

# *Holy Week Study*

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Picture this: A crowd buzzing with emotion, including confusion, excitement, expectancy. Questions are being whispered from person to person, "who is this?" "What is going on?"

Regardless of what they knew or what they believed, when Jesus rode the colt down the road, the whole city was shaken (Matthew 21:10).

### **Shaken.**

Only later would they find that all of what was happening was the fulfillment of a prophecy spoken long ago:

*"Behold, your King is coming to you,  
Lowly, and sitting on a donkey,  
A colt, the foal of a donkey."* (Zech 9:9)

I imagine the exhilaration these people felt as the man they've heard so much about approached them. The man who spoke words so radical, who performed miracles unlike anything they'd seen, the man who was different than anyone they've ever heard of, was coming towards them.

I imagine their excitement as they shout, **"Look! He's coming!! Jesus is coming!"**

*"Nearly all the people in the crowd threw their garments down on the road, giving him a royal welcome. Others cut branches from the trees and threw them down as a welcome mat."* (Matt. 21:8)

People were getting it.. this man, He was worth honoring, even if they didn't exactly know why yet.

They shouted as He rode by:

*"Hosanna to the Son of David!  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest!"* (Matthew 21:9)

**"Hosanna!"** they shouted.

Hosanna which means, "SAVE US!"

I can't help but feel like this is exactly what our souls are crying out today, too.

"Hosanna! Jesus, please save us!"

I'm reminded today, on this Palm Sunday, that we can expect pain and suffering.

It's going to happen, and it's going to hurt like hell.

I'm also reminded that through the pain and chaos we can stand in expectancy, with hope, and with joy and say, "Look! It's Jesus! He's coming!!!"

### **Because He's coming back.**

Welcome to Holy Week, friends.

I pray we will collectively quiet our hearts and minds and focus on Jesus. That we will understand what took place during this week.

I pray that we will lament, grieve, ache and feel the pain we may be experiencing.

We need to.

I pray that we will also remember that suffering is not how this ends.

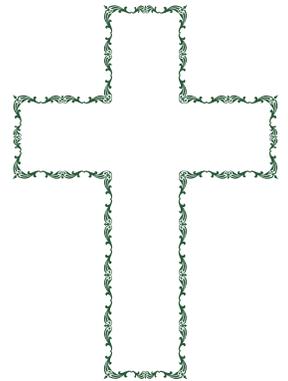
### **Victory is.**

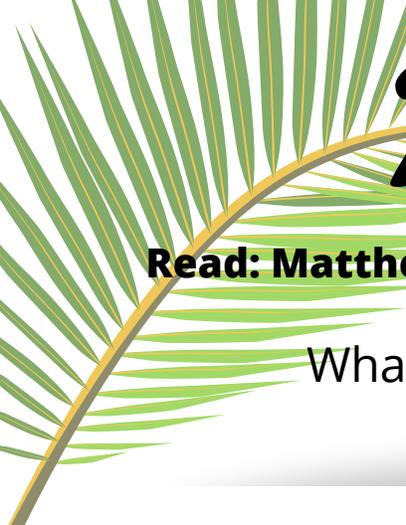
Don't forget that.

Don't forget what's already been done. Don't forget the end of the story has already been written.

### **Jesus did save us.**

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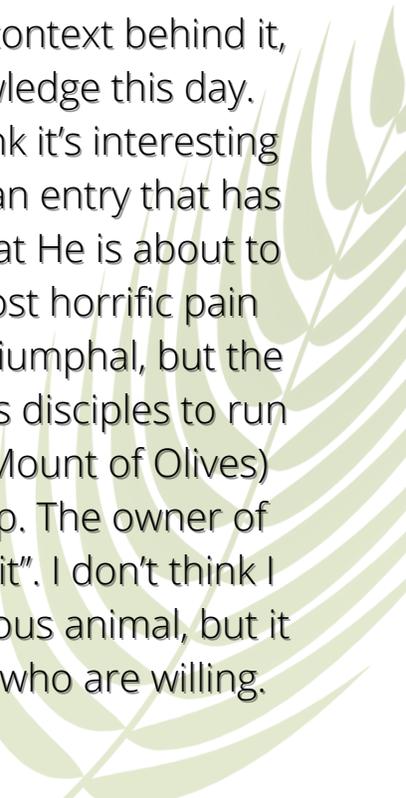
# Palm Sunday

