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A 5-WEEK LENTEN DEVOTIONAL: FROM ASHES TO

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How to Use This Devotional:

This devotional is designed to be a daily companion on your 40-day Lenten journey. Although the season of Lent is 46 days long, this booklet focuses on the 40 days from Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday, guiding you from the humility of Ash Wednesday to the triumph of Easter Sunday.

It starts on Ash Wednesday, so the first week will have fewer days, but the 5-week thematic journey will still be complete.

**Ash Wednesday is the start of Week 1.
Easter Sunday is the glorious conclusion.**

Lent is 40 days. It's based on Jesus' 40-day trial in the desert before beginning his earthly ministry.

So this plan covers the 40 days of fasting and reflection, plus the sacred days of Holy Week, across five thematic weeks.

Each day includes a Scripture reading, a short reflection, and a prayer.

A PRAYER FOR YOU

**As you begin this Lenten pilgrimage, I offer this prayer
over you:**

Lord Jesus,

**Bless this dear reader who has opened their heart to this
journey.**

Meet them in these pages.

Speak to them in the quiet.

Challenge them where they need growth.

Comfort them where they carry pain.

Draw them closer to Your heart with each passing day.

**Let these 40 days be not merely a ritual observed,
but a resurrection lived.**

Amen.

The Structure:

Five Thematic Weeks:

**Each week focuses on a spiritual theme: “The Call to Return”,
“The Wilderness of Temptation” ... and the final events of
Holy Week, building toward Resurrection Sunday.**

Daily Format:

**Each day provides a Scripture reading, a short reflection to
connect the passage to your heart, and a prayer to turn
meditation into conversation with God.**

A NOTE ON TIMING:

The Lenten season encompasses 46 days, but this booklet is based on the 40 days from Ash Wednesday to Easter.

This devotional includes entries for every day, aligning with the weekly themes. If you begin on Ash Wednesday, you will finish on Easter Sunday.

HEART POSTURE



Find a Quiet Moment. Set aside a consistent time and place to meet with God.

Read Slowly. Let the Scripture sink in before moving to the reflection.

Journal If You Wish. Note what stirs in your heart, any resistance, or a fresh insight.

Pray honestly. Use the prayers here as a starting point, then speak to God from your own situation and experience.

May this daily practice create sacred space for the Holy Spirit to transform you, drawing you closer to the heart of Jesus as you walk the path from ashes to “Alleluia!”

What is Lent?

Lent is the 40-day season of prayer, fasting, and reflection observed by Christians in preparation for Easter. It begins on Ash Wednesday and concludes on Holy Saturday, the day before Resurrection Sunday.



PURPOSE & IMPORTANCE OF LENT

Lent is not about punishment but about preparation and transformation.

It is a spiritual journey designed to:

Draw us closer to God through intentional prayer and repentance, restoring our first love.

Strip away distractions through fasting and self-denial, helping us recognize our true dependence on God's grace rather than worldly comforts.

Refocus our hearts on the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, realigning our lives with His example and sacrifice.

Prepare us to experience the profound joy of Easter fully, not as a casual holiday, but as the foundational celebration of our hope, freedom, and salvation.



Most importantly, Lent creates necessary space in our busy lives to remember who we are, and whose we are. It is a deliberate journey from the ashes of our mortality and sin, to the empty tomb of Christ's victory. By walking this path of humility and surrender, we do not merely observe Easter; we are personally reshaped by its power, emerging with a renewed faith, a clarified purpose, and a heart ready to proclaim with conviction:

"HE IS RISEN, INDEED!"

WE BEGIN WITH DUST.

**On Ash Wednesday, we hear the ancient words:
Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall
return.**

It sounds like an ending. A closing. A verdict.

But it is actually a beginning.



**For it is only when we remember what we are made of
frail, finite, breath-dependent dust, that we can finally
understand what we are made for.**

We were not created for ashes.

We were created for intimacy with God.

**And yet, somewhere along the way, we forgot. We traded
our birthright for distractions.**

**We exchanged the presence of God for the approval of
people.**

**We let the noise of the world drown out the whisper of
the Spirit.**

We became strangers to our own souls.

**This Lent, you are invited into something more than
religious observance.**

You are invited into transformation

LENT IS THE SEASON OF REMEMBERING.

Not just remembering our mortality but remembering our true identity.

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Remembering whose we are.

Remembering that we have a Father who has been waiting, watching, longing for us to come home.

Lent is the long journey back.

Back to the cross, where we see the full cost of our wandering.

Back to the empty tomb, where we discover the full extent of His love.

Back to the heart of God, where we find we were never really lost, just loved into returning.

This is not a season of gloom.

It is a season of holy honesty.

We stop pretending. We stop performing. We stop hiding behind our busyness, our achievements, and our carefully curated images.

We let the ashes fall where they may on our pride, our excuses, and our carefully constructed walls.

And there, in the humility of our honesty, we find Him waiting.

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He meets us in the wilderness.

He walks with us to the cross.

He greets us at the empty tomb.

MORNING PRAYER

(To be prayed at the beginning of each day's devotional time)

Almighty God, my Heavenly Father,

***As I begin this day's journey through Lent,
I quiet my heart before You.***

Draw me near.

Remove the distractions that pull me away from Your presence.

Open my eyes to see Your truth in the Scriptures.

Open my ears to hear Your still, small voice.

Open my heart to receive whatever You wish to speak to me today.

I do not come to these pages seeking mere information, but transformation.

I do not come out of religious duty; but out of desperate need for You.

Prepare me. Shape me. Change me.

Walk with me on this path from ashes to alleluia.

**In the name of Jesus Christ, my Savior and Lord,
Amen.**

EVENING PRAYER

(To be prayed at the end of each day's devotional time)

Oh Gracious God, my Father and my God,

I thank You for meeting me in this sacred space.

Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

What I have received today, let me not forget.

What I have learned, let me live out.

**Where I have been challenged, give me the courage to
respond.**

**Where I have been comforted, make me a conduit of that
comfort to others.**

**As I go to bed now from this moment of stillness into the
break of dawn,**

I carry the truths of this devotional with me.

Let them echo in my mind.

**take root in my heart,
and bear fruit in my actions.**

May the cross of Christ go before me.

May the love of the Father surround me.

May the power of the Spirit fill me.

**I entrust this day and this season of my heart into Your
faithful hands in Jesus' mighty name.**

Amen.

A Word of Welcome

Dear Reader,

You are holding more than a book. You are holding an invitation.

An invitation to slow down in a world that never stops.

An invitation to look inward when everything pulls you outward.

An invitation to journey not alone, but with the One who has walked this path before you.

Whether this is your first Lent or your fiftieth, whether you come with eager anticipation or hesitant curiosity, you are welcome here.

A Note of Gratitude

Thank you for choosing to spend these sacred days with this devotional. In a season that often demands much of your time and energy, you have chosen to carve out space for what matters most—time with God.

Thank you for saying "yes" to the journey.

Thank you for being willing to sit with the ashes.

Thank you for daring to hope for the resurrection.

The very fact that you are reading these words tells me something about you: your heart is hungry for more of God. And to that hungry heart, Jesus says, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied" (Matthew 5:6).

"Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of His glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen."

— Jude 1:24-25

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The Call to Return

Theme: Acknowledging our need for God and repenting of
The ways we have strayed.



DAY 1 (ASH WEDNESDAY): THE REALITY OF SIN

Reading: Psalm 51:1-3, 10-12

*Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion
blot out my transgressions.
² Wash away all my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.
³ For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is always before me.*

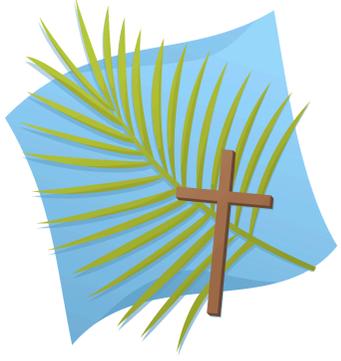


Reflection: Dear child of God, we begin the season of Lent not with shame, but with honesty. Ashes remind us of our mortality and our need for a Savior. Today, we courageously acknowledge the brokenness in our lives and our world.

Prayer: O Lord, create in me a clean heart. Show me the areas of my life where I need Your healing and forgiveness in Jesus mighty name.

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Day 2 (Thursday): Returning to God

Reading: Joel 2:12-13

*“Even now,” declares the Lord,
“return to me with all your heart,
with fasting and weeping and mourning.”*

¹³ Rend your heart

and not your garments.

*Return to the Lord your God,
for he is gracious and compassionate,
slow to anger and abounding in love,
and he relents from sending calamity.*

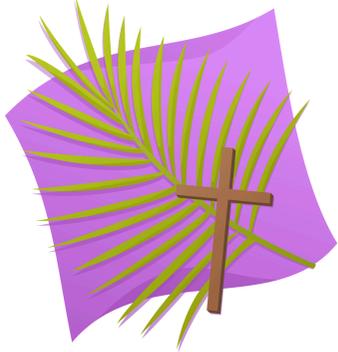


Reflection: God’s call is not a shout of anger but a loving whisper: "Return to me." Lent is our intentional turn back, a re-orientation of our hearts toward our true home in Him.

Prayer: Father God, Today, I am turning my heart back to You. Help me to rend my heart and not just my garments in Jesus' mighty name.

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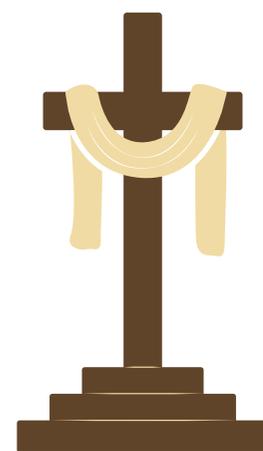
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DAY 3 (FRIDAY): THE PROMISE OF GRACE

Reading: 1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.



Reflection: Be assured, every one of our confessions is met with God's boundless grace.

He is faithful and just to forgive. We can approach Him with confidence, not because we are perfect, but because He is perfect and merciful.

Prayer: Thank you, Father, for Your promise of forgiveness. I receive Your forgiveness and grace today in Jesus' mighty name

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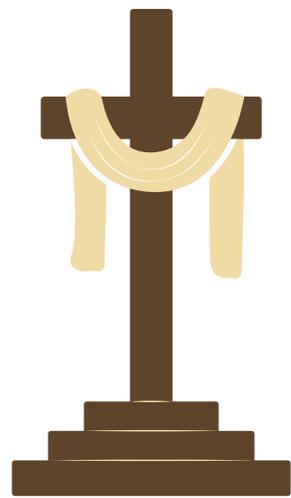
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Day 4 (Saturday): A Contrite Heart

Reading: Psalm 34:18

*The Lord is close to the brokenhearted
and saves those who are crushed in spirit.*



Reflection: Our God is not distant from our struggles. Scripture tells us, He draws near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit. Your honest, contrite heart is a sacred space where God dwells.

