




APRIL

DAILY READINGS

We are going to spend the first part of April preparing our hearts for Easter by dwelling on texts from the Gospels and the prophets that lead up to Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. Our prayer is that your picture of Christ and the cross would grow a bit bigger and your gratitude for his sacrifice would grow as well. Before your reading each day, meditate on Matthew 28:5-6 , pray for one person to know Christ  and pray for one person to grow in Him .

Memorization & Meditation:

But the angel said to the woman, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come see the place where he lay." – Matthew 28:5-6

WEEK 1

Sunday, March 29th

- [1] Colossians 1:13-14 | As we approach Easter, take a moment to reflect upon the significance of the Cross in your life!
- [2] Isaiah 53:1-12 | Write down your thoughts and feelings as you read this passage.
- [3] Mark 10:13-45 | Jesus never stopped teaching about the Kingdom of God, even as His death drew near. What is one thing that stands out to you in this set of teachings?
- [4] Zechariah 9:9 | Jesus is the fulfillment of this prophecy, as well as many others. Take a moment to praise the King!

WEEK 2

Sunday, April 5th (Palm Sunday)

- [6] Luke 19:28-40 | How do you think the disciples were feeling during this triumphal entry into Jerusalem?
- [7] Luke 22:1-34 | What do you think the disciples were feeling as Jesus was foretelling his betrayal and suffering?
- [8] John 17 | What are some things that stand out to you in Jesus' prayer? How can you model your own prayers after this?
- [9] Mark 14:1-42 | Re-read v.35-36. Spend some time thanking Jesus for his sacrifice as the true Passover Lamb.
- [10] John 18 | Jesus clearly displays power and yet submission to the Father throughout this chapter. How does Jesus' example of submission help you in your own walk with God?
- [11] John 19 | As we read these passages about the torture, suffering, and death of Jesus, spend time meditating on how much Jesus loves you, that he was willing to endure all of this for your salvation.

WEEK 3

Sunday, April 12th (Easter Sunday)

- [13] 1 Peter 1:3 | What does the term "living hope" mean in your life?
- [14] Luke 24 | How do you think you would have felt if you were walking with Jesus & the disciples on the Road to Emmaus? Write down what your thoughts would be.
- [15] John 21:1-19 | Reflect upon a moment in your faith walk when you turned away from the Lord and had to repent and be restored. Praise God for His mercy and grace in Christ Jesus!

- [16] Romans 6:8-11 | How does this passage challenge you today? What does it look like to be dead to sin and alive to God in Christ?
- [17] Philippians 2:1-11 | Christ modeled true humility. Is there any area in your life where Jesus might be calling you to humble yourself? What would humbling yourself in that area look like?
- [18] 2 Corinthians 5:17 | Because of the resurrection, the new has come! Spend some time praising God for the transformation in your life because of Jesus!

WEEK 4

Sunday, April 19th

- [20] James 1:1-18 | Does anything challenge you in this passage? Spend time asking God to help you receive His Word, even when it is challenging.
- [21] James 1:19-27 | Which of the three directives in v.19 is most difficult for you? Confess this to God and ask for transformation in this area.
- [22] James 2:1-13 | How do you see partiality play out in our world today? How could you play a role in changing this in our church?
- [23] James 2:14-26 | What does it look like to have a living and active faith? How is this different than working for salvation?
- [24] James 3:1-12 | The tongue is powerful. Spend time asking the Lord to help you grow in taming your tongue.
- [25] James 3:13-18 | Re-read v.17. How can this passage help you the next time you're trying to hear from the Lord?

WEEK 5

Sunday, April 26th

- [27] James 4:1-12 | What does it look like for you to "submit yourself to God" today?
- [28] James 4:13-17 | How does changing a simple phrase such as, "If the Lord wills," change your heart attitude?
- [29] James 5:1-12 | What a strong rebuke! Can you think of a time when money was drawing your heart away from God?
- [30] James 5:13-20 | James calls us to look back into the Bible for examples of patience in suffering. Is there any particular Bible story that stands out to you as a good example you can learn from?



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