



## Meditations for Easter 2023

### EASTER WEEK:

Easter week is the week for meditating on the resurrection of the Lord Jesus and on the resurrection life we have been given in him.

**Mon. 4/10 | Lk 24:1-12**

The resurrection of the Lord, the one who has life in himself.

**Tue. 4/11 | Col 3:1-4**

The resurrection is an entrance into a heavenly life, the life of the new human being.

**Wed. 4/12 | Acts 10:34-43**

God ordained Christ to be the judge of all and appointed his death and resurrection so that he might be in a position to rule over all and to give his life for the whole human race.

**Thu. 4/13 | 1 Cor 5:6-8**

Christ's death is the Passover offering; we should celebrate his victory this week and throughout our lives in a fitting way.

**Fri. 4/14 | Rom 6:6-13**

Christ's resurrection is a final triumph over death, and the life he gives us involves a decision on our part to yield ourselves to Christ.

**Sat. 4/15 | Mk 16:9-15**

Christ reveals himself to the disciples, rebuking them for their unbelief, and commissioning them to bring the gospel to the whole world.

### WEEK TWO:

The readings from here until the feast of the Ascension are taken from the Gospel according to John. In week two we hear about the new life we have from above through the Spirit, and we witness Christ multiplying the loaves and walking on the water.

**Sun. 4/16 | Jn 20:19-31**

The resurrection of Christ leads to the outpouring of the Spirit and to a manifestation of the divinity of Christ the Lord.

**Mon. 4/17 | Jn 3:1-8**

In order to enter the kingdom of God, we need to be re-born of water and the Spirit.

**Tue. 4/18 | Jn 3:9-15**

The gift of the Spirit is related to the sacrificial death of the Lord, who was lifted up like the bronze serpent so that all who believe in him would have eternal life.

**Wed. 4/19 | Jn 3:16-21**

It is because of his love for the world that the Father sent the Son, so that we might share in the eternal life of God.

**Thu. 4/20 | Jn 3:31-36**

The Son who speaks the word of God and gives the Spirit without measure is the source of eternal life to all who believe.

**Fri. 4/21 | Jn 6:1-15**

Jesus multiplies the loaves and fishes during the Passover season, showing himself to be the true prophet, the successor to Moses.

**Sat. 4/22 | Jn 6:16-21**

Jesus walks on the water to his disciples and brings them to the safe land.

**WEEK THREE:**

The third week focuses on Jesus as the Bread of Life come down from heaven for the salvation of the world.

**Sun. 4/23 | Lk 24:13-35**

Christ appears to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, and reveals himself in the Scriptures to the gathered disciples on Easter Day.

**Mon. 4/24 | Jn 6:22-29**

We are to labor through faith for the food which brings eternal life, Christ himself.

**Tue. 4/25 | Jn 6:30-35**

Jesus is the true and abiding bread from heaven given by the Father for the life of the world.

**Wed. 4/26 | Jn 6:35-40**

Those who come to Christ and believe in him receive eternal life.

**Thu. 4/27 | Jn 6:41-51**

Jesus is the true and living bread whose flesh gives life to the world.

**Fri. 4/28 | Jn 6:52-59**

Christ promises that his flesh and blood are the food which abides for us and which yields eternal life.

**Sat. 4/29 | Jn 6:60-72**

Many turn away, but Peter and the twelve remain with the one who has the words of eternal life.

**WEEK FOUR:**

The fourth week centers on Jesus as the Good Shepherd, and moves into the beginning of the Last Supper discourses.

**Sun. 4/30 | Jn 10:1-10**

Christ is the true gate and way for the sheep to enter. By heeding his voice, we are led out to good pasture.

**Mon. 5/1 | Jn 10:11-21**

Christ is the Good Shepherd who connects us to the Father, and who gathers up one flock of Jew and Gentile by laying down his life for both.

**Tue. 5/2 | Jn 10:22-30**

Christ, who is one with the Father, gives eternal life to the sheep who hear his voice and come to him.

**Wed. 5/3 | Jn 10:31-39**

Jesus is the Son of God who does the works of the Father, showing that he is in the Father and the Father is in him in a special way.