Prayer: Father Lord, I offer You my broken spirit. Draw near to me today in Jesus mighty name

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Day 5 (MONDAY: Rest in Grace)

Reading: Psalm 103:8-12

*The Lord is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, abounding in love.*

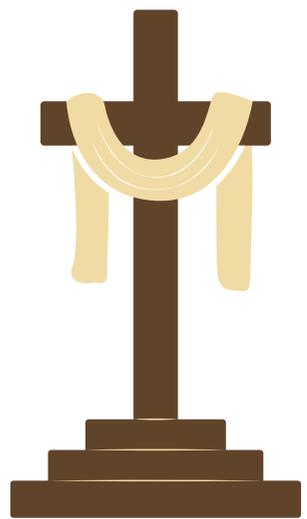
⁹He will not always accuse,

nor will he harbor his anger forever;

*¹⁰he does not treat us as our sins deserve
or repay us according to our iniquities.*

*¹¹For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his love for those who fear him;*

*¹²as far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.*



Reflection: As we focus on repentance, we pause to rest not in our own efforts, but in God's boundless grace. He does not treat us as our sins deserve. Today, we simply receive His mercy.

Prayer: Thank you, Father, for Your compassion that is as high as the heavens. I rest today in Your unfailing love and forgiveness in Jesus' mighty name.

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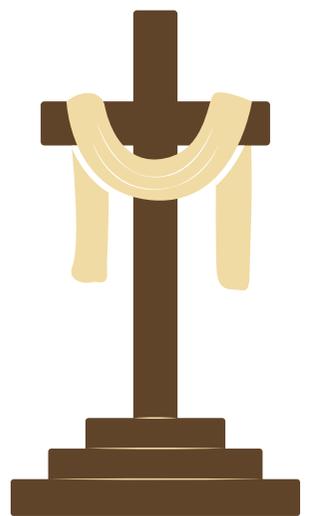


DAY 6 (TUESDAY): THE FRUIT OF REPENTANCE

Reading: Matthew 3:8

Produce fruit in keeping with repentance.

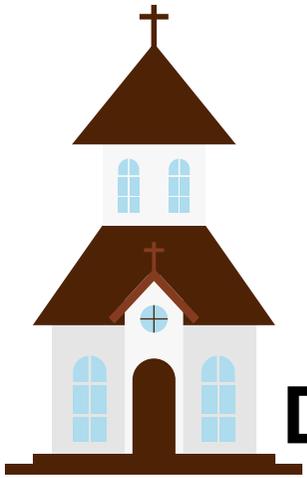
Reflection: True repentance isn't just feeling sorry; it's a change of direction that produces visible fruit, changes in our attitudes, character, actions, words, and thoughts.



Prayer: Holy Spirit, produce in me the fruit that proves my heart is changing in Jesus' mighty name.

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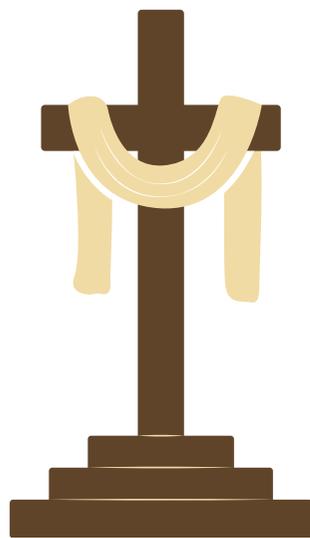
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Day 7 (WEDNESDAY): Secure in His Love

Reading: Romans 8:1

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,



Reflection: In this week of repentance and with a powerful voice, we declare this truth: There is no condemnation for those in Christ Jesus. All glory to God for our journey begins and ends in grace.

Prayer: Thank you, Jesus, for taking my condemnation. I live today in the freedom of Your love .

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Day 8 (THURSDAY): The Joy of Restoration

Reading: Psalm 32:1-5

¹Blessed is the one

*whose transgressions are forgiven,
whose sins are covered.*

²Blessed is the one

*whose sin the Lord does not count against them
and in whose spirit is no deceit.*

³When I kept silent,

*my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.*

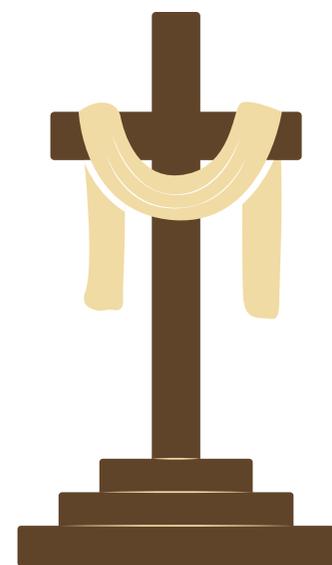
⁴For day and night

*your hand was heavy on me;
my strength was sapped
as in the heat of summer.^[b]*

*⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you
and did not cover up my iniquity.*

*I said, "I will confess
my transgressions to the Lord."*

*And you forgave
the guilt of my sin.*



Reflection: True repentance leads to profound relief and joy.

When we stop hiding our sin and confess it to God, we experience the blessedness of being forgiven and the weight of guilt lifted.

Prayer: Thank You, Lord, for the joy of forgiveness. Blessed am I, whose transgressions are covered by Your grace in Jesus' mighty name .

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Theme: Learning to depend on God alone when we are tested.

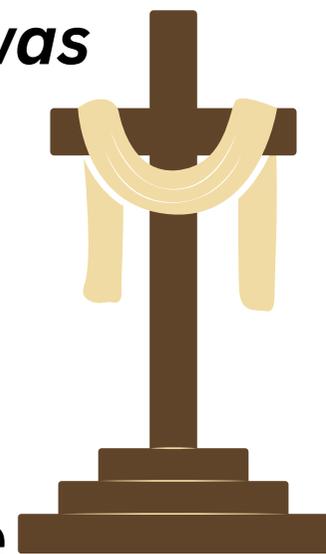


DAY 9 (FRIDAY): LED BY THE SPIRIT

Reading: Matthew 4:1-2

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted^[a] by the devil.

After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry.



Reflection: Even Jesus was led into the wilderness. Our times of testing are not a sign of God's absence but often a place of His purposeful preparation.

