

2026



# Holy Week

Devotional & Prayer Guide



# Holy Week Devotional – Easter 2026

Holy Week is more than a holiday remembrance—it is a spiritual journey. From the shouts of “Hosanna” to the silence of the tomb and the victory of the empty grave, these days invite us to slow down, reflect deeply, and draw near to Jesus. In the busyness of life, it is easy to rush past the weight and wonder of this week. This devotional guide is designed to help us walk intentionally with Christ from Palm Sunday to Resurrection Sunday.

As you read, reflect, and pray, ask the Lord not only to inform your mind but to transform your heart. Let this be a time of worship, repentance, gratitude, and renewed hope.

## How to Use This Devotional

**Set Aside Intentional Time:** Choose a consistent time each day—morning, lunch break, or evening—to read slowly and without distraction.

**Read the Scripture First:** Begin by reading the listed passages directly from your Bible. Consider reading them more than once, listening for a word or phrase that stands out.

**Reflect Honestly:** Work through the personal reflection questions prayerfully. Write down thoughts, convictions, or encouragements the Lord brings to mind.

**Pray Specifically:** Use the prayer guide as a starting place. Personalize them. Pray for your family, FBCBA, and those who do not yet know Christ.

**Share When Possible:** Consider discussing what you are learning with your family, a friend, or your Group. Holy Week is richer when we walk through it together.

As we journey through these days, may we stand in awe at the cross, wait in faith on Saturday, and rejoice deeply on Resurrection Sunday. May the risen Christ renew our love for Him and strengthen our witness to the world.



# The Humble King

**Holy Week Focus:** Palm Sunday – The Triumphal Entry

**Scripture Reflection:** Matthew 21:1–11; Psalm 118:25–29

Jesus enters Jerusalem not on a war horse, but on a donkey—fulfilling prophecy and redefining kingship. The crowds shout “Hosanna,” celebrating Him as deliverer. Yet many misunderstand the kind of salvation He brings. They expect political rescue; He brings spiritual redemption. Palm branches wave in praise, but within days, some voices will fall silent.

Palm Sunday invites us to examine the depth of our worship. Do we praise Jesus only when He meets our expectations, or do we trust Him as King even when His ways surprise us? True worship recognizes His authority, humbly receives His mission, and follows Him beyond moments of celebration.

## Personal Reflection Questions:

What does it truly mean for me to call Jesus “King”?

Where might my expectations of Jesus differ from His mission?

Is my worship consistent in both celebration and difficulty?

How can I intentionally express worship this week?

## Prayer Guide:

Praise Jesus as your rightful King.

Ask God to deepen your understanding of Christ’s mission.

Pray for sincere and steadfast worship in every season.

# A House of Prayer

**Holy Week Focus:** Jesus Cleanses the Temple

**Scripture Reflection:** Matthew 21:12–17; Isaiah 56:7

When Jesus enters the temple courts, He finds distraction, exploitation, and misplaced priorities. With righteous authority, He clears the space, declaring that His Father’s house is meant to be a house of prayer. His actions reveal His heart for purity, reverence, and access to God.

This moment challenges us to consider what fills the temple of our own hearts. Have lesser pursuits crowded out prayer? Have convenience and routine replaced reverence? Christ’s cleansing work is not meant to condemn but to restore. He desires hearts that are centered on communion with the Father.

## Personal Reflection Questions:

What distractions may be crowding my spiritual life?

How intentional and consistent is my prayer life?

Are there attitudes or habits that need cleansing?

What practical step can I take to prioritize prayer?

## Prayer Guide:

Invite God to search and purify your heart.

Ask for renewed passion for prayer.

Pray that FBCBA will always reflect reverence and spiritual integrity.



# Faithful Teaching

**Holy Week Focus:** Jesus Teaches in the Temple

**Scripture Reflection:** Luke 19:47–48; Matthew 22:37–40

Throughout the week, Jesus continues teaching openly in the temple. Opposition grows, yet He remains faithful to speak truth. His message centers on loving God wholeheartedly and loving others faithfully. Even in the shadow of the cross, He invests in clarity and discipleship.

Jesus demonstrates that faithfulness is not dependent on circumstances. When pressure rises, truth still matters. His courage encourages us to remain anchored in Scripture and committed to sharing it. What we believe shapes how we endure hardship and how we influence others.

## Personal Reflection Questions:

How central is God's Word in my daily life?

Where do I need courage to stand for truth?

Am I loving God and others in tangible ways?

Who might God want me to invest in through faithful discipleship?

