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# THIS IS MY NAME FOREVER

DAILY BIBLE READING JOURNAL

THEN MOSES SAID TO GOD, "IF I COME TO THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL AND SAY TO THEM, 'THE GOD OF YOUR FATHERS HAS SENT ME TO YOU,' AND THEY ASK ME, 'WHAT IS HIS NAME?' WHAT SHALL I SAY TO THEM?"

GOD SAID TO MOSES, "I AM WHO I AM." AND HE SAID, "SAY THIS TO THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL: 'I AM HAS SENT ME TO YOU.'" GOD ALSO SAID TO MOSES, "SAY THIS TO THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL: 'THE LORD, THE GOD OF YOUR FATHERS, THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, THE GOD OF ISAAC, AND THE GOD OF JACOB, HAS SENT ME TO YOU.' THIS IS MY NAME FOREVER, AND THUS I AM TO BE REMEMBERED THROUGHOUT ALL GENERATIONS."

EXODUS 3:13-15

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# THANK YOU FOR PARTNERING WITH US!

We are excited to offer our daily reading journals as a way for people (like you!) to connect with God through the daily reading of Scripture.

Your payment of \$5 helps offset the related costs and enables us to provide this resource to those who may not purchase it on their own. For your convenience, you can pay for your journal by scanning the QR code below. You can also bring cash or check to the church at 777 Carmichael Road, Hudson, WI.



# WELCOME

Over the next four weeks, as our church walks through the series *This Is My Name*, our Daily Bible Reading Guide will take us back to the very beginning—Genesis 1-11. That may feel surprising at first, but it is very intentional. On Sunday mornings our teaching will be rooted in Exodus chapter three, where God reveals his name to Moses. Before we can understand what God does in Exodus, we need to be grounded in who God is. In this Daily Reading Guide, we're going to read through Genesis because that is where the story of Exodus begins. Many of the central themes of Exodus are first planted, shaped, and developed in Genesis.

Genesis introduces us to the God who creates by His word, who is holy and life-giving, who judges evil without surrendering his mercy, and who binds himself to real people with real promises. In other words, Genesis gives us the theological soil out of which Exodus grows. The God who speaks from the burning bush is the same God who spoke light into darkness, who covered Adam and Eve, who preserved Noah through disaster, who scattered proud nations, and who called Abram by grace.

One of the things you're going to notice about this reading guide is that some of the assigned readings are a little longer than normal. That, too, is intentional. These chapters are meant to be taken in as whole movements, not just isolated verses. Genesis is a highly structured, tightly woven narrative. Notice patterns in the story. Pay attention to the characters. Look at what God does.

As you read, you will find moments that confuse you, unsettle you, or stretch your understanding of God. That's great. Genesis refuses to give us a God who is small, safe, or easily managed. Instead, it introduces us to the living God who defines himself, who keeps his promises across generations, and who is never detached from the real story of human life.

During Holy Week (Palm Sunday – Easter Sunday) we'll take a break from Genesis to read the story of Jesus' Passion.

Each week builds toward Easter so that by the time we arrive at the resurrection—and then move fully into Exodus—we have been prepared for obedience, for trust, for worship, and for following wherever the LORD leads.

Our hope is that this guide helps you not only read Scripture, but encounter the God who says, "This is my name forever."

**THIS GUIDE  
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# INTRODUCING SOAP

Whether you've read the Bible for years or this is your very first time opening it up for yourself, this journal is designed to help you meet with God personally in his word. To help you do that, we're using a simple and proven approach called SOAP. It's an easy-to-follow guide to help you slow down, listen, and interact personally with God in his Word. Here's how it works:

## S – SCRIPTURE

Write out a short verse, phrase or theme that stood out to you in your reading. Make a note about why you think that phrase or verse is impacting you today. Writing it down helps you slow down and focus.

## O – OBSERVATION

What observations can you make about the passage? This could be notes about the people in the passage, places, or what happens. It's also helpful to write down questions about anything that's initially confusing or that you don't understand. Then you can reflect on, explore, or examine those questions more deeply. If you aren't sure what to write, here are a few questions that are always helpful to ask when you're reading the Bible:

- What am I learning about God – his character, actions and glory?
- What is God doing in this passage?
- What am I learning about myself and humanity? What are we like apart from God's grace?
- Who are we as a result of what God has done in Jesus? What is true about me now?

