

WEEK ONE | MARCH 28 - APRIL 3

the necessity of a sacrifice

MARCH 28

- In verse 2, God says, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love-Isaac-and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you." This must have been Abraham's darkest day as He walked up that mountain in obedience. How do God's actions with Abraham look forward to His actions with His only son? What are the similarities and differences between what God called Abraham to do and what He did Himself?
- When God gave Moses and Aaron instructions about the Passover in Exodus 12:1-30, what was God's intent as it relates to the nation of Israel? How did Israel show their faith?
- What did God want Israel to remember about the Passover through its yearly celebration? How did the teaching from this celebration look forward to Jesus' sacrifice? What did Jesus represent in the Old Testament Passover symbolism?

MARCH 29

- Have you ever had to face a difficult circumstance, knowing it was God's will?
- Have you ever felt rejected? How does it feel to know Jesus was rejected as well?
- What sins that Jesus carried do you need to ask forgiveness for today?

MARCH 30

- How is Christ's sacrifice sufficient according to Hebrews 10:12?
- The Old Covenant was given to Moses on tablets of stone. Where is the New Covenant written? (Hebrews 10:16)
- What glorious news do we read about in Hebrews 10:17 concerning our sin?

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- What do you think Paul means when he says we're "dead in our trespasses and sins?" Why use "death" as a description and metaphor for our condition before Christ's regenerating work?
- Re-read v. 8-10. For what purpose has God through Christ saved us by grace? How should this influence how we live our lives?
- In v. 11-22, Paul speaks of our unity in Christ. How does the cross break down barriers in our community? How does Paul's call challenge us to go beyond our comfort zone in the name of the Gospel? How can you personally contribute to the unity of the church—especially with those who are very different from you?

APRIL 1

- How did God show His love to the world? (John 3:16)
- Why did Christ save us? (Titus 3:5)
- What's our identity if we are in Christ? (2 Corinthians 5:17)

APRIL 2

We invite you to visit our website or YouTube channel and watch this week's video devotional as we consider our need for a sacrifice as seen through this week's reading.

WEEK TWO | APRIL 4 - 10

preparing for the sacrifice

APRIL 4

- In Luke 3:1-6, how does Luke set John the Baptist's ministry about Jesus in history and in prophecy?
- What is John the Baptist's warning to the crowds coming to be baptized by him in Luke 3:7-9?
- What is John the Baptist's message to the crowd, tax collectors & soldiers about how should respond to his warning?
- How was John the Baptist's good news affirmed in Luke 3:21-22?
- What does John the Baptist affirm about himself, his ministry, & the coming Messiah in John 1:19-34?

APRIL 5

- What is something you can rejoice about this week?
- How can you show God your gratitude for Jesus today?

APRIL 6

The Jewish leaders rejected Jesus because they did not believe what John the Baptist said about him.

- What do you believe about Jesus based on the Easter scripture readings so far?
- In what ways do you struggle to believe what the scriptures say about Jesus?

The Jewish leaders were guilty and faced judgement as a result of rejecting Jesus. Instead of seeking forgiveness or repentance, they sought to capture and arrest Jesus instead.

- How might God be calling you to seek forgiveness or repentance through today's reading?
- What can you do this Easter season to honor God's gift of his son?

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APRIL 7

- How can you worship Jesus with your whole heart as the woman did when she anointed Him with costly perfume?
- Have you ever been betrayed by a friend? How does it make you feel to know that Jesus, too, was betrayed by one of His friends?
- The disciples shared a last supper with Jesus before his death. What do you need to do to prepare your heart as we approach Good Friday and Easter Sunday?
- Peter proudly proclaimed that he would never deny Jesus. How could he have responded more humbly to Jesus? Do you respond to Jesus in pride or humility?

APRIL 8

- Where is Jesus going?
- What are the “benefits” that Jesus talks about that come from His departure?
- Why and how can we be bold in prayer based on this passage?

APRIL 9

We invite you to visit our website or YouTube channel and watch this week's video devotional as we consider how God's provision in passover prepared us for His provision in Jesus' sacrifice as seen through our readings this week.

WEEK THREE | APRIL 11 - 17

betrayal, sacrifice, & resurrection

APRIL 11

- There are two cycles highlighted in Matthew 26:36-46. One is the cycle of Jesus' sorrow, request to the Father and commitment to do God's will. The other is the cycle of the disciples inability to overcome the flesh by the Spirit. Why is Jesus' phrase, "the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak" so important to His actions in the garden and in turn our spiritual growth?
- What was the difference between what the disciples did in disowning Jesus and what Judas did in betraying Jesus?
- Jesus commitment to do God's will and sacrifice His life on our behalf comes to a point of conflict in this passage. What does the fact that Jesus carried through this trying moment, when the disciples disowned Him and Judas betrayed Him, say about His commitment to you?

APRIL 12

- What does it feel like to be falsely accused?
- Have you ever done something that you regret?
- Do you believe Jesus' death and resurrection is enough to cover that past mistake?

APRIL 13

- Jesus is accused of being a King. When presented, the Jews claimed no king but Caesar. Is Jesus the king of your life, or is something else? What are the implications of that?
- Have you ever been falsely accused or made a false accusation? What was the result? Why is truth important for the believer?
- Have you ever been ridiculed or publicly shamed? How does Jesus respond when insulted? Why do you think he was able to respond this way?

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APRIL 14

- Even while being crucified, Jesus is being mocked. His suffering was total, physical, emotional, spiritual, and social. Reflect a moment on Christ's suffering remembering that he was innocent and we are guilty.
- Jesus quotes Psalm 22 while being executed. What does this tell us about Jesus relationship with the psalms?
- How did Jesus fulfill prophecy in his death? How is this strangely encouraging?

APRIL 15

- In today's reading, choose one person that you can identify with most closely. Write the name and then take time to journal a few thoughts about why you can relate to this person(s). What thoughts and feelings do you think you would have experienced on that day at the foot of the cross or carrying His body and placing it in the tomb?
- Consider Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus (read John 19:38-39). In what circumstances of your life, are you quiet and do not openly share your faith and personal trust in Jesus? Where in your life are you keeping your faith secret? Where is the Lord calling you to be more bold in your witness to others?

APRIL 16

We invite you to visit our website or YouTube channel and watch this week's video devotional as we consider how God is still worthy of our trust even in the darkness of Saturday before the breakthrough of Sunday morning.