Prayer: Oh Lord my God, when I am in a spiritual wilderness, help me to trust that You are with me in Jesus' mighty name.

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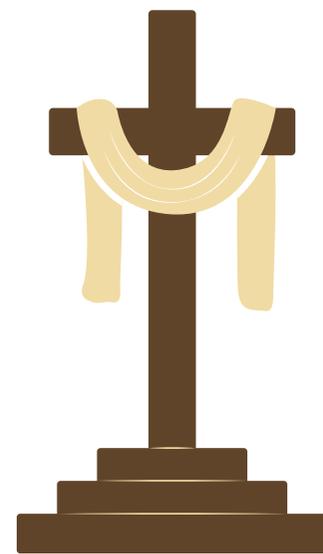


Day 10 (SATURDAY): The Bread of Life

Reading: Matthew 4:3-4

*The tempter came to him and said,
“If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become
bread.”*

*4 Jesus answered, “It is written:
‘Man shall not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes
from the mouth of God.’^[b]”*



Reflection: The first temptation is to satisfy a legitimate need illegitimately. Jesus shows us that God's Word is more essential than physical bread.

Prayer: "Lord God Almighty, feed me with every word that comes from Your mouth. Be my ultimate satisfaction now and forever in Jesus mighty name ."

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DAY 11 (MONDAY): TRUST, DON'T TEST

Reading: Matthew 4:5-7

Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. ⁶

“If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down.”

For it is written:

“He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.”

⁷Jesus answered him,

“It is also written: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test



Reflection: The second temptation is to force God's hand, to demand a miracle. Jesus responds with trust, not testing. We are called to faith, not flashy signs and lying wonders.

Prayer: Father, I will not put You to the test or doubt Your word. I choose to trust Your timing and Your ways in Jesus mighty name .

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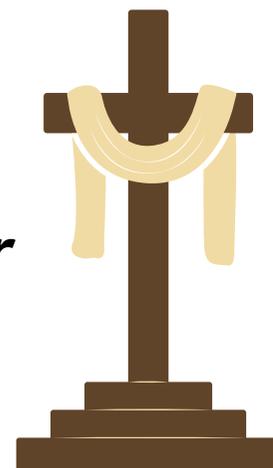


Day 12 (TUESDAY): Worship God Alone

Reading: Matthew 4:8-10

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. 9 “All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.”

10 Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only’



Reflection: The final temptation is to compromise for power and glory.

Jesus' answer is immediate and absolute: worship and serve God alone.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, Today, I declare that I'll worship You alone.

Every other source of security or identity is an idol, and I wholeheartedly lay them down.

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Day 13 (WEDNESDAY: Rest in His Provision)

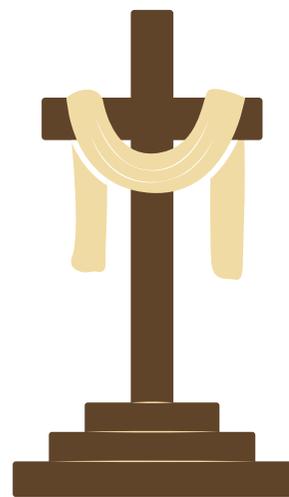
Reading: Philippians 4:19

*And my God will meet all your needs
According to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.*

Reflection: After a period of trials and temptation, we must rest in the promise that our God will supply all our hearts' needs.

We remember how He provided manna in the wilderness and gives us grace for every test.

Therefore, our reliance should be on the only faithful Provider.



Prayer: Faithful God, I trust that You will meet every need of mine according to Your glorious riches.

I rest in Your faithful provision today in Jesus' mighty name.

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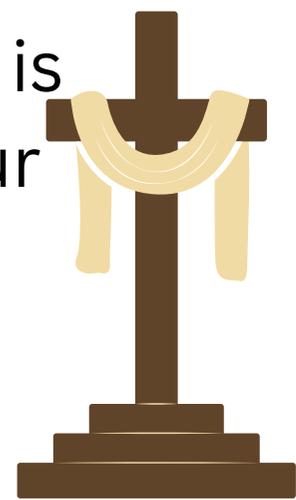
Day 14 (THURSDAY): Strength in Weakness

Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:9-10

*But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.
10 That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.*

Reflection: God’s power is perfected not in our strength, but in our admitted weakness.

When we rely on Him in our wilderness, His grace is sufficient, and His strength is made perfect in our dependence.



Prayer: Lord God Almighty, I boast gladly in my weaknesses today so that Christ’s power may rest on me. Your grace is all I need in Jesus mighty name.

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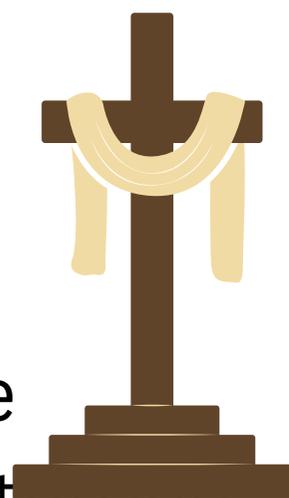
DAY 15 (FRIDAY): OUR SYMPATHETIC HIGH PRIEST

Reading: Hebrews 4:15-16

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are yet he did not sin.

¹⁶ Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Reflection: Because Jesus was tempted, He understands our struggles. We can approach His throne of grace with confidence to find mercy and help.



Prayer: Lord Jesus, thank You for understanding my weakness. I come to You today for grace and help;
HELP ME, LORD!.

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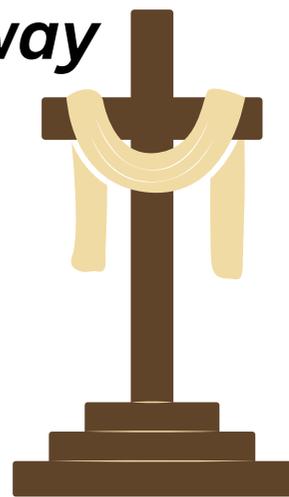
Day 16 (SATURDAY): The Way Out

Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:13

No temptation^[a] has overtaken you except what is common to mankind.