## Prayer Guide:

Thank God for the truth of His Word.

Pray for boldness to stand firm in faith.

Ask God to help you love Him and others more deeply.

# The Cost of Betrayal

**Holy Week Focus:** Judas' Decision

**Scripture Reflection:** Luke 22:1–6, 47-53; Romans 12:1–2

As some draw closer to Jesus, Judas moves toward betrayal. His decision grows from small compromises into devastating action. Scripture reminds us that transformation requires surrender of the mind and heart. Without it, drift becomes decline.

Holy Week invites honest reflection. We may not betray Christ publicly, but we can subtly resist Him privately. The good news is that Jesus calls us back. He transforms willing hearts and reshapes distorted desires. Where surrender feels costly, grace is sufficient.

## Personal Reflection Questions:

Are there small compromises shaping my spiritual life?

Where might I be resisting God's direction?

What does full surrender look like in this season?

How can I guard my heart against spiritual drift?

## Prayer Guide:

Confess areas where obedience feels difficult.

Ask God to renew your mind and align your heart with His.

Pray for integrity and wholehearted devotion.



# The Servant King

**Holy Week Focus:** The Last Supper

**Scripture Reflection:** Luke 22:14–20; John 13:3–5

Around the Passover table, Jesus institutes a new covenant. The bread and the cup become symbols of His body and blood. Then, in astonishing humility, He washes His disciples' feet. The King kneels as servant. Love expresses itself in action.

This sacred evening reveals the heart of Christian community: remembrance, sacrifice, and service. We follow a Savior who gives Himself freely. As recipients of such grace, we are called to extend it. The table reminds us that we belong to Him—and to one another.

## Personal Reflection Questions:

How does remembering Christ's sacrifice shape my daily life?

In what ways can I serve others more intentionally?

Is humility evident in my relationships?

How can I strengthen unity within my faith community?

## Prayer Guide:

Thank Jesus for the gift of His body and blood.

Pray for humility and a servant's heart.

Ask God to deepen unity among believers.

# The Cross of Love

**Holy Week Focus:** Good Friday – The Crucifixion

**Scripture Reflection:** John 19:16–30; Isaiah 53:4–6

At Golgotha, justice and mercy meet. Jesus bears the weight of sin willingly. His final declaration—“It is finished”—signals the completion of redemption’s work. What we could not accomplish, He fulfills completely.

The cross is not merely a symbol of suffering; it is the centerpiece of hope. Christ’s sacrifice reconciles us to God and redefines love as self-giving. Standing at the foot of the cross humbles pride and awakens gratitude. Forgiveness flows from wounded hands.

## Personal Reflection Questions:

How does the cross personally impact my identity?

What sins or burdens do I need to lay at Jesus’ feet?

How can gratitude for the cross shape my attitude?

Who needs to hear about Christ’s sacrifice?

## Prayer Guide:

Thank Jesus for His sacrifice and forgiveness.

Reflect on the depth of God’s love for you.

Pray for hearts to be drawn to salvation through the cross.



# The Silent Saturday

**Holy Week Focus:** Waiting in the Tomb

**Scripture Reflection:** Matthew 27:57–66; Lamentations 3:22–26

Saturday is marked by silence. The disciples grieve; hope seems buried. Yet heaven is not inactive. God's purposes continue unfolding even when unseen. The stillness between cross and resurrection teaches us to trust beyond understanding.

In seasons when God feels distant, faith clings to His character. Waiting refines trust and deepens endurance. Saturday reminds us that silence does not equal absence. God is faithful in the dark as well as in the dawn.

## Personal Reflection Questions:

Where am I currently waiting on God?

How do I typically respond to silence or uncertainty?

What promises of God anchor me in difficult seasons?

How can I grow in patient trust?

## Prayer Guide:

Ask God for patience in seasons of waiting.

Pray for those experiencing grief or uncertainty.

Trust God's faithfulness even when answers are delayed.

# The Risen Lord

**Holy Week Focus:** Resurrection Sunday – The Empty Tomb

**Scripture Reflection:** Matthew 28:1–10; Colossians 2:12–15

The stone is rolled away. The tomb is empty. Fear gives way to awe as the angel announces, “He is not here, for He has risen.” Resurrection transforms despair into joy and doubt into proclamation.

Because Christ lives, sin is defeated and death loses its sting. The resurrection is both promise and power—assuring eternal life and empowering present mission. Easter is not merely an event to celebrate but a reality to live. The risen Savior sends His people forward with hope that cannot be extinguished.

