

# Journey to Easter



DailyLife  
Five Oaks Church

Week 6: March 19–25, 2016

# *Day 1*

*March 21*



## THE LORD'S SUPPER

On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus could have curled up in a ball and cried, run away, or done any number of things to prepare himself for what was to come or enjoy his last hours on earth. Instead, he chose to spend the night with his friends, the disciples, and use the time to share a meal with them and teach them. Jesus used this time to teach them a very valuable lesson: the importance of service.

Jesus not only talked about service, but he also lived it. In today's passage he instituted the Lord's Supper, or Communion. Jesus served us in the most personal way possible by giving up his life for us.

Communion is meant to remind us of that sacrifice and encourage us to sacrifice for others. Just as Jesus gave his body and blood for us on the cross, we should be willing to sacrifice for those around us.



*Read | Luke 22:14–34*



*Reflect / Read and reflect on the following.*

Reflect on the significance of the Lord's Supper, Communion, and what Jesus sacrificed for you on the cross. How can you serve others as Jesus modeled for the disciples on his last night with them?

# *Day 2*

*March 22*



## PETER DENIES JESUS

Yesterday we read about the Last Supper and Jesus' prediction that Peter would deny him three times before the rooster crowed. Today we will see Jesus' prediction come true.

As you read today's passage, put yourself in Peter's shoes. Reflect on what he must have been thinking as the words of his best friend came true right in front of him. Though this hurt Peter, it was a powerful lesson of Jesus' love and power then—and for us today. Sometimes the best way to see God's power is in our weakness.



*Read / Luke 22:54–62*



*Reflect* / *Read and reflect on the following.*

In 2 Corinthians 2:9 God said his power is made perfect in our weakness. Reflect on areas in your life where you can use God's help. What can you give up to God today so his power can be made perfect in you?

# Day 3

March 23



## JESUS BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Today we'll see Jesus standing trial before the elders of his people. His accusers are leaders in their community, have studied the Scriptures, and have been waiting for the promised Messiah to come. Instead of recognizing him for who he is, Jesus knows that at best, they think he is crazy, and at worst, he is so egotistical that he would call himself the son of God.

While Jesus is being tried by the very people who should know exactly who he is, he doesn't get defensive, upset, or launch into a lecture. Instead, he sadly answers them by saying they won't believe him if he tells them the truth. Pay careful attention to Jesus' response as you read and reflect on today's passage.



*Read / Luke 22:66–23:1*



*Reflect / Read and reflect on the following.*

Think about the last confrontation you had with a peer, whether you were right or wrong. Did you handle it with the grace that Jesus demonstrated when responding to the Council?

# *Day 4*

*March 24*



## JESUS BEFORE PILATE AND HEROD

The lesson in today's passage is a little more subtle than others. Jesus doesn't say much as he is shuffled back and forth between Pilate and Herod. He isn't disrespectful and doesn't fight back as he is mocked, accused, and dressed up.

As the king of the universe, Jesus could have destroyed Pilate and Herod. Instead, he let them do their jobs and come to their own conclusions. Think about your attitude toward our leaders as you read today's passage. Do you show your leaders as much respect as Jesus showed to Pilate and Herod?



*Read / Luke 23:2–25*





*Reflect / Read and reflect on the following.*

Those who have been given a lot of power or authority also have a large portion of responsibility. Whether you agree with a leader's politics and decisions or not, they need to be covered in prayer. Are you doing your part to support our leaders?

# Day 5

March 25



## THE CRUCIFIXION

Today's passage tells the story of Jesus' last moments on earth. It shows him comforting those around him, asking forgiveness for his accusers, and even promising forgiveness and redemption to a common criminal because he believed. This last lesson of the week is the greatest. It is of unconditional love, grace, and sacrifice.

As you read the passage, keep in mind the words of the hymn "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" by Isaac Watts: "Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all." Start thinking about what you can do for Jesus, who gave his all for you.



*Read* / Luke 23:26–46



*Reflect / Read and reflect on the following.*

Jesus was beaten, ridiculed, rebuked, and hung on a cross. He died to pay the price for your sin. Even if you haven't accepted the gift of God's forgiveness yet, he willingly gave it for you. How can you give him more of your soul, your life, and your all today?

If you don't have a relationship with God and would like to explore the opportunity, reach out to a friend, small group leader, or pastor today.

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