And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted^[b] beyond what you can bear.

But when you are tempted,^[c] he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.



Reflection: God is faithful. He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. He always provides a way out. Cling to this promise.

Prayer: Faithful God, open my eyes to see the way of escape You provide in my temptations in Jesus' mighty name .

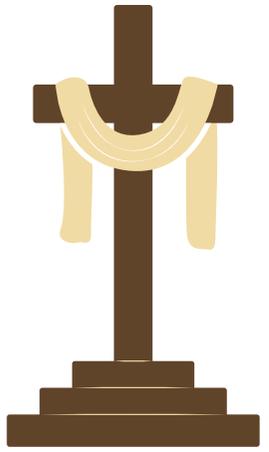
The Heart of a Servant

Theme: Embracing the counter-cultural call of Jesus to serve and sacrifice.



DAY 17: (MONDAY The Heart of a Servant)

Reading: Mark 10:42-45



"Jesus called them together and said, 'You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them... Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'"

Reflection: The world measures greatness by how many people serve you. Jesus measures it by how many you serve.

This is not merely a nice sentiment; it is a complete reversal of everything we naturally believe. Every instinct in us wants to climb, to be recognized, to be first. But Jesus takes that ladder and turns it upside down. In His kingdom, the way up is down.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, You are the King of Kings, yet You knelt to wash feet. Forgive me for seeking recognition over service. Give me a servant's heart today. Show me whom I can serve, not for applause, but simply because I love You. Amen.

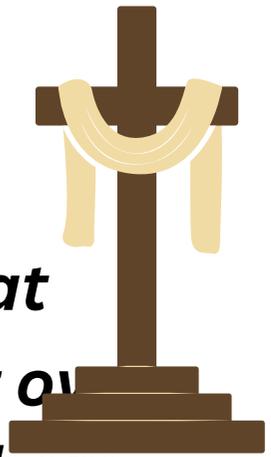
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Day 18 (TUESDAY: The Last Shall Be First)

Reading: Mark 10:42-45



*Jesus called them together and said, “You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them.
⁴³ Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant,
⁴⁴ and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all.
⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”*

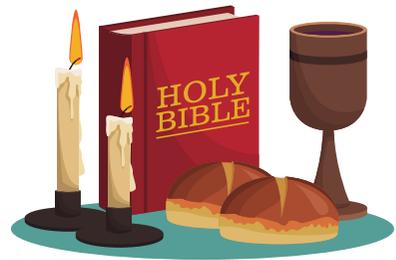
Reflection: The world's model of leadership is about power and position.

Jesus' model is about sacrifice and service. He came to serve, not to be served; be like Jesus.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, reorient my understanding of leadership. Help me to lead by serving.

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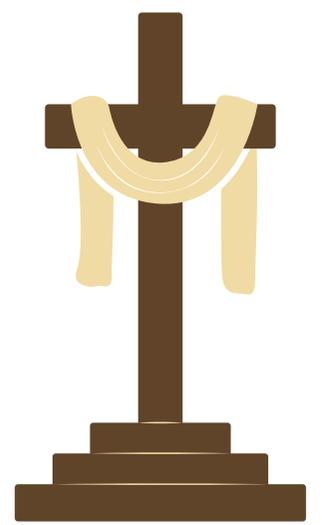
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DAY 19 (WEDNESDAY: A LIVING SACRIFICE)

Reading: Romans 12:1

*Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters,
in view of God's mercy, to offer your
bodies as a living sacrifice,
holy and pleasing to God—
this is your true and proper worship.*



Reflection: In light of God's mercy, the most logical response is to offer our whole lives as a living sacrifice.

This is our true and proper worship.

Prayer: "Almighty God, Today, I offer You my body, my mind, my day, all that I am as a living sacrifice to You."

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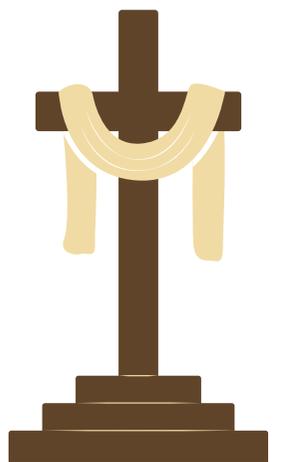


Day 20 (THURSDAY): The Joy of Self-Forgetfulness

Reading: Philippians 2:3-4

*Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit.
Rather, in humility value others above yourselves,
not looking to your own interests but each of you to the
interests of the others.*

Reflection: Humility is not thinking less of yourself; it is thinking of yourself less. Look to the interests of others and find joy in putting them first



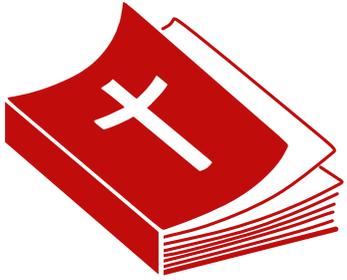
Prayer: Holy Spirit, free me from self-centeredness. Help me to value others above myself in Jesus mighty name.



A 5-Week Lenten Devotional

The Heart of a Servant

Theme: Embracing the counter-cultural call of Jesus to serve and sacrifice.



Day 21 (FRIDAY: Rest in His Yoke)

Reading: Matthew 11:28-30

*“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened,
and I will give you rest.*

*²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,
for I am gentle and humble in heart,
and you will find rest for your souls.*

³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”



Reflection: Truly serving can lead to weariness if done in our own strength. Jesus Christ invites us to take His yoke to serve with Him, learning His gentle and humble heart. Today, we find rest for our souls by serving under His easy yoke.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, I take Your yoke upon me. Teach me Your gentle ways, and let my service flow from a heart at rest in You.