## A - APPLICATION

What is God speaking to me about today? Is there a command to obey? A promise to trust? A warning to heed? An encouragement to receive? What will I need from God to respond in faith today?

## P - PRAYER

Talk to God about what you've read. Ask for his help, thank him, or simply respond to what he's shown you.

Don't worry about getting it perfect —just show up each day, read and respond to God. You don't have to be a Bible expert. Just let God meet you here.

# HOW THIS READING PLAN WORKS

If this is the first time that you've attempted to read the Bible on a regular basis, this is our challenge: set aside 20 minutes every day. Find a place where you can:

- Sit down and not be disturbed.
- Put your phone and smart watch in another room.
- Have a Bible, your SOAP Journal and pen in hand.

Ideally, this is at a time in the day when you're reasonably "fresh" and awake. Get that first cup of coffee going, but don't open your newsfeed or phone yet. Let this be the first thing on your agenda. If your kids are old enough to understand, let them know that you need 20 minutes to spend time with the Lord and that this is important to you. This is a great opportunity to set an example that may encourage their own love for God's word.

We've created this journal with a daily (Monday-Saturday) reading. On Sundays, there will be a note page for the Sunday sermon. If you miss a day, don't sweat it. Don't worry about "catching up." This isn't a homework assignment or something to check off your to-do list. Meeting with God in his word is a gift - it's about a daily encounter with God. If you miss a day (or ten!), just pick up the reading for that day.

You'll notice that on Sundays, there's no reading plan – just a page for taking notes during the sermon.

Finally, the best way to get the most out of this experience is to be sure that you have an opportunity to talk with a friend about it every week. This is typically the difference between people who "make it" and stick with a reading plan, and those who don't. If you're in a Missional Community or Small Group, bring your SOAP Journals and compare notes. If you're not, find a friend today, set a weekly meeting time and agree to get together during this reading challenge. You won't regret it.

# A NOTE ON READING GENESIS 1-11

Genesis 1–11 holds a unique place in Scripture. These chapters are not simply the beginning of Israel’s story; they are the theological opening of the entire Bible. Here we are introduced to the God who creates, speaks, blesses, judges, and commits himself to the world he has created long before the story narrows to Abraham, Israel, or the Exodus. Here we are also introduced to humanity – our calling, our Fall, our weakness and our potential.

These chapters can be challenging to read. They are ancient, densely packed, and very different than most modern storytelling. They move quickly across vast stretches of time, shift between scenes and characters quickly, and often raise questions that the text itself does not stop to answer. Remember that Genesis was not written to satisfy our modern curiosities about the ancient world – it was written to form a theological foundation for the rest of the Bible.

The genre of Genesis 1–11 is especially important to recognize. These chapters are historical theological narrative literature.

They are *historical* in the sense that these things really did happen, though Genesis has no interest in satisfying our desire to know everything about the ancient world. Its goals are narrow and specific.

They are *theological* in the sense that they are written to reveal who God is, what the world is for, what has gone wrong, and why God’s action in history is necessary. As we read them, we begin to see why judgment, deliverance, covenant, and redemption are not ideas that were suddenly introduced in Exodus.

They are *narrative* in the sense that these truths are communicated almost entirely through story. As you read, keep in mind that Genesis was written to communicate the truth to ancient people with very different assumptions about the universe than modern people have.

Genesis is *literature* in the sense that it is a highly structured, tightly woven work of art. Nothing in Genesis is random but has been carefully selected to teach us about God, ourselves, the world and redemption. The literary structure of Genesis is a part of how it teaches those truths. Watch the video on Genesis chapter one to get a flavor for how Genesis is both a work of history, and a work of art.

Genesis 1–11 teaches us that the God who will later reveal his name to Moses is already known by his character. His holiness is life-giving. His judgments are purposeful. His mercy is persistent. And his commitment to redeem all that has been broken in creation has never wavered.

## TIPS FOR READING GENESIS 1-11

### 1. READ FOR THEOLOGY FIRST

Genesis 1–11 is more interested in revealing who God is than explaining how everything works. Pay attention to what the text shows you about God’s character, purposes, and relationship to his creation. These are the point and they are universal, regardless of what century you live in.

