

Holy Week
SCRIPTURE READINGS
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Every year I read through the Gospel accounts of what took place from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday as I seek to wrap my heart and mind around those days. This year I'm inviting you to join me each day for a brief reading of Scripture that helps give us a meaningful grasp of what took place in the life of our Lord Jesus during Holy Week.

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This is Saturday. Saturday was a bleak day. A day of silence and stillness. A day when Jesus was isolated, confined. A day when God, literally, was dead. Yet the enemies of Jesus were very nervous and wanted to make sure He stayed dead and buried.

The next day, the one after Preparation Day, the chief priests and the Pharisees went to Pilate. “Sir,” they said, “we remember that while he was still alive that deceiver said, ‘After three days I will rise again.’ So give the order for the tomb to be made secure until the third day. Otherwise, his disciples may come and steal the body and tell the people that he has been raised from the dead. This last deception will be worse than the first.”

“Take a guard,” Pilate answered. “Go, make the tomb as secure as you know how.” So they went and made the tomb secure by putting a seal on the stone and posting the guard. [1]

Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the LORD and against his anointed, saying, “Let us break their chains and throw off their shackles.”

The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them. He rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying, “I have installed my king on Zion, my holy mountain.”

I will proclaim the LORD’s decree: He said to me, “You are my son; today I have become your father. Ask me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession.

You will break them with a rod of iron; you will dash them to pieces like pottery.” Therefore, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear and celebrate his rule with trembling. Kiss his son, or he will be angry and your way will lead to your destruction, for his wrath can flare up in a moment. Blessed are all who take refuge in him. [2]

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On this day...on Saturday...take refuge in Jesus.

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.” [3]

In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace. [4]

It’s Saturday. This year many of us are also confined – we are isolated – practicing social distancing – locked down in our own homes. Jesus understands. Use this day to meditate on your salvation. How can you and I ever thank God for the price He paid for our redemption? The only appropriate response is to give Him our hearts...and our lives! Then remember. Sunday is coming!

[1] Matthew 27:62-66

[2] Psalm 2

[3] Acts 4:12

[4] Ephesians 1:7

Thank you

for taking the time to reflect on Jesus and prepare your heart for Easter.
We pray these Scripture Readings were a blessing to you.



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