



March 29, 2026, The Crucified Messiah

John 19:16b-22

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



**Pray:** Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

Eternal and holy God, you reign in our hearts and in all the earth, and creation gives testimony to your glory and power. Yet you are a ruler like none we have experienced, and gave all of yourself for the sake of the world. Teach us the kind of sacrificial love that can transform all things, for the sake of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.



**Read:** Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

*Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."* (John 19:21-22)



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

Jesus is crucified while those responsible argue with one another over the significance of his death, whether he was killed for being a king or for claiming to be one.



**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- Who are treated as royalty in our world? What have they done to earn the title? What does it take for them to fall from grace? How can we shift our loyalties so we praise and emulate Jesus more than our celebrities?
- For the littles: What is a ruler like? How is Jesus like a ruler?



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God guide you to walk in the ways of the king. Amen.



**Do:** By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Take home a palm frond. Fold it into the shape of a cross. (Go here to learn how: <http://www.wikihow.com/Make-a-Palm-Frond-Cross>). Hang it in your house somewhere you will see it regularly. Think of Jesus every time you see it.



**Go Deeper:** Go to [clergystuff.com/daily-devotions](http://clergystuff.com/daily-devotions) for devotions on the Narrative Lectionary daily readings.

Monday: *Entrance Into the Temple*, Psalm 24

Tuesday: *Lord Is My Rock*, 2 Samuel 22:2-8

Wednesday: *God Delivers*, Isaiah 43:8-12

Thursday: *Jesus' Last Words*, John 19:23-30

Friday: *Jesus the Passover Lamb*, John 19:31-37

Saturday: *Passover Lamb*, John 19:38-42