### 2. WATCH FOR PATTERNS

Blessing and rebellion. Covenant and calling. The younger before the older. Failure and redemption. Promise and waiting. These themes appear again and again. Noticing these patterns will help you understand both Genesis and Exodus more clearly.

### 3. DON’T RUSH PAST THE STRANGE STUFF

Some passages may feel unfamiliar, unsettling, or difficult. Resist the urge to flatten them or skip ahead. Genesis invites awe, humility, and patience as we encounter a God who cannot be reduced to our expectations.

### 4. READ WITH EXODUS IN MIND

As you read, ask: What does this teach me about the God who will later speak from the burning bush? Genesis is laying the groundwork for everything that follows

# SOME EXCELLENT VIDEOS

Here are a few short, excellent videos to make Genesis 1-11 come alive:

## 1. THE BIBLE PROJECT – GENESIS 1

This is the best introduction to the literary beauty of Genesis 1 that I've ever seen. Great for kids too!



## 2. THE BIBLE PROJECT - GENESIS 1-11



## 3. THE BIBLE PROJECT – YHWH / LORD

"God" is not a name, it's a title. His revealed name is YHWH, translated into English as LORD (all caps). This short video brings clarity to where God's name comes from, what it means, and how it's been translated into our English Bibles.



# WEEK 1

## SERMON NOTES

### SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2026

*"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly..." — Colossians 3:16*

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MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2026

**PRAY**

*Thank you, God for revealing who you are and what you are like.  
Deepen my awe and prepare me to trust you more. Amen*

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Genesis 1:1-2:3

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*Thank you, God for revealing who you are and what you are like.  
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## DAY 3

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**PRAY**

*Thank you, God for revealing who you are and what you are like.  
Deepen my awe and prepare me to trust you more. Amen*

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### PRAY

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Genesis 3:1-24

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**PRAY**

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## SERMON NOTES

### SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2026

*"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly..." — Colossians 3:16*

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# WEEK 2

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MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2026

### PRAY

*Thank you, God for revealing who you are and what you are like. Deepen my awe and prepare me to trust you more. Amen*

### READ

Genesis 5:1-32



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Genealogies, are admittedly, not the most exciting reading. To understand more about what's going on, this 30 minute class would be worth a listen on your walk today or your commute.

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**PRAY**

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SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2026

**PRAY**

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# HOLY WEEK FAMILY WORSHIP GUIDE

Dear FCC,

As we enter Holy Week this year, we invite you and your family to join us in reflecting more deeply on what Jesus has done for you. This is a sacred time to remember, to worship, and to share together the incredible story of God's faithfulness—from his promises long ago, to his provision at the cross, and to the joy of the resurrection.

Over the past weeks, we have been reading about how God was preparing the world for Jesus all the way back in Genesis. This week, on Thursday, we will see how he was pointing ahead to Jesus through the Passover in Exodus. Ultimately, we will see that Jesus is the Savior who went to the cross and was raised to life again—so that you might know his love and salvation personally.

This year's Holy Week Reading Guide is unique. Our daily SOAP readings will walk through key moments in the Gospel of Luke. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus even refers to his coming suffering and death as his "exodus" (Luke 9:31)—the great saving act through which God would deliver his people once and for all.

In addition to the daily SOAP readings, you will also find a Family Worship Guide designed to help you engage Holy Week together. The discussion questions are written to try to strike a balance between families with really young children, and families with older kids. Parents will want to spend a few minutes reviewing which questions are best. Inside, you'll find:

- Daily readings and reflections that trace God's promises and Jesus' final week
- Questions to spark meaningful conversation as a family
- Simple activities and prayers to help you experience the story together
- Additional resources to deepen your understanding of God's story

We encourage you to make this week holy—to take time at the dinner table, before bed, or during a quiet moment to pause and reflect on what Jesus has done. This is more than a story—it is our story. May this Holy Week be a time of deep reflection and joyful celebration for your family. We are grateful to walk this journey with you.

Celebrating with you,  
The FCC Team



# WEEK 3

## SERMON NOTES

### PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026

*"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly..." — Colossians 3:16*

**SPEAKER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SCRIPTURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

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# WEEK 3

## DAY 1

HOLY MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2026

### PRAY

*Thank you, God for revealing who you are and what you are like. Deepen my awe and prepare me to trust you more. Amen*

### NOTE ON THE TEXT

In Luke 9:31, Moses and Elijah "...spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem." The word translated departure is the Greek ἐξοδος (exodos)—the same word used in the Greek Old Testament (the Septuagint) for Israel's Exodus from Egypt.