## Personal Reflection Questions:

How does the resurrection shape my daily perspective?

What areas of fear need to be replaced with faith?

Where is God calling me to live boldly?

Who can I share the hope of the risen Christ with?

## Prayer Guide:

Praise God for victory over sin and death.

Ask for boldness to live in resurrection power.

Pray for opportunities to share the hope of Christ.



# Introduction to the Reading Plan

Easter is not the finish line—it is the beginning. Because Jesus is alive, we are sent to live differently. This reading plan is designed to help us carry resurrection hope into everyday life as we pursue our mission of Reaching BA and Beyond by multiplying disciples to follow Jesus.

Each day's Scripture will anchor your heart in Christ, align you with His mission, and encourage you to live out the PATH—engaging in worship, connecting in Group, investing in the few, making an impact, and leaving a legacy.

Set aside a few intentional minutes daily, read slowly, reflect prayerfully, and ask God to show you one step of obedience as you follow Him daily.

## Week 1 | Living in Resurrection Power

**Theme:** Because He lives, we live differently.

**Monday, April 6 – New Life Begins**

John 20:19–23

2 Corinthians 5:17

**Focus:** The risen Christ brings peace and sends His people.

**Tuesday, April 7 – Raised to Walk in Newness**

Romans 6:1–11

**Focus:** Resurrection changes identity and daily living.

**Wednesday, April 8 – A Living Hope**

1 Peter 1:3–9

**Focus:** Hope fuels perseverance.

**Thursday, April 9 – Empowered by the Spirit**

John 14:15–21

**Focus:** We are not alone in the mission.

**Friday, April 10 – Abiding in Christ**

John 15:1–11

**PATH Emphasis: Engage in Worship**

**Focus:** Fruitfulness flows from intimacy.

**Saturday, April 11 – Resurrection Courage**

Acts 4:1–13

**Focus:** Boldness comes from being with Jesus.

## Week 2 (April 13–18) – The Church on Mission

**Theme:** Reaching BA and Beyond begins with Spirit-filled obedience.

- Monday, April 13 – The Great Commission**  
Matthew 28:16–20  
**Focus:** Multiply disciples.
- Tuesday, April 14 – Power to Witness**  
Acts 1:6–11  
**Focus:** Witness locally and globally.
- Wednesday, April 15 – Devoted Community**  
Acts 2:42–47  
**PATH Emphasis: Connect in a Group**  
**Focus:** Healthy church life fuels mission.
- Thursday, April 16 – Gospel Boldness**  
Acts 3:1–10; 4:29–31  
**Focus:** Pray for courage to speak.
- Friday, April 17 – Sent Beyond Comfort**  
Acts 8:1–8  
**Focus:** Persecution expands reach.
- Saturday, April 18 – A Gospel for All People**  
Acts 10:34–48  
**Focus:** The mission crosses boundaries.

## Week 3 (April 20–25) – Multiplying Disciples

**Theme:** Disciples who make disciples.

- Monday, April 20 – Follow Me**  
Luke 9:23–26  
**Focus:** Discipleship requires surrender.
- Tuesday, April 21 – Investing in a Few**  
2 Timothy 2:1–7  
**PATH Emphasis: Invest in a Few**  
**Focus:** Faithful people who teach others.
- Wednesday, April 22 – Spiritual Growth Marks**



Colossians 1:9–14

**Focus:** Growing in knowledge and endurance.

**Thursday, April 23 – Reproducing Faith**

1 Thessalonians 1:5–8

**Focus:** Faith that rings out.

**Friday, April 24 – Equipped for Every Good Work**

Ephesians 4:11–16

**Focus:** Every member on mission.

**Saturday, April 25 – The Cost and Joy of Discipleship**

Philippians 3:7–14

**Focus:** Pressing toward the goal.

## **Week 4 (April 27–30) – Impact and Legacy**

**Theme:** Reaching BA and Beyond for generations to come.

**Monday, April 27 – Salt and Light**

Matthew 5:13–16

**PATH Emphasis: Make an Impact**

**Focus:** Influence in everyday life.

**Tuesday, April 28 – Compassion in Action**

James 2:14–18

**Focus:** Faith demonstrated through works.

**Wednesday, April 29 – Finishing Well**

2 Timothy 4:6–8

**PATH Emphasis: Leave a Legacy**

**Focus:** A life poured out for Christ.

**Thursday, April 30 – To Him Be Glory**

Ephesians 3:14–21

**Focus:** God does more than we ask or imagine.



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