**Read: Matthew 21: 1-11, Mark 11: 1-11, Luke 19: 28-44 & John 12:12-19**

What words, phrases or verses stuck out to you?

## Summary:

I never knew what was behind Palm Sunday. Growing up, I remember attending to a church service once a year where we held palm branches and shouted “Hosanna!” Honestly... I thought it was weird. I didn’t know the context behind it, but now that I do, I see the importance of stopping to acknowledge this day. Palm Sunday marks Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem. I think it’s interesting we say His “triumphal” entry, because to me, this would mean an entry that has a victorious ending. Jesus enters Jerusalem knowing full well that He is about to be crucified. He is entering into the week that will hold the most horrific pain any human has ever experienced. Yes, His ultimate ending is triumphal, but the process it takes to get there is nightmarish. Jesus tells two of his disciples to run ahead of him to a village called Bethphage (which is near the Mount of Olives) and tells them to find a donkey and a baby colt that are tied up. The owner of the animals agrees, because the disciples say “the Lord needs it”. I don’t think I would be trusting of any stranger who wanted to take my precious animal, but it goes to show that God’s plan will prevail and He will use those who are willing.

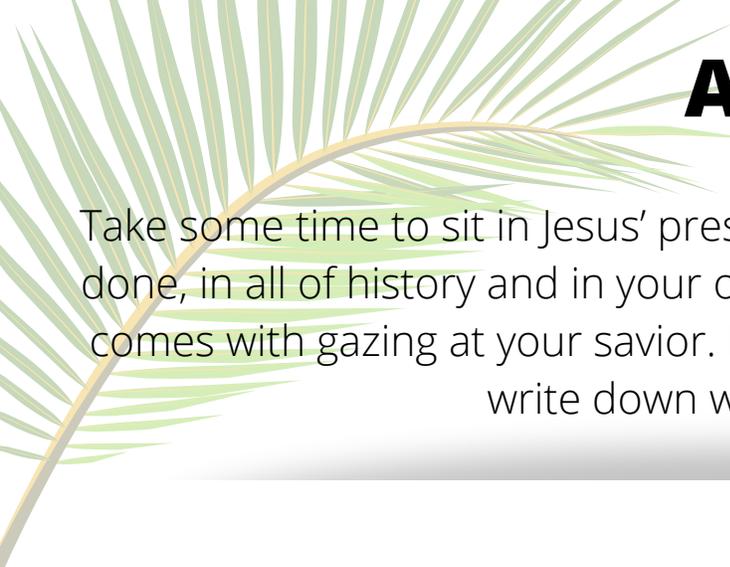


# Summary Continued:

Jesus rides the colt into Jerusalem, where he is met by people (who, at this point, have heard about His amazing miracles He's performed, including his resurrection of Lazarus) who are throwing their cloaks and palm branches on the road before Him, shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Hosanna in the highest!". This whole scene is fulfilling a prophesy that is written in Zechariah 9:9 which says, *"rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey"*. The Pharisees and religious leaders see how Jesus is being praised and become very upset. They begin to plan and plot on how to get Jesus killed. Jesus and His disciples go back to a nearby town called Bethany for the night.

