

*Week 7: February 17 (Feb. 10–Feb. 16)*

- Anyone who fails to honor the Sabbath is to be put to death
- “When the Lord finished speaking to Moses on Mount Sinai, he gave him the two tables of the covenant law, the tablets of stone inscribed by the finger of God.”
- The Israelites give up on Moses and ask Aaron to make them a god
- Aaron creates the golden calf, which the people worship as a god
- God is furious with their idolatry and vows to destroy them; Moses calms God.
- Moses smashes the tablets of the Ten Commandments
- Aaron accepts no responsibility; blames the people
- “The Lord would speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend”
- Moses called back up to Mount Sinai to receive new tablets
- This time God dictates and Moses writes
- The Lord proclaims to Moses, “The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation.”
- God tells Moses not to make any treaties with any tribes: “break down their altars, smash their sacred stones, and cut down their Asherah poles.”
- Moses spends 40 days and 40 nights; comes down from the mountain with his face radiant
- We finish Exodus and begin Leviticus, the Book of the Law
- Jesus is arrested
- “For all who draw the sword will die by the sword.”
- “Tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.” “You have said so.”
- Peter denies Jesus
- Judas is “seized with remorse” and hangs himself (Luke records a different story of Judas’ death in Acts)
- Pilate washes his hands, “I am innocent of this man’s blood.”
- Who is Simon and where is Cyrene?
- Two rebels crucified with Jesus; both join in mocking Jesus
- Pilate is concerned that Jesus’ followers will steal his body and then claim Jesus’ “resurrection”

- Mary Magdalene is first at the tomb; consistent across all 4 gospels
- The Great Commission: *“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”*
- Begin the Gospel according to Mark, the first Gospel
- Psalm 33:16 - “No king is saved by the size of his army...”