



TALKING WITH GOD

Easter Devotional:

Walking with Jesus Through Holy Week

Introduction

Holy Week is the most sacred and soul-stirring time in the Christian calendar. It invites us to slow down, lean in, and walk step by step with Jesus—through the cheers of Palm Sunday, the silence of Holy Saturday, and into the light of Resurrection morning.

This devotional is not meant to be rushed. It is an invitation to *journey*, to enter the story with open hands and a soft heart. Each day, we will reflect on the events that shaped the final week of Jesus' earthly life—the teachings, the betrayal, the agony, and ultimately, the triumph.

These are not just ancient stories. They are your story and mine. In Jesus' humility, we see the way of servanthood. In His suffering, we find comfort in our own pain. And in His resurrection, we find the hope that anchors us in every season.

Each devotion will guide you through a key moment of Holy Week with Scripture, context, reflection, and prayer.

As you walk this sacred path, may your heart be awakened, your soul renewed, and your faith strengthened.

Let's journey together, with Jesus at the center.

With Grace,

Scott

Palm Sunday – Welcoming the King

Scripture: Matthew 21:8–9 (CSB)

“A very large crowd spread their clothes on the road; others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them on the road. Then the crowds who went ahead of him and those who followed shouted: *Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!*”

Devotion:

Palm Sunday begins with celebration, but beneath the shouts of “Hosanna” lies a misunderstanding. The people are looking for a conquering king, someone to overthrow Rome and restore political power. But Jesus enters humbly on a donkey, signaling a kingdom not of force, but of peace.

He is the King of hearts, not armies. He rides in as the Prince of Peace, not a political liberator. The same crowd that praises Him on Sunday will, by Friday, cry “Crucify Him!”—because He didn’t meet their expectations.

This day invites us to examine our own hearts: Do we worship Jesus for who He is, or who we want Him to be? Are we laying down our lives as they laid down their cloaks, or are we only waving palm branches when it’s convenient?

Reflection:

- In what ways have I misunderstood Jesus’ mission in my life?
- Have I put conditions on my praise, based on whether God meets my expectations?

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, I welcome You not just with palm branches but with my whole heart. Forgive me for the times I have tried to fit You into my plans instead of surrendering to Yours. Teach me to follow You with joy, even when the road leads to the cross. Amen.

Reflection – Write down your thoughts

Holy Monday – The Righteous Anger of Jesus

Scripture: Matthew 21:12–13 (CSB)

“Jesus went into the temple and threw out all those buying and selling... ‘My house will be called a house of prayer, but you are making it a den of thieves!’”

Devotion:

On Monday, Jesus enters the temple and confronts the corruption within its walls. Merchants were taking advantage of worshippers, turning holy space into a marketplace. Jesus, in righteous anger, flips tables and drives them out—not out of malice, but zeal for God’s holiness.

This wasn’t just a historical event—it’s a mirror. We, too, are temples of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19). And sometimes, what’s inside us needs cleansing: distractions, pride, greed, or even bitterness masquerading as devotion.

Jesus’ holy anger isn’t cruel—it’s purifying. He wants your whole heart, not just a religious performance. He disrupts what’s broken so He can restore what’s holy.

Reflection:

- What tables in my life need to be overturned?
- Have I made worship about convenience, comfort, or control?

Prayer:

Jesus, come into the temple of my heart and overturn anything that doesn’t belong. Cleanse me from self-righteousness, distraction, and spiritual laziness. Make me a house of prayer. Let Your zeal burn in me for what is holy. Amen.

Reflection – Write down your thoughts

Holy Tuesday – Teaching, Testing, Truth

Scripture: Matthew 23:27–28 (CSB)

“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs... full of the bones of the dead...”

Devotion:

Holy Tuesday is filled with Jesus’ teachings. He answers challenges, rebukes hypocrisy, and foretells the destruction of the temple and the end times. He doesn’t shy away from hard truth—because love tells the truth, even when it hurts.

Jesus' words strike deep. He calls out leaders who look holy on the outside but are spiritually dead within. He challenges His listeners to move beyond appearances to authentic faith.

This is a day to sit under His teaching. Let His words search your soul. He isn’t interested in polished religion—He wants a surrendered heart. The gospel is not a performance; it’s a transformation.

Reflection:

- Am I more focused on *looking* holy than *being* holy?
- What truth is Jesus speaking to me today that I need to hear?

Prayer:

Lord, Your words are piercing and powerful. Help me not to hide behind appearances or rituals. Make my heart clean. Teach me to live from the inside out, with integrity, humility, and truth. Amen.