## Consider:

- Matthew 21:10-11 says, "When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?" The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee." Even before people knew Jesus was the Messiah, His presence did something to them, just like it does to us today. It wakes us up. His name alone can do something within our very core. His presence can change everything. Jesus stirs the entire city by simply being Himself, because each of us, whether we know it or not, is created to worship Him and we can't *not* be affected when we are near our savior.
- I think about Jesus as He rides that donkey down the road and is met with people's shouts and praises.. which He totally deserves. He is the King, He deserves every ounce of praise we have in us. He deserves more than palm branches and cloaks. Yet, Jesus is walking towards His death and He knows it. There is no pride in Jesus, He isn't sitting there with His chest out saying, "yep, I deserve this praise." Instead, we read in Luke that Jesus cries as the city of Jerusalem comes into His view because the people are missing the peace that is right in front of them, in human form.. Jesus Himself. Even though these people believed He was a King, and the one who would help them, they didn't view Him as the God of all gods. Jesus weeps because "the peace is hidden from their eyes" (Luke 19:42). I am so thankful Peace isn't hidden from our eyes. I am so thankful we can know Jesus as our Lord and Savior and rest in His promises.



# Apply:

Take some time to sit in Jesus' presence undistracted. Think about what He has done, in all of history and in your own life. Let yourself experience the awe that comes with gazing at your savior. Let your heart be stirred. Take some time to write down what comes up for you:

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Who are some of the people in your life who don't know Jesus as their Savior that you could be intentionally praying for this week? How could you be a light to them?

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# Monday

**Read: Matthew 21:12-22, Mark 11:15-19, Luke 19:45-48, & John 2:13-17**

What words, phrases or verses stuck out to you?

## Summary:

The next morning, Jesus heads back to Jerusalem. He makes His way to the temple, where people were buying and selling animals and exchanging money. Jesus is (rightfully) upset at their desecration of the holy place. He takes cords and turns them into a whip, He flips over tables, making the coins go flying. He says, "It is written, My house will be called a house of prayer, but you are making it a 'den of robbers' (which comes from Jeremiah 7:11 - "*Has this house, which bears my Name, become a den of robbers to you?*") And His disciples remembered that it was written: "*Zeal for your house will consume me*" (Psalm 69:9). There were so many unholy actions taking place in the temple. People were upcharging and selling animals that were used to make sacrifices to God. However, they made it difficult for common people to be able to afford to buy animals to sacrifice and worship God in the traditional way they were taught to. Jesus was angry because the temple should bring people's focus to God, but they were so distracted with money and exchanges that they were missing Him completely. Remember, before Jesus, the temple was viewed as THE place that you could come into the presence of God. This place was incredibly holy. After Jesus speaks, the chief priests and the teachers of the law join together and begin brainstorming ways they can get rid of Him, because they feared how those who heard Him were amazed by His teaching (Mark 11:18). That day, Jesus stays in the temple for some time and stays to heal those who need healing. There are still children shouting, "Hosannah" at the sight of Him.

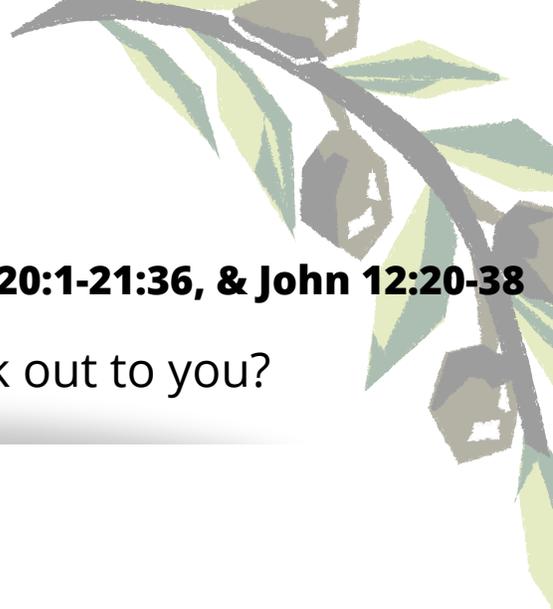
# Consider:

