

HOLY

Week

READING PLAN

WHAT IS HOLY WEEK?

HOLY WEEK IS THE SEVEN DAYS THAT LEAD UP TO EASTER. BEGINNING WITH PALM SUNDAY, EACH DAY OF HOLY WEEK PROVIDES OPPORTUNITY TO REFLECT ON THE WORDS AND ACTIONS OF JESUS — INCLUDING HIS SACRIFICIAL DEATH ON A CROSS AND BURIAL IN A SEALED TOMB — BEFORE HE WAS RESURRECTED BY THE POWER OF GOD ON EASTER MORNING. WITH READINGS FROM THE BIBLICAL ACCOUNTS, FOLLOW THE EVENTS OF HOLY WEEK TO DISCOVER AND HONOR WHAT JESUS ACCOMPLISHED FOR ALL WHO RECEIVE HIM AND BELIEVE.

DAILY READINGS

WE'VE INCLUDED BIBLE VERSES FOR EVERY DAY OF HOLY WEEK, AS WELL AS REFLECTION QUESTIONS AND PRAYER IDEAS.

NEED A BIBLE?

IF YOU HAVE A SMARTPHONE, YOU CAN DOWNLOAD THE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY APP WHICH INCLUDES THE BIBLE. YOU CAN ALSO FOLLOW ALONG WITH OUR DAILY READING PLAN.

SUNDAY | JOHN 12:12-16; PSALM 118:19-29

- **REFLECTION:** WHERE IS GOD ASKING YOU TO TRUST HIM EVEN WHEN YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT HE IS DOING AT THE MOMENT?
- **PRAYER FOCUS:** PRAY FOR YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD, OUR CITY, & OUR NATION INCLUDING ELECTED OFFICIALS. ASK GOD TO HELP YOU INVITE A FEW PEOPLE THIS WEEK TO CELEBRATE EASTER WITH US.

MONDAY | JOHN 12:1-11; PSALM 36:5-11

- **REFLECTION:** COMPARE THE ATTITUDES TOWARDS JESUS OF MARY AND JUDAS – WHAT CAN YOU LEARN ABOUT LOVING JESUS WITH YOUR WHOLE HEART?
- **PRAYER FOCUS:** PRAY FOR OUR CHILDREN, STUDENTS, FAMILIES, & SCHOOLS.

TUESDAY | JOHN 12:20-36; PSALM 71:1-14

- **REFLECTION:** IN WHAT WAYS CAN YOU HELP SPREAD THE LIGHT OF JESUS IN DARK PLACES?
- **PRAYER FOCUS:** PRAY FOR YOUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND LOVED ONES TO BE FORGIVING, JOYFUL, AND PEACEFUL.

WEDNESDAY | JOHN 13:21-31; PSALM 70

- **REFLECTION:** HOW CAN WE KEEP OUR HEARTS PURE TO NOT FALL INTO TEMPTATION?
- **PRAYER FOCUS:** PRAY FOR CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY CHURCH TO BE A FAITHFUL, FRUITFUL, AND ENCOURAGING CHURCH.

THURSDAY | JOHN 13:1-17; 31-35

- **REFLECTION:** HOW CAN WE LOVE AND SERVE THOSE AROUND US?
- **PRAYER FOCUS:** ASK GOD TO GIVE YOU THE STRENGTH AND COURAGE YOU NEED TO OBEY HIM.

FRIDAY | JOHN 18:1-14; 19:16-42

- **REFLECTION:** CHRIST LOVES YOU TO THE POINT OF GIVING HIS BODY AND LIFE FOR YOU. HOW DOES REMEMBERING THAT LOVE IMPACT YOU TODAY?
- **PRAYER FOCUS:** PRAY THE LORD'S PRAYER SLOWLY THINKING ABOUT EACH STATEMENT AS YOU PRAY IT (SEE MATTHEW 6:9-13).

SATURDAY | PSALM 31

- **REFLECTION:** NO SCRIPTURE MENTIONS THE EVENTS OF SATURDAY. SPEND TIME CONSIDERING THE EMPTINESS AND FEAR THE DISCIPLES MUST HAVE FELT WITH THE LOSS OF THEIR LORD.
- **PRAYER FOCUS:** SPEND A FEW MINUTES OF QUIET REFLECTION PRAYING FOR THE STRENGTH AND COURAGE TO FACE CHALLENGES AND UNCERTAINTIES, KNOWING THAT EVEN IN DARKNESS, GOD'S LOVE AND GRACE ARE PRESENT.

SUNDAY (EASTER) | JOHN 20:1-23

- **REFLECTION:** GOD TAKES WHAT LOOKS TO BE HIS GREATEST DEFEAT & TURNS IT INTO HIS GREATEST TRIUMPH. HOW CAN THAT TRUTH GIVE YOU HOPE, PEACE, AND JOY?
- **PRAYER FOCUS:** THANK GOD FOR WHAT HE HAS DONE IN RAISING JESUS FROM THE DEAD. PRAY FOR ALL WHO HEAR OF THIS GOOD NEWS ALL AROUND THE WORLD TO RESPOND TO HIM TODAY.

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SUNDAY

JESUS ARRIVED IN JERUSALEM RIDING ON A DONKEY AS CROWDS CHEERED WAVING PALM BRANCHES AND SHOUTING “HOSANNA!” (WHICH MEANS, SALVATION).

MONDAY

AFTER STOPPING PEOPLE FROM USING THE TEMPLE AS A MARKETPLACE, JESUS REMINDED EVERYONE THAT THE TEMPLE WAS INTENDED FOR PRAYER.

TUESDAY

ON THE MOUNT OF OLIVES, JESUS SPOKE TO HIS DISCIPLES ABOUT CHALLENGES TO COME, AND THE POWER OF ENDURING FAITH.

WEDNESDAY

AT A DINNER PARTY IN BETHANY, A WOMAN ANOINTED JESUS WITH EXPENSIVE PERFUME, AND JUDAS ISCARIOT DETERMINED TO BETRAY JESUS TO HIS ENEMIES.

THURSDAY

JESUS AND HIS DISCIPLES SHARED THE TRADITIONAL PASSOVER MEAL — THEIR LAST SUPPER TOGETHER — AND JESUS INSTITUTED THE PRACTICE OF COMMUNION WITH BREAD AND WINE.

FRIDAY

AFTER A HASTY TRIAL ON FALSE CHARGES, JESUS WAS REJECTED, FLOGGED, RIDICULED, AND CRUCIFIED — GIVING UP HIS LIFE AS A SACRIFICE FOR THE SINS OF THE WORLD.

SATURDAY

JESUS LAY DEAD — ALL DAY, FROM BEGINNING TO END — IN THE PITCH-BLACK DARKNESS OF A SEALED TOMB.

SUNDAY (EASTER)

EARLY ON SUNDAY MORNING, JESUS' TOMB WAS FOUND EMPTY AND AN ANGEL OF THE LORD ANNOUNCED, “WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AMONG THE DEAD FOR SOMEONE WHO IS ALIVE? HE ISN'T HERE! HE IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD!” (LUKE 24:5-6).

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