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Luke 9:28-36

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# HOLY MONDAY FAMILY WORSHIP GUIDE

## THEME

Jesus is God's chosen Son, revealed in glory on the way to the cross.

## READ

Luke 9:28–36

*Take turns reading the story. As you read, imagine being there with Peter, James, and John. What would you see? What might surprise or confuse you?*

## TALK TOGETHER

**What do you notice about Jesus on the mountain?**

What do you think the shining light coming from Jesus means?

Are you surprised by how amazing and glorious Jesus is?

**Who is with Jesus, and what are they talking about?**

Why do you think Moses and Elijah are there? What do you think it means that they are talking with Jesus about what he is about to do in Jerusalem? Why do you think they needed to do this?

**God speaks from the cloud.**

God says, "This is my Son; listen to him."

Why do you think it's so important to listen to Jesus?

How does it make you feel to know that this glorious King loves you and is going to save you?

## WORSHIP TOGETHER



Listen to or sing "Behold Our God" or another song that celebrates Jesus' glory and kingship. As you listen, remember that this glorious King chose the path of the cross.

## PRAY TOGETHER

*Jesus, you are God's chosen Son, full of glory and grace. We praise you for who you are, and we thank you that you did not stay far away, but came down to rescue us. Help us listen to you, trust you, and follow you—even when the way is hard. Amen.*

## A DEEPER LOOK



### **The Bible Project | The Mountain (Video)**

Thought it doesn't mention the Transfiguration specifically, this is a fascinating video about the literary and symbolic meaning of mountains in scripture – a place where heaven and earth meet.



# WEEK 3

## DAY 2

HOLY TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2026

### PRAY

*Thank you, God for revealing who you are and what you are like.  
Deepen my awe and prepare me to trust you more. Amen*

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Luke 22:39-46

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# HOLY TUESDAY FAMILY WORSHIP GUIDE

## THEME

Jesus chooses obedience to the Father—even when the cost is great.

## READ

Luke 22:39–46

*Take turns reading the story of Jesus praying in the Garden of Gethsemane. As you listen, imagine the quiet of the garden at night. What emotions do you think Jesus is feeling?*

## TALK TOGETHER

### **What do you notice about how Jesus felt?**

Was he confident, afraid, sad, determined? Are you surprised by how honest Jesus is about what he is feeling?

### **What did Jesus do when he was afraid?**

Did he hide, or did he pray and talk to God? What do we learn about how we can talk to God when we are scared or hurting?

### **Jesus trusted God.**

Can you think of a time when something felt hard?

Who can you talk to when you feel scared?

How does it make you feel to know that Jesus chose obedience and suffering—for you?

## WORSHIP TOGETHER



Listen to “Jesus Strong and Kind / Jesus Loves Me” or another song that reflects on Jesus’ goodness and strength.

## **PRAY TOGETHER**

*Jesus, thank you for loving us enough to obey the Father, even when it was painful. Thank you for praying honestly and trusting God completely. Help us come to you when we are afraid or tired, and help us trust God's will in our lives. We are so grateful that you did this for us. Amen.*

# WEEK 3

## DAY 3

HOLY WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2026

**PRAY**

*Thank you, God for revealing who you are and what you are like.  
Deepen my awe and prepare me to trust you more. Amen*

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# HOLY WEDNESDAY FAMILY WORSHIP GUIDE

## THEME

Jesus is prepared to suffer, even when people in authority don't do what's right.

**Note on the Reading:** "Barabbas" literally means "Son (Bar) of God (Abbas)". There's deep irony in this story. Christ is condemned so that a son of God who is guilty might go free.

## READ

Luke 23:13–25

*Take turns reading the story of Jesus before Pilate. Imagine standing there as part of the crowd. How would you feel seeing Jesus being treated this way?*

## TALK TOGETHER

**What do you notice about Jesus here?**

Even though the crowd was shouting and choosing Barabbas, Jesus stayed calm.

What do you think helped him to not fight back or get angry?

**Why did the crowd choose Barabbas instead of Jesus?**

What does this teach us about how people often make mistakes or choose what seems easier instead of what is right? Are you ever tempted to do this?