- I have heard these stories about Jesus in the temple, but I never realized this took place just days before Jesus was crucified. This is noteworthy because Jesus is well aware that these are His last few days. If I knew I only had a few days left, I would not spend my time doing anything that wasn't incredibly important to me. This shows us the significance of the message Jesus is giving the people in the temple... and how important it still is. It's not often that we see Jesus showing anger or acting in the manner He did on this day. So, what does this tell us? **Jesus isn't indifferent.** He cares about the things that tug us away from Him and lead us into sin. Why? Because He LOVES us. Yes, He is filled with grace and love, He is slow to anger and quick to forgive, but sin separates us from Him- so He hates it because He wants us.
- We all struggle with idols at some point in our lives, just like these people did. Not a single one of us is sin-free. Many of us feel the Lord looks at our sin and in a condemning way says, "you are bad!" But Jesus didn't come to condemn, He came to save. When He looks at your sin, He isn't shaking His head in disappointment, instead, He is looking at you, offering His hand and saying, "let's leave this way of life, I have something better for you." He convicts our hearts because He knows what's best.

## Apply:

-What idols are you struggling with? Why do you think you tend to put these things in front of God? What comfort do they provide? Take some time to quiet your mind and let the Holy Spirit speak the truth into these struggles (remember, you are being met by Love Himself, don't mistake His voice for condemnation of the enemy).

# Tuesday

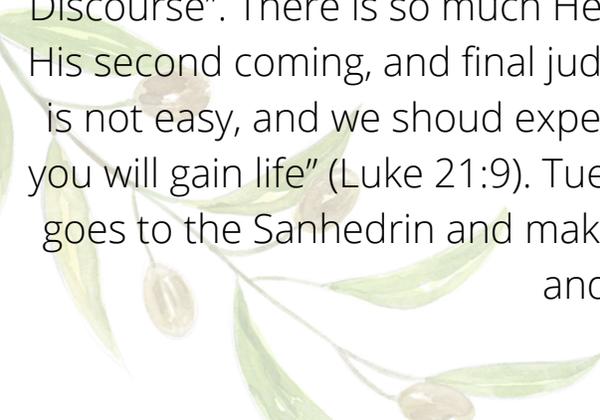


**Read: Matthew 21:23-24:51, Mark 11:20-13:37, Luke 20:1-21:36, & John 12:20-38**

What words, phrases or verses stuck out to you?

## Summary:

Jesus and his disciples return to Jerusalem. The religious leaders who saw and heard the things Jesus said the day before were furious and were *still* making a plan to get him arrested. Jesus isn't scared of them, and speaks directly to their hardened hearts through parables directed at them. He exposes their hypocrisy, and tells them that tax collectors, prostitutes, and sinners who repent and believe in Him will enter heaven before they do, because they are not opening their hearts and recognizing who Jesus is (Matthew 21:31-32). He goes through the "seven woes" pointing out the spiritual blindness of the teachers of the law and pharisees. The only reason the religious leaders don't take care of Jesus right there is because they are afraid of what the people will do, because they are so fond of Jesus (Matthew 12:12). Later, Jesus goes with his disciples to the Mount of Olives- where he gives His well known "Olivet Discourse". There is so much He says in here, including speaking about the end times, His second coming, and final judgement. He reminds us that being a follower of Christ is not easy, and we should expect it to be very difficult at times, but "by standing firm you will gain life" (Luke 21:9). Tuesday is also the day that Judas, one of Jesus' disciples, goes to the Sanhedrin and makes a deal with them that will lead him to betray Jesus, and lead Jesus to the cross.