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Day 22 (SATURDAY): Serving as Unto the Lord

Reading: Colossians 3:23-24

**²³ Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart,
as working for the Lord, not for human masters,
²⁴ since you know that you will receive an inheritance
from the Lord as a reward.
It is the Lord Christ you are serving.**



Reflection: Our service finds its ultimate meaning and reward when done for Christ and Christ's alone, not for human approval.

Whatever we do, we should work at it with all our heart, as serving the Lord.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, I renew my purpose today. I serve for Your eyes alone, knowing I ultimately serve You, my true Master.

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DAY 23 (MONDAY): SECRET RIGHTEOUSNESS

Reading: Matthew 6:1-4

“Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.”

²“So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly, I tell you, they have received

their reward in full. ³But when you give to the needy,

do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so that your giving may be in secret.

Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.



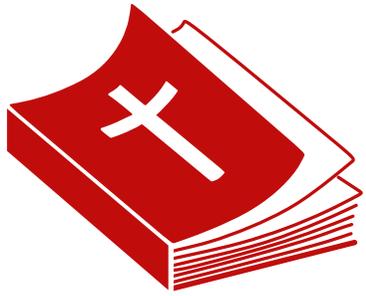
Reflection: Jesus Christ calls us to serve and give, not for public applause or for clout, but for a heavenly audience of One.

Let your acts of kindness be between you and God.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, purify my motives. May I serve You quietly and secretly, seeking only Your approval.

The Heart of a Servant

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Day 24 (TUESDAY): The Greatest Commandment

Reading: Mark 12:30-31



*Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.
The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'^[b]
There is no commandment greater than these."*

Reflection: The heart of service is love. We are called to love God with our entire being, and the natural overflow is to love our neighbor as ourselves.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, help me to love You completely and to love my neighbor as an extension of that love.

The Road to Jerusalem: Final Teachings & Preparation

Theme: Listening to Jesus's final instructions and preparing our hearts for the coming sacrifice.



Day 25 (WEDNESDAY): The Cost of Following

Reading: Luke 9:23-25

Then he said to them all: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.

²⁴ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it.

²⁵ What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit their very self?



Reflection: Before the cross, Jesus calls us to our own cross, to daily surrender, to self-denial, and to following Him. This is the heart of true discipleship.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, I take up my cross today. Help me to follow You wholeheartedly and not my own desires.

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Day 26 (THURSDAY): The Greatest Commandment

Reading: Mark 12:29-31

The most important one,” answered Jesus, “is this: ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.^[a] 30 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’^[b] 31 The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’^[c] There is no commandment greater than these.”



Reflection: As Jesus nears Jerusalem, He distills all of life's purpose into two commands: Love God utterly and completely, and also love your neighbor as yourself. Everything about life hangs on these two commandments.

Prayer: Oh Lord, focus my heart. Let all I do today flow from love for You and for others.

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Day 27 (FRIDAY): The Widow's Offering

Reading: Mark 12:41-44

Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. ⁴² But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents.

⁴³ Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said,

“Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others.

⁴⁴ They all gave out of their wealth, but she, out of her poverty, put in everything, all she had to live on.”



Reflection: Jesus Christ observes not the size of the gift, but the sacrifice of the giver. He values our humble, wholehearted offering above any showy displays.

Prayer: Father God, I give You all I am, not just my excesses. Take my whole heart as my offering to You today.

“ FROM ASHES TO ALLELIA ”

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The Road to Jerusalem: Final Teachings & Preparation

Theme: Listening to Jesus's final instructions and preparing our hearts for the coming sacrifice.

Day 28 (SATURDAY): Watch and Pray



Reading: Mark 13:32-37

“But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³ Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. ³⁴ It’s like a man going away:

He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch.

³⁵ “Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn.

³⁶ If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping

³⁷ What I say to you, I say to everyone: ‘Watch!’”



Reflection: Jesus Christ warns us to stay spiritually alert. As we approach Holy Week, we are called to be watchful and aware of His presence and His promised return.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, keep my heart alert and my spirit awake to You. I do not want to be found sleeping in the battlefield of life.

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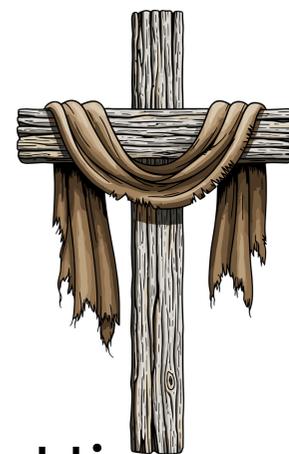
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Day 29 (MONDAY): The Promise of His Presence

Reading: Matthew 28:20

and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."



Reflection: As Jesus prepared His disciples for His physical departure, He gave this ultimate promise: "I am with you always." On our road to Jerusalem, we do not walk alone. He is with us every step.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, thank You for Your never-failing presence. As I walk this path, I am comforted and strengthened knowing You are with me always.

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Day 30 (TUESDAY): The Anointing at Bethany



Reading: John 12:1-8

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. ² Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. ³ Then Mary took about a pint^[a] of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

⁴ But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, ⁵ "Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages.^[b]" ⁶ He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.

⁷ "Leave her alone," Jesus replied. "It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. ⁸ You will always have the poor among you,^[c] but you will not always have me."



Reflection: In a beautiful act of worship, Mary anoints Jesus for burial. She alone seems to understand what is coming.

This prepares us for the week ahead.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, I offer You my most precious worship. Prepare my heart for Your journey to the cross.