**Jesus chose to go to the cross for us.**

How does it make you feel to know that Jesus suffered and died because he loves you?

How can we trust Jesus, even when life is deeply unfair or scary?

## WORSHIP TOGETHER



Sing or listen to “At the Cross” together. As you sing, remember that Jesus chose to obey God and love us, even when it was hard.

## PRAY TOGETHER

*Jesus, thank you for loving us so much that you went through suffering for us. Help us to trust you, even when things feel unfair or scary. Thank you that your love never fails. Amen.*

## A DEEPER LOOK



### **The Bible Project | Sacrifice & Atonement (Video)**

This video helps explain why Jesus’ suffering and obedience matter so deeply for our salvation. You can find it on the Bible Project website or by searching “Bible Project Sacrifice and Atonement” on YouTube.

# WEEK 3

## DAY 4

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2026

### PRAY

*Thank you, God for revealing who you are and what you are like.  
Deepen my awe and prepare me to trust you more. Amen*

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# HOLY THURSDAY FAMILY WORSHIP GUIDE

## THEME

Jesus shows love and forgiveness on the way to the cross.

## READ

Luke 23:26–43

*Take turns reading the story of Jesus carrying the cross. Imagine walking beside him. What would it feel like to see Jesus suffering but still caring for others?*

## TALK TOGETHER

### **What do you notice about Jesus on the way to the cross?**

Even while he is hurting, Jesus cares for others, like the women and the criminal who asked for mercy. Why do you think he did this?

### **Jesus forgives those who hurt him.**

How does it make you feel that Jesus chose to forgive instead of getting angry? What do you think makes this possible? Who can we forgive in our lives like Jesus did?

### **Jesus promises paradise to the repentant criminal.**

What does this teach us about trusting Jesus and asking for his help? How does it make you feel to know that Jesus died for you, and you can be with him forever?

## WORSHIP TOGETHER



Sing or listen to “Jesus Paid It All”. As you sing, remember that Jesus willingly took the punishment we deserved, showing his love and forgiveness for everyone.

## PRAY TOGETHER

*Jesus, thank you for loving us so much that you forgave those who hurt you. Help us trust you and ask for your help when we make mistakes. Thank you for taking our sin on yourself so we can be close to God. Amen.*

## A DEEPER LOOK



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# WEEK 3

## DAY 5

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2026

**PRAY**

*Thank you, God for revealing who you are and what you are like.  
Deepen my awe and prepare me to trust you more. Amen*

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# GOOD FRIDAY FAMILY WORSHIP GUIDE

## THEME

Jesus' death brings salvation and shows God's love.

## READ

Luke 23:44–49

*Take turns reading the story of Jesus' death. Imagine the sky darkening and the earth shaking. What do you think it would feel like to be there, seeing Jesus die for the world?*

## TALK TOGETHER

### **What do you notice about Jesus as he dies?**

Even in his last moments, he speaks and shows care.

Why do you think Jesus chose to endure all of this for us?

### **What happens when Jesus dies?**

The curtain in the temple is torn, the centurion praises God.

What does this teach us about the power of Jesus' death?

### **Jesus died for everyone.**

How does it make you feel to know that Jesus took the punishment for your sin?

How can we respond to Jesus' love and sacrifice in our own lives?

## WORSHIP TOGETHER



Sing or listen to "When I Survey the Wonderful Cross". As you sing, remember that Jesus' death was the greatest act of love, taking the punishment we deserved so we could be forgiven.

## PRAY TOGETHER

*Jesus, thank you for loving us so much that you gave your life for us. Help us to remember your sacrifice and live for you. Thank you that through your death we can be forgiven and have life with God. Amen.*

## A DEEPER LOOK



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**Bonus Video! "It's Friday, but Sunday's Coming"**  
by SM Lockridge



# WEEK 3

## DAY 6

SILENT SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2026

### PRAY

*Thank you, God for revealing who you are and what you are like.  
Deepen my awe and prepare me to trust you more. Amen*

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Luke 23:50-56

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# SILENT SATURDAY FAMILY WORSHIP GUIDE

## THEME

Jesus rests in the tomb, and we wait in hope.

## READ

Luke 23:50–56

*Take turns reading the story of Jesus being laid in the tomb. Imagine the quiet, dark tomb. How do you think his followers felt, sad and unsure of what would happen next?*

## TALK TOGETHER

### **What do you notice about Jesus' burial?**

Who took care of his body, and what does that show about the love of his followers?