# Consider:

- Jesus was absolutely hated by these religious leaders at the time. They saw Him as a threat to their power. They are the reason He ends up getting crucified. Isn't that crazy? The people who knew the Old Testament the best are the ones who hated the Savior *they* had been praying for. The truth is, sometimes we miss God when He is right before our very eyes. Maybe not to the same degree, but if we are so stuck on our routines, so close minded to what is around us, we might miss Him in our lives. The truth is, we all can be like the pharisees.
- Throughout this section of reading, we see how Jesus doesn't directly answer many of the Pharisees' questions. Instead of a specific answer, He asks them a question in return, or tells them a parable. Yet, when the teachers of the law ask Jesus, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important of all?" Instead of saying, "you tell me what you think", or explaining the answer in a parable, Jesus answers directly, "*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. There is no commandment greater than these*" (Mark 12:29-30). There is a reason He is so clear about this, because it's the most important and He doesn't want them to miss it. What we do with our love is the most important.

# Apply:

Jesus informs His disciples of the awful things they will endure because they follow Him, including: being hurt, persecuted, imprisoned, rejected and betrayed even by loved ones. Most of us are not enduring these types of hardships (which is a huge blessing), but we can still practice standing strong in our faith today, even in little ways. It could look like standing up for someone who is being oppressed, it could be speaking up for God's truth rather than quietly going along with the ways of the world, it could be giving to the poor or loving in radical ways. The more we stand strong in our faith in the smaller ways, the more we build the muscle to be able to do it in the bigger ways. Ask God to give you the opportunity to practice being courageous in taking a stand in your faith (and be prepared for Him to give you opportunities!)

**Song of the day: *I Love You Lord* by Steffany Gretzinger**

# Wednesday

**Optional Reading: John 11:1-44**

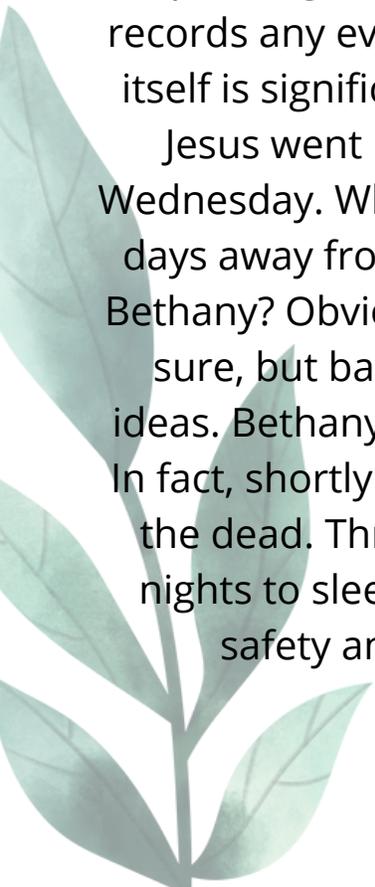
What words, phrases or verses stuck out to you?



## Summary

Depending on who you ask, many theologians do not believe that the Bible records any events from Wednesday of Holy week. If that's true, even that in itself is significant. We know on Tuesday night, after an incredibly long day, Jesus went back to Bethany so we can assume that's where He was on Wednesday. Why would Jesus choose Bethany? Why would He, knowing He is days away from being murdered, choose to go rest and prepare Himself in Bethany? Obviously, I don't know the answers to this and never will know for sure, but based on other things that happened in Bethany, I have some ideas. Bethany is where Jesus' dear friends lived: Martha, Mary and Lazarus. In fact, shortly before Palm Sunday, Jesus had just resurrected Lazarus from the dead. Throughout Holy Week, Jesus would retreat back to Bethany at nights to sleep there. This tells us that Bethany may have been a place of safety and comfort for Jesus, or at least that these people were.

