






DAILY READINGS

Welcome to our March 2021 reading plan! Both Advent and Lent call us to intentionally prepare our hearts to worship Jesus in spirit and in truth. This month we will shift our focus in the book of Matthew as we walk through Lent and look toward Easter and Jesus' death and resurrection. Before your reading each day, meditate on Matthew 26:39 , pray for one person to know Christ  and pray for one person to grow in Him .

Memorization & Meditation:

And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will." – Matthew 26:39

WEEK 1

- [Mar 1] Matthew 26:1-5 | Jesus is obedient to the will of God, knowing the crucifixion is coming, but staying the course. How does Jesus' obedience inspire you?
- [2] Hebrews 12:1-4 | What are the weights that Jesus is calling you to lay aside in order to run after Him with all your heart, to run with endurance? Spend time in reflection and repentance today.
- [3] Philippians 2:1-11 | In what areas of your life do you need to learn from Christ's example of obedience and humility? How can you apply these verses practically to your walk with God?
- [4] Mark 8:27-38 | What stands out to you most in what Jesus is teaching in this passage?
- [5] Matthew 26:30-46 | Though the disciples are weak-willed and Jesus is perfect in his obedience, He still invites them to be with Him. Spend some time today praising Jesus for His sanctifying mercy and grace.
- [6] 1 Peter 1:13-21 | This was written by the same Peter who was falling asleep in the garden. Read this passage again and consider how Jesus' death and resurrection transformed Peter. Ask God to transform you as well as you reflect on these things!

WEEK 2

Sunday, March 7th

- [8] Matthew 26:14-29 | Communion is a symbol of the sacrifice that was necessary for us to become one with Christ. Spend time today thanking Jesus for bringing us into the covenant, into fellowship with Him.
- [9] Luke 22:14-23 | How does this account differ from the one you read yesterday? What stands out to you?
- [10] Romans 6:1-14 | According to this passage, how are we to live in light of Christ's death and resurrection and our baptism as believers into that same death and resurrection?
- [11] 1 Cor. 1:18-30 | Those whom the Lord calls to follow Him are not called because they stand out, but they, we, are called to make HIM stand out! How does this text challenge or encourage you today?
- [12] John 13:1-20 | What does it mean to be a follower of Christ, to have Him as our teacher? How are we called to live in light of our connection to Him?
- [13] John 14:15-21 | As you read this passage, reflect upon the kindness and generosity of Christ to give us the Holy Spirit so that we can be with Him always!

WEEK 3

Sunday, March 14th

- [15] Matthew 26:57-75 | Just a day before, Jesus sat fellowshiping with His disciples, now He is accused, assaulted, and betrayed by his friends. What do you think He was feeling as He moved toward the cross?

- [16] Isaiah 53:2-5 | What role did suffering play in the salvation of the world?
- [17] John 15:18-22 | How have you suffered on behalf of Christ? How have you seen other believers suffer for the Gospel?
- [18] 1 Peter 5:6-10 | What is the promise in this text for those who suffer on behalf of Christ?
- [19] Romans 5:1-8 | We can rejoice because we know our suffering is not without purpose. How has suffering produced endurance, hope, and character in your life?
- [20] 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 | It can be easy to get discouraged as we read about the suffering of Christ and those who follow Him, but let this passage restore your eternal perspective and lift your eyes to hope again.

WEEK 4

Sunday, March 21st

- [22] Matthew 21:1-11 | What is the significance of Christ riding into Jerusalem on a donkey, rather than a war horse?
- [23] Mark 11:1-11 | What do you think was going through the minds of the people waving palm branches and cheering for Jesus' entry into Jerusalem?
- [24] John 12:9-19 | How does this passage differ from the accounts of the past two days?
- [25] Read this article: faithgateway.com/jesus-comes-to-jerusalem-as-king-2/ and write down something new that you learned from it.
- [26] Isaiah 11:1-5 | How does this passage relate to the triumphal entry? What stands out to your most in this passage?
- [27] Revelation 19:11-16 | This is what the second Triumphal Entry will be like! Spend time praising Jesus for who He is (Faithful and True, Word of God, King of kings, Lord of lords) and ask Him to come back soon!

WEEK 5

Sunday, March 28th - Palm Sunday

- [29] Matthew 27:1-31 | How does Jesus fulfill scripture in v.11-14? See Isaiah 53 for help.
- [30] Luke 23:1-25 | How does this account differ from what you read yesterday? What stands out to you in both texts?
- [31] Isaiah 53:10-11 | How does this prophecy connect to our Easter week texts?



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