Reflection – Write down your thoughts

Holy Wednesday – The Day of Betrayal

Scripture: Matthew 26:14–16 (CSB)

“Then one of the Twelve, the man called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, ‘What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you?’”

Devotion:

Wednesday is traditionally called "Spy Wednesday" because of Judas' secret betrayal. For thirty pieces of silver, he agrees to hand over the Savior. Betrayal hurts most when it comes from someone close.

Yet Jesus knew Judas' heart. He still washed his feet. He still welcomed him to the table. His love never wavered—even in the face of betrayal.

This day invites us to examine our loyalty. Betrayal isn't always dramatic; it can be subtle—neglect, denial, compromise, or placing other loves above Jesus.

Reflection:

- Have I betrayed Jesus through my choices or silence?

- Do I truly trust Him with my whole life, or do I hold back?

Prayer:

Lord, I confess my moments of betrayal—when I've chosen sin, comfort, or pride over faithfulness to You. Thank You for Your mercy that never gives up on me. Help me to love You with an undivided heart. Amen.

Reflection – Write down your thoughts

Maundy Thursday – The Command to Love

Scripture: John 13:14–15 (CSB)

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

Devotion:

On this night, Jesus stoops to wash the feet of His disciples—Judas included. Then He offers bread and wine, instituting the new covenant in His blood. He gives a new commandment: *love one another as I have loved you.*

It’s not about status, comfort, or control. It’s about humility, service, and sacrificial love. Maundy Thursday reminds us that true greatness is found at the feet of others, not above them.

Communion is both sacred and sobering. We are nourished by His sacrifice and called to live it out.

Reflection:

- Whose feet am I being called to wash today?

- How can I embody Christ’s love in difficult or messy situations?

Prayer:

Jesus, You kneel to serve, even knowing the cross awaits. Teach me that love is not just a feeling but a choice to serve, forgive, and give. As I receive Your body and blood, help me become more like You. Amen.

Reflection – Write down your thoughts

Good Friday – The Cross

Scripture: John 19:30 (CSB)

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

Devotion:

Good Friday is the most solemn day of the Christian year. Jesus is arrested, tried, beaten, mocked, and crucified. And yet, with His dying breath, He declares victory: “It is finished.” The debt of sin is paid. The veil is torn. Salvation is secured.

The cross is brutal, but it’s beautiful too—because it reveals the depth of God’s love. Jesus wasn’t forced to die; He chose the cross for *you*. Every nail driven was a declaration of His commitment to save.

Let today be a day of reverence, repentance, and awe.

Reflection:

- What does the cross mean to me personally?
- Have I truly grasped the weight—and the gift—of Christ’s sacrifice?

Prayer:

Jesus, thank You. There are no words that can express the depth of my gratitude. You took my place. You bore my sin. Help me never to take the cross lightly. Let my life be a response of worship. Amen.

Reflection – Write down your thoughts

Holy Saturday – The Silence of God

Scripture: Matthew 27:59–60 (CSB)

“So Joseph took the body... placed it in his new tomb... He left after rolling a great stone against the entrance of the tomb.”

Devotion:

Saturday is the quietest day of Holy Week—and perhaps the hardest. Jesus is buried. The disciples are scattered, confused, and grieving. It feels like all hope is lost.

But beneath the silence, God is still at work. Redemption is unfolding, even when it’s not visible. Holy Saturday reminds us that waiting is not wasted. It’s sacred space.

If you're in a season where God seems silent, don't lose heart. The stone is still in place, but Sunday is coming.

Reflection:

- Am I trusting God in the silence?

- Where do I need resurrection hope today?

Prayer:

God, waiting is hard. Silence is hard. But I trust You are still working. Give me faith to believe even when I can't see. Help me rest in Your promises. Amen.

Reflection – Write down your thoughts

Easter Sunday – He Is Risen!

Scripture: Matthew 28:6 (CSB)

“He is not here. For he has risen, just as he said.”

Devotion:

The stone is rolled away. The tomb is empty. Jesus is alive! Death has been defeated. Sin has lost its grip. Hope has returned.

Easter is not just a historical event—it’s a present reality. The same power that raised Jesus from the dead is at work in those who believe (Romans 8:11). Resurrection means that no sin is too deep, no shame too heavy, no night too dark.

Live today in the light of the risen Christ. Celebrate not just with your lips, but with your life.

Reflection:

- Am I living like Jesus is truly alive in me?

- What new life is God inviting me into today?

Prayer:

Risen Lord, You have conquered the grave! Fill me with Your resurrection power. Let every area of my life reflect the victory of the cross and the joy of the empty tomb. I rejoice in You today and forever. Amen.

Reflection – Write down your thoughts