**Song of the day: *Jesus My Friend* by Emily Harding**



# Consider:

- Again, these stories take on a new meaning when I think about them being the last week of Jesus' life before He is crucified. He doesn't spend this week in Bethany for no reason, He does so because He has friends there. Could it be, Jesus is preparing for the worst days of His life, and as He lived through the dread and anticipation of what would happen on Friday, it helped Him to be in Bethany with these people? It's strange to think of another human comforting or caring for Jesus, but we know that people did. Not necessarily because He needed them to, but because they loved Him and He loved them, and that's what people do in loving relationships.
- Jesus had just resurrected dead Lazarus the week before. This created such a buzz in the area and surrounding areas. People were fighting to get to Jesus, while the religious leaders were getting more and more anxious about Jesus' growing popularity. Go back and read this story, even though I'm sure you've heard it before (Read John 11: 1-44). This is the story where Jesus weeps when He sees Lazarus' family and community mourning His death, even though Jesus knows He is going to resurrect him. We get a glimpse of Jesus' heart right here. We see an all-powerful God who has humbled Himself as a human, taking on ALL of humanity, even our suffering.

## Apply:

Jesus being in Bethany and spending time with people He loved makes me think about Jesus as a friend. It can feel easier to think of Jesus as God, or as King, or as Lord. But Jesus as friend? That feels almost more.. intimate. While a King or a Lord had many people to overlook, a friend comes in close, a friend is personal. A friend shares with you and you with them. A friend brings joy, and laughter into our lives. How would your view of and relationship with Jesus change if you viewed Him as your friend?

# Thursday



**Read: Matthew 26:17-75, Mark 14:12-72, Luke 22:7-62, John 13:1-38**  
What words, phrases or verses stuck out to you?

## Summary:

Thursday is the beginning of the darkest days of humanity. Jesus and His disciples meet in an Upper room in Jerusalem to have a Passover Feast together. After their meal, Jesus does something that shocks everyone- He takes the position of a servant and washes His disciples' feet. Then, Jesus takes bread, gives thanks, breaks it, and gives it to his disciples, saying, "take and eat; this is my body." Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, saying, "drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins" (Matthew 26: 26-28). This is why many Christians around the world participate in communion to this day. Jesus' body was about to be broken and His blood shed in sacrifice for each of us. After these beautiful moments with his disciples, Jesus heads to the Garden of Gethsemane where He is about to get arrested and He knows it. We see the humanity in Jesus as He wrestles with the horror and suffering of what He is about to experience. He says, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death" (Mark 14:34) to His disciples who can't even manage to stay awake to keep watch for Him. The Bible tells us that Jesus even asks God the Father if He'd be willing to change the method through which He accomplishes His mission, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will" (Matthew 26: 39). Jesus is living in the horror of His reality, and as much as the human part of Him would love to escape it, He lands on "may your will be done". Jesus is the epitome of obedience. Shortly after, Jesus is arrested when Judas betrays Him, and is taken to the High Priest Caiaphas.

# Consider:

- In Luke 22 we read about Peter being so protective of Jesus that he strikes Malchus, a servant of the High Priest who is arresting Jesus, and cuts his ear right off. Jesus says, "no more of this!" and touches the man's ear and heals it! Malchus, who came to arrest an innocent man, is healed by Him. *How wild.* Can you imagine Malchus' internal confusion? Jesus is showing Himself as God, as healer up until the very last moments of His life. Even the people trying to kill Him, He cares for.
- We see in the Garden of Gethemane that Jesus experiences fear as He looks at the suffering He endures. This tells us that God does not expect us to never feel fear. But Jesus response is so powerful. He tells His Father that He will do His will, because He knows that's the purpose of His life. Do you know each of us have a purpose and call, as well? God might call us to things that are hard and scary, and it's okay to feel afraid. But we can still look fear in the face and say, "God's will, not mine". None of us will ever endure what Jesus did, not even close. But we are called to pick up our own crosses. Life changes when we truly decide that no matter what, we are following God's will, not our own.

# Apply:

What comes up for you as you read about Jesus in the Garden of Gethemane?  
What's it like to think about Jesus suffering with your salvation on His mind?

**Song of the day: *He Knows* by Jeremy Camp**





# Good Friday

**Read: Matthew 27:1-62, Mark 15:1-47, Luke 22:63-23:56, John 18:28-19:37**

What words, phrases or verses stuck out to you?

