

Week 6

28 March - 3 April 2021

SMALL GROUP WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL MATERIAL



The DEATH of JESUS

LECTIONARY YEAR B
17 Feb 2021 - 3 April 2021

Daily Bible readings, a memory verse and a prayer for individual contemplation
Weekly worship song, reflection and small group questions

THIS WEEK AND UPCOMING WEEKS:

Lectionary year B - Lent and Holy Week – 17 Feb to 3 April

WEEK 6 Sunday 28 March (Palm Sunday to Saturday 3 April (Holy Week) – The death of Jesus – Lusi Badi

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THE DEATH OF JESUS

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START YOUR DAY WITH
Devotionals Daily

Holy Week	First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
Monday of Holy Week March 29, 2021	Isaiah 42:1-9	Psalm 36:5-11	Hebrews 9:11-15	John 12:1-11

Memory Verse: John 12:3 Then Mary took a pint of pure nard an expensive perfume, she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair.

Prayer: Prayer: Heavenly Father I pray that you ignite the spirit of Love, compel me to be kind to all at no gain. May I learn how to love from your Son Jesus Christ who gave his life for us. Amen

Holy Week	First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
Tuesday of Holy Week March 30, 2021	Isaiah 49:1-7	Psalm 71:1-14	1 Corinthians 1:18-31	John 12:20-36

Memory Verse: John 12: 21 'Sir' they said, 'we would like to see Jesus'.

Prayer: Prayer: As we draw nearer to the cross, we pray for a cleared vision of your Son Jesus Christ, not only in our eyes but open the eyes of our hearts to see him. May his majestic presence be seen in all things big and small in our lives. Our sight does become misty at times, but we pray for a restoration of sight. Amen

Holy Week	First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
Wednesday of Holy Week March 31, 2021	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Psalm 70	Hebrews 12:1-3	John 13:21-32

Memory Verse: John 13:31 Jesus said 'Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself and will glorify him at once'

Prayer: The plan to eliminate sin was in full motion for us dear God, Foes were seeing victory over the Son of Man, but you Father had a greater plan. A plan to be glorified through Jesus. Uzuku KuThixo enyangweni!! Amen

Holy Week	First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
Maundy Thursday April 1, 2021 Holy Thursday	Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14	Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19	1 Corinthians 11:23-26	John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Memory Verse: John 13:7 'You do not realize now what I'm doing, but later you will understand'

Prayer: During all my anxiety, Oh Lord I put my trust on you. Meet me as I cry to you for help. I pray that you pass me not, my gracious Saviour and unto thy hands a cast all my burdens. You have shown that you are a lover of the unloved. I plead - start with me. Amen

Holy Week	First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
Good Friday April 2, 2021	Isaiah 52:13-53:12	Psalm 22	Hebrews 10:16-25	John 18:1-19:42

Memory Verse: John 18: Jesus commanded Peter, 'Put, your sword away! Shall I not drink the cup the Father has given me?'

Prayer: Dear God on this day of redemption where your Son endured the cup of woe alone for the forgiveness of our sins. Bring us close to the moment on mount Calvary so that we can feel your love during our difficulties. May this gift wrapped in pain, be celebrated for generations to come. Amen

Holy Week	First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
Holy Saturday April 3, 2021	Job 14:1-14	Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16	1 Peter 4:1-8	Matthew 27:57-66

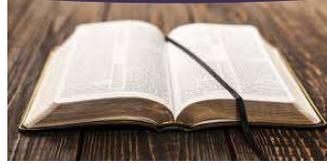
Memory Verse: Matthew 27:63 The pharisees said, 'We remember that while he was still alive that deceiver said after three days I will rise again.'

Prayer: Your ways are unique; your plans are powerful, and they are everlasting. Your word is life and your word are forever. In the grave your word is at work and is full of life. To this day may your word continue working in our lives. Amen.



Sunday 28 March

Psalms: [Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29](#)
Gospel: [John 12:12-16](#)



Jesus comes to Jerusalem as king

¹² The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. ¹³ They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, 'Hosanna! 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! 'Blessed is the king of Israel!' ¹⁴ Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it, as it is written: ¹⁵ 'Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey's colt.' ¹⁶ At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realise that these things had been written about him and that these things had been done to him.

WORSHIP

Peace (Official Lyric Video) - Bethel Music feat. We the Kingdom | Peace
<https://youtu.be/uWV6xcmqfiY4>

FOR REFLECTION:

DAILY DEVOTIONS, REFLECTIONS AND SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS WRITTEN BY LUSISIPHO BADI

As we start a new week, we find ourselves at the peak of Jesus mission on earth and to help us understand Palm Sunday the book of John is of assistance. John as the writer paints Jesus for who he was, as opposed to what he was. When Jesus is performing miracles John would call them signs showing that Jesus was the answer for all mankind to be saved.



On this day we find the Son of man approaching the Holy city of Jerusalem (*Jeru shalem*) when broken apart the name means 'City of Peace'; at the time of the triumphant entry the city is not in a position of peace. Look at how places that were meant for tranquility have been changed, look at how a city on the Hill meant to welcome all pilgrims is used as a place of exploitation. In the mist of all that is not going as planned, the people of God rush to their Saviour carrying palms shouting Hosanna!

The word Hosanna is a cry to be saved from the current state it's not just a plea but it's an urgent plea to be saved (Save us now). Look around your life and take a palm and meet him shouting. At times all we need is time to stop so we can get off, as we go towards Easter let us approach him to save us.

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS:

1. Who is Jesus in your life? A counselor, a friend, a companion? Your Saviour? The master of your life? A lifeline? Why do you describe Him this way?
2. What does it mean to be peaceful to you? Describe what it looks like.
3. Where do you find this peace? Your home, workplace, marriage, children, nature? Why is this a haven of peace for you?
4. How can you extend that peace to someone else this week?



It is important for parents to take time to lead the conversations of family time and to be honest with their children in these conversations.

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Pray daily: Set up family time for prayer and devotions and stick to this arrangement. All devotions should always begin by with a prayer. Ask a family member to pray or one of the children.

Scripture Reading: [John 2:13-22](#)

Allow children/teens to read out loud for the family.

Activity/Family Moment:

Monday – Wednesday

Clean the house: Think of spring housekeeping as a prayerful preparation for Easter in the same way that Jewish families clean in preparation for Passover.

Thursday

Set up a foot washing station for the family and wash everyone's feet and read John 13:1-17. Emphasize the importance of serving as Jesus teaches us.

Good Friday

Have a dimly lit Good Friday dinner and leave the lights low all evening in observance of the death of Christ. Explain to the kids the importance of God Friday and emphasize that the story does not end on Friday with death, but on Sunday with resurrection. This is also in line with the daily memory verse: Romans 3:23-24.

Next SERIES...
Easter to Pentecost
Starting SUNDAY 4 April



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