism. Why do you think the Church blamed the Jews for Jesus' death?
2. What does Jesus say in John 10:18 about His impending death? Does He blame anyone?
3. As Gentiles, God allows us to share the gift of salvation with whom? (Romans 1:16)
4. According to Pastor Robert, Jesus fulfilled all 53 Messianic prophecies, including the eight that history has proven. Yet, some people still don't believe He is the Messiah. Why do you think this unbelief still exists?
5. At the Second Coming, people of all nations and ethnicities will kneel before God and praise Him together. Do you have any long-standing beliefs about people of other ethnic groups? Consider if your beliefs are founded in fact, fiction, or fear. (Revelation 7:9)
6. Jesus knew He was entering the final week of His life. He moved quickly and with purpose. Consider your answers to Pastor Robert's questions regarding what you would do if you knew you had one week to live: (1) Have you said everything you wanted to say? (2) Have you done everything you wanted to do? (3) Have you accepted Jesus as your savior?

Take Home As we conclude, remember the following:

- Jesus voluntarily gave His life for us. No one group is to blame for His death.

- Jesus is the Jewish savior and the savior of the world. He fulfilled all 53 Messianic prophecies, including the eight that have been historically proven and those that were fulfilled during the last week of his life.
- God loves everyone, and so should we. At the End of Days, all nations will bow before Him and give Him praise.

Prayer

Lord, thank You for the gift of salvation, which You so freely gave at the expense of Your son, Jesus. Thank You, Jesus, for willingly dying on the cross on our behalf. We will honor You and praise Your holy name now and forever. In Jesus' name, Amen.

New Leader Tip Pray for an end to anti-Semitism, racism, and the kind of ignorance that keeps God's people from loving each other as He loves us. Also, pray for those in your group who struggle in that area but are ashamed to speak up for fear of judgment. Pray for softened hearts, opened minds, and reconciliation among all of God's people.