## Summary:

The heaviness of this day makes me sick to my stomach. Friday, the one we call “good” is truly the worst day that has existed in human history. So much took place on this day, and honestly, it's hard to summarize even the most important points. In the morning, Jesus goes through multiple trials, and although is fully innocent, ends up ultimately being sentenced to death by crucifixion. Our precious Jesus is beaten, spit on, whipped, mocked, and then nailed to a cross to die. We know that at some point throughout the day, Judas who betrayed Jesus, had His eyes opened to what he did and was filled with so much with remorse that he ends up hanging himself. We know that Peter denied knowing Jesus 3 times and fled the scene, as did His other disciples, but that the women who followed Jesus remained near the entire process of His crucifixion, helplessly watching (Matthew 27:55, Mark 15:40). A criminal (Barabbas) who was deserving of the punishment we sent free while Jesus was put to death. Another criminal who hung out the cross next to Jesus acknowledges Jesus as the Messiah, and Jesus tells the criminal “I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise” (Luke 23:43). Jesus also talks to the Father on the cross saying, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing” (Luke 23:34). Later He says, “it is finished”, bowed His head, and gave up His spirit (John 19:30). Later in the evening, Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea took Jesus’ body down from the cross and brought it to a tomb.

# Consider:

It's hard to read these accounts. I remember watching *The Passion of Christ* for the first time and feeling nauseated, and I still do every time I think about this day. Jesus went through this for US. For me, for you, for those who love Him and even for those who don't. He took on all our sin, and then endured the most awful of suffering. I know a lot of people struggle with "feeling God's love" for them. I get it, sometimes it's hard to feel or even believe. But whenever you have any doubts about how God feels about you, you can always go back to the cross and see Jesus sacrificing everything for you. This is the greatest act of love that has ever taken place. You are a part of it.



# Apply:

Take some time to reflect on your reaction to what you read about Good Friday. Feel free to write it as if you were writing a note to Jesus.

Song of the day: *Lead Me to the Cross* by Hillsong United





# Saturday

**Read: Matthew 27:62-66, Mark 16:1, Luke 23:56, John 19:40**

What words, phrases or verses stuck out to you?

## Summary

Saturday was the sabbath for Jewish people, so on Saturday Jesus' body laid in the tomb which was guarded by roman soldiers. Once sabbath was over (which ended at 6:00pm), His body was ceremonially treated for burial with perfumed ointment of myrrh and aloes brought by Nicodemous (John 19: 39).

The Bible doesn't share what Jesus' disciples were doing on Saturday, but I imagine it was one of the most heart wrenching days for them. Jesus' followers had to have been overwhelmed with grief and experiencing deep guilt for not doing more for their teacher. Also, many had to have been so confused because all they knew was the one who they believed was their Savior... had died. I imagine a collective feeling of, *now what do we do?!* I imagine what would feel like shattered hope. Even though Jesus told them He was going to rise after 3 days, they didn't understand exactly what that meant. For all they knew, their King was gone.

## Consider:

- On Saturday, I think specifically about Peter. Peter, the same guy who chopped the ear off of Malchus in Jesus' defense, ends up denying even knowing Jesus shortly after. This is so puzzling to me and makes me wonder what happened in those in-between moments. At the same time, I know how fear can make us hide our faith. There are certain situations in life when being bold in Jesus and in our faith can be uncomfortable, and sometimes we'd rather hide. I don't judge Peter, but my heart breaks for him when I read this, because I can't imagine the regret He felt that Saturday, not knowing for sure if Jesus would be back. I know the regret I have felt in life when I have blatantly turned away from the Lord in my decision making, in my actions or even in my thoughts. With this in mind, go read John 21 (verse 7 makes me cry), and you'll see that Jesus treated Peter with nothing but grace and forgiveness when He sees him... Just like He does with us.
- Saturday was quiet and devastating. Many of us have gone through our own "Saturday" where we feel immense grief and don't know where God is. Turns out, God was behind the scenes doing His redemptive work on Saturday. He is still doing this for us today. Even when we can't feel Him or see Him, He is near and He has a good plan.

