



Easter 2026

Holy Week

WAY CHURCH

1000 BIRD HILL



A Family Devotional Guide



How to Use This Guide

- ✦ Read the Scripture slowly
- ✦ Sit in silence for a few minutes
- ✦ Answer one question honestly
- ✦ Pray a simple prayer





Introduction

Refocusing Our Intensity

Holy Week is not just a date on the calendar—it is a practice. For centuries, the Church has slowed down during this week, entering into a sacred, contemplative moment. Believers have intentionally reflected on the final days of Jesus' life, allowing the weight, tension, and beauty of this story to shape their hearts.

This was a week where everything became real.

The ministry of Jesus had reached its peak intensity. The crowds were loud. The opposition was rising. The cross was no longer distant—it was imminent. Jesus, fully aware of what was ahead, was preparing His heart, mind, soul, and body to bear the weight of the world's sin. At the same time, the people of Israel were celebrating Passover—the defining holiday of their national identity. They remembered God's deliverance from Egypt, the blood of the lamb, and their rescue into freedom.

And yet, in a tragic irony, while they celebrated deliverance...many missed the Deliverer.

The religious leaders were so committed to their traditions that they failed to recognize Jesus standing right in front of them.



Introduction

This raises a Question for Us

✦ Is it possible that we do the same?

We keep the traditions. We attend the services. We gather with family. But in the middle of it all...do we truly see and magnify Jesus?

Traditions are not the enemy—but they must lead us somewhere.

✦ Are our traditions taking us to Jesus—or distracting us from Him?

The resurrection we celebrate is a promise of our future—our eternal, physical resurrection with Christ. But before the empty tomb, we sit in the weight of this week.

So we don't rush.

We refocus.

We remember.

We examine.

We draw near.



Gospel of John (ESV)

Daily Devotional



Monday

Devotion Over Performance

SCRIPTURE READING

“Mary therefore took a pound of expensive ointment... and anointed the feet of Jesus... But Judas Iscariot... said, ‘Why was this ointment not sold...?’... He said this... because he was a thief...”

John 12:3–6 (ESV)

REFLECTION

Mary gives extravagantly. Judas critiques spiritually—but his heart is elsewhere.

QUESTIONS

- ✦ Where am I going through spiritual motions but missing true devotion?
- ✦ What would it look like to give something costly to Jesus this week?



Tuesday

Choosing Glory Over Approval

SCRIPTURE READING

“Many even of the authorities believed in him, but... did not confess it... for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.”

John 12:42–43 (ESV)

REFLECTION

Belief without surrender keeps us safe—but distant.

QUESTIONS

- ✦ Where am I prioritizing approval over obedience?
- ✦ What step of boldness is Jesus asking me to take?



Wednesday

The Weight of Betrayal

SCRIPTURE READING

“Jesus was troubled in his spirit... ‘one of you will betray me.’... Then after he had taken the morsel, Satan entered into him.”

John 13:21–27 (ESV)

REFLECTION

Jesus feels the weight of betrayal—and still moves toward the cross.

QUESTIONS

- ✦ Are there areas where my actions don’t align with my closeness to Jesus?
- ✦ What do I need to bring into the light?



Thursday

Love That Lowers Itself

SCRIPTURE READING

“If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet.”

John 13:12–15 (ESV)

REFLECTION

Jesus defines greatness through humility. Love serves.

QUESTIONS

- ✦ Who can I serve this week in a tangible way?
- ✦ Where is pride keeping me from lowering myself?



Friday

It is Finished

SCRIPTURE READING

“When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, ‘It is finished,’ and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.”

John 19:28–30 (ESV)

REFLECTION

The work is complete. Nothing is left undone.

QUESTIONS

- ✦ Am I living like I have to earn what Jesus already finished?
- ✦ What would it look like to rest in His finished work today?



Friday - Communion Guide

Tonight, We Slow Down

Before we celebrate the resurrection, we remember the cross—the body of Jesus broken for us and the blood of Jesus poured out for the forgiveness of sins.

Communion is not about perfection—it's about remembrance.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- ✦ Bread
- ✦ Juice or wine
- ✦ A table and a few quiet minutes



Friday - Communion Guide

SET THE MOMENT _____ 01

Say: “Tonight we remember Jesus—His sacrifice, His love, and His victory through the cross.”

READ SCRIPTURE _____ 02

“So they took Jesus... There they crucified him...”

John 19:28–30 (ESV)

“This is my body, which is for you... This cup is the new covenant in my blood...”

1 Corinthians 11:23–26 (ESV)

REFLECT TOGETHER _____ 03

- ✦ What does the cross mean to you?
- ✦ What are you grateful Jesus has forgiven?
- ✦ Where do you need to trust Him more?



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TAKE THE BREAD 04

Say: “Jesus, we remember Your body, broken for us.”

Eat together.

TAKE THE CUP 05

Say: “Jesus, we remember Your blood, poured out for the forgiveness of sins.”

Drink together.

CLOSE IN PRAYER 06

“Jesus, thank You for the cross. Help us live in light of what You’ve done. Amen.”

FINAL WORD 07

Tonight is not the end of the story.

Sunday *is* coming.

But before we rush there, we sit here... and remember:



Family Holy Week Devotional

It is Finished

