

Preparing for Easter Weekend

The week between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday is massively important to those who follow Jesus. This is the time we remember the final week of Jesus' life leading up to his crucifixion. Sometimes we can get to Good Friday without having spent time preparing our hearts for the significance of that weekend. Below are readings and questions to do each day either alone or as a family in order to reflect and prepare for Good Friday. Take time each day to be still before Jesus and think through the significance of these events.

Palm Sunday (March 28) - Read Luke 19:28-42 and Zechariah 9:9

1. The crowds and disciples worshiped Jesus as he came into Jerusalem. How often do you worship and praise God for what he's done in your life?

Monday, March 29 (Jesus at the Temple) - Read Luke 19:45-20:8

1. Why did Jesus cleanse the temple the way that he did?
2. If we believe our body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, what things does Jesus need to "clear away"? Spend time in prayer and confession of sin.

Tuesday, March 30 (Jesus Teaching at the Temple) - Read Luke 20:1-40

1. Have there been times when Jesus' teaching seemed harsh to you or hard to follow?
2. Did you grumble and back away? Did you question Jesus?

Wednesday, March 31 (Who Jesus Is) - Read Luke 20:41-47 and Luke 22:1-6

1. It can sometimes be hard to be a disciple of the truth and the way. Sometimes we want Jesus to do what we want or act the way we feel he should. Reflect on that and how this led Judas astray.

Thursday, April 1 (Jesus and the Passover) - Read Luke 22:7-46

1. What stands out to you the most from the account of the night Jesus was betrayed?

Friday, April 2 (The Crucifixion of Jesus) - Read Luke 22:47-23:48 and John 19:1-37

1. Take some time between 12pm-3pm to be silent and remember the death of Jesus.

Saturday, April 2 (Holy Saturday) - Read Luke 23:50-56 and John 19:38-42

1. Think about what the disciples would have been feeling. Their leader and teacher was dead.
2. Are there times Jesus seems distant and far off from you?

Sunday, April 3 (The Resurrection) - Read Luke 24 and John 20

1. How has the reality of Jesus' death and resurrection changed your life?
2. Share your testimony (the story of how Jesus saved you) with 1 person today.