## Apply:

If you are in your own metaphorical "Saturday" and feel like the Lord has been quiet or absent, take some time to get in His word and write down some scripture that reminds you of His Truth, His nearness and how He will never abandon you:



# Resurrection Sunday

**Read: Matthew 28:1-13, Mark 16:1-14, Luke 24:1-49, and John 20:1-23**

What words, phrases or verses stuck out to you?

## Summary:

Here we are at Sunday, the sharpest contrast from the mood on Friday and Saturday. Sunday is the best day in the history of mankind (to date). This day we celebrate the very thing that makes a Christian a Christian- Jesus' resurrection. Some of the women (Mary Magdalene, another Mary, and Salome) who had been following Jesus throughout His ministry, all the way to the cross, go to His tomb on Sunday morning and find that the stone that stood in front of Jesus' tomb was rolled to the side (Luke 24:2-9). Mary Magdalene goes to tell the disciples about it, so Peter and John run to the tomb, see that it's empty, see the linens that were used to wrap Jesus laying there with no body in them... but they still don't know exactly what to think of it. Jesus appears first to Mary Magdalene and tells her to go tell His disciples. Later He appears to two disciples who are walking on the road to Emmaus, then to Peter, and then the group of disciples who are praying in a room together. Jesus is back. This day demonstrates the hope we have in Christ and how we don't have to die anymore, because He conquered death. We get to go to heaven because HE made a way for us. This is the day we should focus on every single day of the year. HE IS RISEN. HALLELUJIA! We are also reminded today that Jesus is going to come back again.

## Consider:

One of my very favorite stories in the Bible is when Mary Magdalene gets to Jesus' tomb on Sunday morning. She is shocked to find He isn't there, and then stays at the tomb and weeps because her Rabbi is gone. She hears a voice behind her asking, "Woman, why are you crying", and she thinks it's a Gardner. She doesn't recognize then that it's Jesus. But then He says her name, "Mary", and that's when the chills go down her spin and she turns to Him and yells, "Rabboni!" Jesus called her by name. She recognized His voice because she knows her Shephard's voice. I think this is such a beautiful example of the comfort that comes from learning how to hear our Creator's voice. It's also beautiful because He calls each of His children by name: *"But now, thus says the LORD, who created you, O Jacob, and He who formed you, O Israel: 'Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; You are mine.'"* -Isaiah 43:1. What a blessing, the *greatest* blessing, to be called by God.

## Apply:

What has stood out to you the most this week? What changed in your perspective, your emotions, or your heart? What will you take away from this week that you can hold on to forever?



She didn't realize it was Jesus.

Mary Magdalene, the woman whose life was forever changed by the love and healing of Jesus.

The woman who followed Him throughout His ministry, and knew Him to be her Savior.

She didn't realize it was Jesus.

After He had resurrected, she found His tomb empty and wept, believing that His body had been taken and moved elsewhere by the roman soldiers.

When she turns away from the tomb, Jesus is standing there.. but she didn't realize it was Him.

He asks her why she is crying. She tells Him. They have a conversation, and yet she still doesn't realize it.

Until He says her name.

Until He says the one word, "Mary".

As soon as she hears Him say that, she cries out in awe and relief, because she realizes it's Him.

This gives me chills.

Because this is what the call of God can do in our hearts.

We can be bogged down by our circumstances and our grief, we can be stuck and hopeless.

Yet, when He calls us by name, everything changes.

No one else calls us like that.

No one else says our name and our entire soul stirs.

Because when we know our Creator's voice, there isn't a more powerful and beautiful voice that we could hear.

He calls for you and I specifically.

He calls us by name.

And that call will be the best call we will ever hear.

It's the call that says "I know you, I love you, and I want you for eternity."

Mary didn't realize it was Jesus until He called her by name.

He calls us by name, too.

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