



April 5, 2026, Resurrection

John 20:1-18

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



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

Risen God, you call us by name, and the dawning truth of your resurrection breaks through the darkness of our grieving. Slow us down to savor this moment of unexpected wonder, that we might prepare our hearts to carry the good news to the world. In your holy name we pray. Amen.



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

Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). (John 20:15-16)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

While the other disciples came, saw, and left, Mary remained to be still and grieve. It was into this stillness that the angels came, and then Jesus himself appeared.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- What traditions will you celebrate today? What do they mean for you and your family and friends?
- How has Jesus shocked or surprised you? If you need a surprise or miracle, ask God for one. Be open to God's response.
- For the littles: What's the best thing about Easter?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May the God of resurrection bring you new life. Amen.



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

Carry your traditions throughout the entire week. If you eat deviled eggs on Easter, eat them all week long. If you hunt for Easter eggs, look for eggs all week. If you sit down to a family meal, have family meals all week.



Go Deeper: Go to clergystuff.com/daily-devotions for devotions on the Narrative Lectionary daily readings.

Monday: *Jesus Appears to Seven Disciples*, John 21:1-14

Tuesday: *Jesus and Peter*, John 21:15-19

Wednesday: *Jesus and the Beloved Disciple*, John 21:20-25

Thursday: *Ananias and Sapphira*, Acts 5:1-11

Friday: *The Apostles Heal Many*, Acts 5:12-16

Saturday: *The Apostles Are Persecuted*, Acts 5:17-42