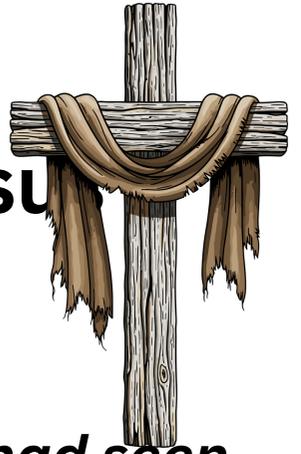
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Day 31 (WEDNESDAY): The Plot to Kill Jesus

Reading: John 11:45-53



Therefore, many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him. ⁴⁶ But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. ⁴⁷ Then the chief priests and the Pharisees called a meeting of the Sanhedrin.

“What are we accomplishing?” they asked. “Here is this man performing many signs. ⁴⁸ If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and then the Romans will come and take away both our temple and our nation.”

⁴⁹ Then one of them, named Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, spoke up, “You know nothing at all! ⁵⁰ You do not realize that it is better for you that one man die for the people than that the whole nation perish.” ⁵¹ He did not say this on his own, but as high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the Jewish nation, ⁵² and not only for that nation but also for the scattered children of God, to bring them together and make them one. ⁵³ So from that day on, they plotted to take his life.

Reflection: The religious leaders solidify their plan against Jesus. The shadow of the cross grows longer. Even in this, God's sovereign plan is unfolding before our very eyes.

Prayer: Almighty Father, even when human plans are evil, You work for the salvation of the world. I trust Your sovereignty today.

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Day 32 (THURSDAY): Jesus Weeps Over Jerusalem

Reading: Luke 19:41-44



*As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it
⁴² and said, "If you, even you, had only known on this day
what would bring you peace but now it is hidden from your eyes.*

*⁴³ The days will come upon you when your enemies will
build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on
every side. ⁴⁴ They will dash you to the ground, you and the children
within your walls.*

*They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize
the time of God's coming to you."*

Reflection: As Jesus approaches the city, He does not weep for Himself, but for the people who reject the peace He offers. His heart breaks with divine compassion.

Prayer: Break my heart for what breaks Yours, Lord Jesus. Give me Your compassion for the lost and help me to be diligent.

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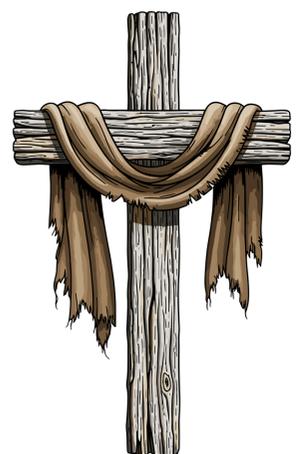
Day 33 (FRIDAY): The Triumphal Entry

Reading: Matthew 21:1-11

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her.

Untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.”⁴ This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

*⁵“Say to Daughter Zion,
‘See, your king comes to you,
gentle and riding on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’”...*



Reflection: The King enters Jerusalem humbly, on a donkey. The crowds cheer, but He knows the cross awaits. True kingship is service, not spectacle.

Prayer: Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna!

Save us, King Jesus! Today, I welcome You as my humble, serving King.

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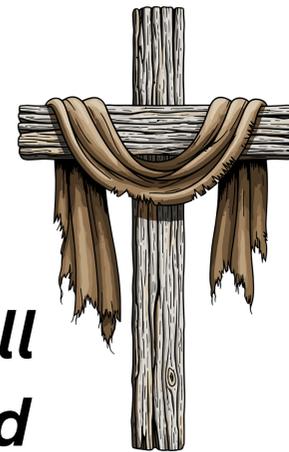
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Day 34 (SATURDAY): Cleansing the Temple

Reading: Matthew 21:12-13



Jesus entered the temple courts and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves. ¹³ “It is written,” he said to them, “My house will be called a house of prayer,^[e] but you are making it ‘a den of robbers.’^[f]”

Reflection: Jesus passionately purifies His Father’s house. He demands that our worship and our lives be a place of prayer, not profit, for God’s presence, not personal gain.

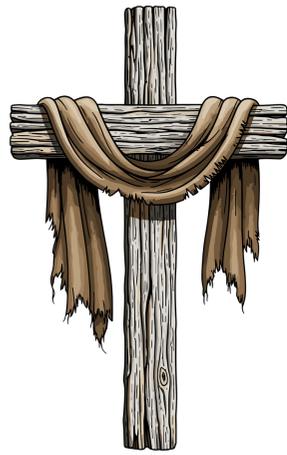
Prayer: Lord Jesus, cleanse the temple of my heart. Make it a house of pure prayer for You alone.

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Day 35 (MONDAY): The Last Supper



Reading: Luke 22:14-20

When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. ¹⁵

And he said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. ¹⁶ For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God.”

¹⁷After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, “Take this and divide it among you. ¹⁸ For I tell you I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.”

¹⁹And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.”

²⁰In the same way, after the supper, he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you

Reflection: At the Passover meal, Jesus transforms the old covenant into the new. The bread and cup become the enduring symbols of His body broken and blood shed for us.

Prayer: Thank you, Jesus, for this new covenant in Your blood. I remember and partake in Your sacrifice.

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Day 36 (TUESDAY): The Betrayal Predicted

Reading: Matthew 26:20-25

When evening came, Jesus was reclining at the table with the Twelve. ²¹

And while they were eating, he said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.”

²² They were very sad and began to say to him one after the other, “Surely you don’t mean me, Lord?”

²³ Jesus replied, “The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. ²⁴ The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born.”

²⁵ Then Judas, the one who would betray him, said, “Surely you don’t mean me, Rabbi?”

Jesus answered, “You have said so.”



Reflection: Amidst the intimacy of the meal, Jesus Christ reveals that one of His closest friends will betray Him. He faces the coming pain with clear-eyed sorrow and resolve.