Why do you think it was important that he was buried properly?

### **How do you think Jesus' friends felt?**

They were sad, confused, and probably afraid.

Have you ever waited for something important and felt unsure what would happen? How do you feel in times like that?

### **We wait in hope for God's promises.**

Even though Jesus was in the tomb, God had a plan.

How does it make you feel to know that Jesus' story doesn't end in the tomb?

How can we trust God even when things seem quiet or sad?

## WORSHIP TOGETHER



Sing or listen to "Still" – Hillsong Worship / Kids version available. As you sing, remember that even in silence and waiting, God is at work and Jesus' story is not over.

## PRAY TOGETHER

*Jesus, thank you that even when things feel quiet or sad, you are with us. Help us to trust your plan and wait for your promises. Thank you for what is coming on Easter morning. Amen.*

## A DEEPER LOOK



### **The Bible Project | Resurrection (Video)**

This video explains how Jesus' death and burial set the stage for his resurrection and why it matters for our hope today. Find it on the Bible Project website or search "Bible Project Resurrection" on YouTube.



### **Bonus Video! "It's Friday, but Sunday's Coming"** by SM Lockridge

# WEEK 4

## SERMON NOTES

### EASTER SUNDAY 2026

*"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly..." — Colossians 3:16*

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*EACH SUNDAY, WE GATHER TO HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND IN FAITH. THIS GUIDE IS MEANT TO HELP YOU ENGAGE WITH WHAT THE SPIRIT IS SAYING THROUGH HIS WORD.*

#### **MAIN POINTS OR OUTLINE**

*WHAT ARE THE MAIN IDEAS FROM TODAY'S READING AND MESSAGE?*

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#### **OBSERVATIONS**

*WHAT STOOD OUT IN THE READING OR TEACHING? WHAT WORDS, PHRASES, OR IDEAS CAUGHT YOUR ATTENTION?*

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## **GOSPEL CONNECTION**

*HOW DOES THIS TEACHING POINT TO JESUS? HOW AM I BEING ENCOURAGED TO LOVE AND TRUST CHRIST RATHER THAN MYSELF OR SOMETHING ELSE? HOW DOES THE GOSPEL BRING HOPE, CORRECTION, OR RENEWAL?*

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## **MY RESPONSE**

*WHAT IS THE HOLY SPIRIT ASKING ME TO BELIEVE, REPENT OF, OR DO IN RESPONSE TO THIS MESSAGE?*

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# **SMALL GROUP/FAMILY DISCUSSION SUGGESTIONS**

### **HEAD — WHAT DID YOU LEARN?**

- What new perspective did you gain from the sermon or reading?
- Did this challenge your understanding of God or the Christian life?

### **HEART — WHAT MOVED OR CHALLENGED YOU?**

- How did the message speak to your emotions or desires?
- Was there a moment where you felt the Spirit prompting you to trust or repent?

### **HANDS — WHAT WILL YOU DO?**

- What specific action or next step will you take in response this week?
- How might the teaching this week impact a relationship, your work, or how you relate to God this week?

# WEEK 4

## DAY 1

MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2026

**PRAY**

*Thank you, God for revealing who you are and what you are like.  
Deepen my awe and prepare me to trust you more. Amen*

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# WEEK 4

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**PRAY**

*Thank you, God for revealing who you are and what you are like.  
Deepen my awe and prepare me to trust you more. Amen*

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# WEEK 4

## DAY 3

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2026

**PRAY**

*Thank you, God for revealing who you are and what you are like.  
Deepen my awe and prepare me to trust you more. Amen*

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# WEEK 4

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THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2026

**PRAY**

*Thank you, God for revealing who you are and what you are like.  
Deepen my awe and prepare me to trust you more. Amen*

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# WEEK 4

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**PRAY**

*Thank you, God for revealing who you are and what you are like. Deepen my awe and prepare me to trust you more. Amen*

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# WEEK 4

## DAY 6

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2026

**PRAY**

*Thank you, God for revealing who you are and what you are like.  
Deepen my awe and prepare me to trust you more. Amen*

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*Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."*

*So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.*

## **GENESIS 1:26-27**

*Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."*

## **GENESIS 12:1-3**



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