**Thu. 5/4 | Jn 12:44-50**

Jesus speaks only what the Father has given him to say, and all who hear his voice hear the voice of the one who sent him.

**Fri. 5/5 | Jn 13:1-11**

Jesus loves his own to the end, showing in sign and symbol how he lays down his life for his disciples.

**Sat. 5/6 | Jn 13:12-20**

As the servants of Christ, we too are called to lay down our lives for each other, and wash each other's feet in humility.

**WEEK FIVE:**

Readings for week five and week six until the feast of the ascension continue with the Last Supper discourse.

**Sun. 5/7 | Jn. 14:1-11**

Jesus is the way, the truth and the life; by seeing him we see the Father.

**Mon. 5/8 | Jn 14:12-21**

We are given the Holy Spirit as another counselor, who fulfills the promise of a new covenant by coming to dwell within us.

**Tue. 5/9 | Jn 14:22-31**

Though Christ departs, he will continue to be with his disciples through the indwelling Holy Spirit.

**Wed. 5/10 | Jn 15:1-8**

Christ is the true vine, the true Israel, in whom we are grafted in love in order to bear the fruit that the Father seeks.

**Thu. 5/11 | Jn 15:9-17**

The Lord gives the great commandment, to love another as he has loved us, and calls us now his friends to whom he reveals his will.

**Fri. 5/12 | Jn 15:18-27**

Christ promises his disciples that the very world they are called to witness to will in the end hate them, because it has hated Christ first: the servant is not greater than his master.

**Sat. 5/13 | Jn 16:1-11**

It is to our advantage that Christ departs because this will open the way for the dispensation of the Spirit, through whom Christ will work even more powerfully in the whole world.

## WEEK SIX:

### **Sun. 5/14 | Jn 16:12-15**

Just as Christ speaks only what the Father gives him to say, so the Spirit will take what is Christ's and deliver it to the disciples.

### **Mon. 5/15 | Jn 16:16-22**

The Lord promises his disciples a time of sorrow when he is taken from them, but then a time of great joy when he will return to them.

### **Tue. 5/16 | Jn 16:23-28**

Christ's imminent death will open the way for the disciples to have even greater access to the Father in his name.

### **Wed. 5/17 | Jn 16:29-33**

Predicting the scattering of the disciples, Jesus also assures them that his peace and presence will be with them, through which they shall overcome the world.

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### **Thu. 5/18 | Matt 28:16-20**

At the last of Christ's appearances after his resurrection, he sends out the apostles to spread his teaching, promising to be with them to the close of the age.

### **Fri. 5/19 | Eph 1:17-23**

The resurrection and ascension is the exaltation of Christ to a position of authority over all things.

### **Sat. 5/20 | Acts 1:1-11**

Christ promises the apostles that they shall receive the Holy Spirit after his ascension, so that they might be witnesses to all the nations.

## WEEK SEVEN:

The final week of the 50 Days focuses on Christ's final prayer for the disciples, and the gift of the Spirit given to the disciples after the glorification of Christ.

### **Sun. 5/21 | Jn 17:1-5**

Christ's prayer to the Father for his own glorification

### **Mon. 5/22 | Jn 17:6-11**

Christ's prayer for his disciples – those who belong to him – that they may be one

### **Tue. 5/23 | Jn 17:12-19**

Christ's prayer for his disciples that they may be protected from the evil one and be sanctified.

### **Wed. 5/24 | Jn 17:20-26**

Christ's prayer for the believers to come, that they all might be one through the indwelling of Christ and might come to heavenly glory.

### **Thu. 5/25 | Jn 7:37-39**

The gift of the Spirit, which is given to complete the work of Christ, comes as a result of his glorification in resurrection and ascension.

**Fri. 5/26 | Joel 2:28-32**

The prophecy of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on all flesh so that those who belong to Christ and invoke him might be saved in the day of the Lord.

**Sat. 5/27 | Jn 4:13-14, 23-24**

The gift of the Spirit is given to us within so that we might have true life and worship the Father as he intends.

**Sun. 5/28 (Pentecost) | Jn 20:19-27**

Jesus now glorified breathes the Spirit upon the disciples so that they might serve as the bearers of his redemption throughout the earth.