Prayer: Oh Lord, expose any betrayal in my own heart. Keep me faithful to You in my daily walk with You.

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DAY 37 (WEDNESDAY): THE SERVANT'S TOWEL

Reading: John 13:3-5, 12-15

Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; ⁴ so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. ⁵ After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. “Do you understand what I have done for you?” he asked them. ¹³ “You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. ¹⁴ Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. ¹⁵ I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.

Reflection: The King of Kings kneels to wash feet. True greatness in God's kingdom is found in humble service. Whom can you serve today?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, please give me the courage to pick up the towel and basin and serve others as You did without fear or fervor.

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DAY 38 (MAUNDY THURSDAY): THE SERVANT'S COMMAND



Reading: John 13:1, 34-35

It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

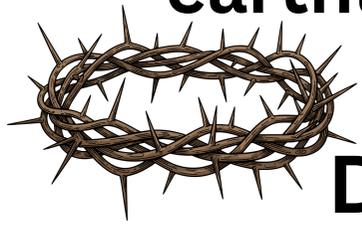
*³⁴ “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.
³⁵ By this, everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”*

Reflection: After washing His disciples' feet, Jesus gives a "new command": love one another as He has loved us. This self-sacrificing love is the mark of His true followers.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, help me to love others with the same sacrificial, foot-washing love You have shown me.

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Day 39 (**Good Friday**): The Crucifixion

Reading: John 19:16-18, 28-30



Finally, Pilate handed him over to them to be crucified.

The Crucifixion of Jesus

So the soldiers took charge of Jesus. ¹⁷ Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). ¹⁸ There they crucified him, and with him two others—one on each side and Jesus in the middle.

²⁸ Later, knowing that everything had now been finished and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, “I am thirsty.” ²⁹ A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus’ lips. ³⁰ When he had received the drink, Jesus said, “It is finished.” With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Reflection: “It is finished.” On the cross, Jesus accomplishes the salvation of the world. We stand in solemn awe at the depth of His love and the finality of His sacrifice.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, I have no words but thank you. You finished it all for me, I rejoice in the joy of my Salvation.

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Day 40 (Holy Saturday / Easter Vigil): Waiting in Hope



Reading: Matthew 27:57-66

⁵⁷As evening approached, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus. ⁵⁸Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus' body, and Pilate ordered that it be given to him. ⁵⁹Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth

⁶²The next day, the one after Preparation Day, the chief priests and the Pharisees went to Pilate. ⁶³"Sir," they said, "we remember that while he was still alive, that deceiver said, 'After three days I will rise again.'⁶⁵"Take a guard," Pilate answered. "Go, make the tomb as secure as you know how."⁶⁶ So they went and made the tomb secure by putting a seal on the stone and posting the guard.

Reflection: Today, we sit in the silence of the tomb. It is a day of waiting, of grief, of trusting God's promise when all seems lost. God is at work even in the stillness.

Prayer: Father Lord, in my own seasons of darkness and waiting, help me to trust that You are still God.

Sunday is coming.

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EASTER SUNDAY (Resurrection Day): The Empty Tomb



Reading: John 20:1-9, 16-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. ²So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!”

¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Mary.”

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means “Teacher”).

¹⁷Jesus said, “Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”

¹⁸Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: “I have seen the Lord!” And she told them that he had said these things to her.

Reflection: The tomb is empty! Death could not hold Him! The sorrow of Friday is swallowed up in the victory of Sunday. Everything has changed. Rejoice and celebrate!

Prayer: Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Hallelujah! My hope is secure, my future is guaranteed, because You (JESUS) live!

A FINAL WORD: FROM OUR JOURNEY TO HIS PRESENCE



Dear Reader,

If you are reading these words, you have completed the journey.

You began with ashes... an honest acknowledgment of your mortality, your need, and your longing for a Savior. You walked through the wilderness of dependence, learning to rely not on your own strength but on God's faithful provision.

You embraced the heart of a servant, allowing the Holy Spirit to reshape your priorities and your love.

You stood in the shadow of the cross, gazing upon the costly sacrifice that purchased your salvation. And finally, you arrived at the empty tomb, where death was defeated, and hope was forever sealed.

This was never merely a reading plan. It was an invitation.

An invitation to return. To the God who has been patiently waiting for you.

An invitation to rely. Not on your own understanding, but on His unfailing grace.

An invitation to renew. To let go of what hinders and embrace the life He offers.

An invitation to remember. That the cross was not the end, and the tomb could not hold Him.

LOOKING AHEAD

**Lent ends, but the resurrection life never does.
The same power that rolled away the stone now lives within
you.**

**The same Savior who walked the road to Calvary now walks
beside you. The same Father who welcomed the prodigal now
calls you His beloved child.**

**As you close this book and step back into the rhythm of your
daily life, go transformed.**

Go hopeful. Go loved.

**And when the world grows loud, and your heart grows weary,
remember this journey.**

Remember the ashes.

Remember the cross.

Remember the empty tomb.

He is risen. He is risen indeed.

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BLESSING FOR THE ROAD AHEAD

**May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.**

**May He lift up His countenance upon you
and give you peace.**

**Go now, from ashes to alleluia,
and live as one forever marked by the empty tomb.
In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
Amen.**

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU

To you, the reader, who carved out time in your busy days to sit with God, thank you. Your willingness to journey through Lent with intention and openness is a gift to your own soul and an offering of worship to the One who loves you.

If you used this devotional in community, with a small group, or shared it with a friend, we are deeply grateful that these words became part of your shared sacred space.

May the truths you have meditated on during these 40 days not fade with the passing of the season. May they take up permanent residence in your heart, shaping how you love, how you serve, and how you live every day of the year.

May this devotional draw you into a deeper, more meaningful relationship with Jesus Christ as you walk with Him from the ashes of repentance to the glorious joy of the resurrection.

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