

*Holy  
Week*

# *The Triumphal Entry: Palm Sunday*

*"Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord!"*

*— Matthew 21:9*

## Read:

Matthew 21:6-11, Luke 19:28-44, John 12:12-19

## Observe:

The streets of Jerusalem echoed with praises as Jesus entered the city. The people waved palm branches and laid their cloaks before Him, proclaiming Him as King. Yet just days later, many in this same crowd would turn against Him. How often do we celebrate Jesus when He meets our expectations but struggle to trust Him when He doesn't? Do we welcome Him into every part of our lives, or only when it's comfortable? Worship isn't about how we feel - it's about recognizing Christ as King in every season.

## Reflect:

Are there areas in my life where I celebrate Jesus when it's easy but fail to honor Him when challenges arise?

Do I acknowledge Jesus as King over my plans, my struggles, and my decisions?

Are there areas of my life that I'm holding onto instead of giving it over to God and trusting His plans?

## Pray:

God, I want to worship You with a whole heart, not just when it's convenient. Help me to honor You with my life, my choices, and my words every day. No matter my circumstances, or whether or not my expectations are met, I pray that I can faithfully and joyfully worship you.



# Cleansing the Temple: Monday

*“My house will be called a house of prayer,  
but you are making it a den of robbers.”*

— Matthew 21:13

## Read:

Matthew 21:12-13, Mark 11:12-26, Luke 19:45-48, John 2:13-25

## Observe:

Jesus entered the temple and found corruption. Instead of a sacred space for prayer and worship, it had become a place of greed and self-interest. His response was bold—He overturned tables, driving out those who had dishonored God's house. Our hearts are the temple of God (1 Corinthians 6:19). Are there things in our lives that need to be cleansed? Distractions, hidden sin, or misplaced priorities can keep us from truly worshiping Him. Jesus calls us to remove anything that hinders our relationship with Him.

## Reflect:

What in my life is distracting me from fully worshiping God?

Do I need to remove anything that is keeping my heart from being a true house of prayer?

## Pray:

Jesus, cleanse my heart and remove anything that takes Your rightful place. Help me to worship You in spirit and truth, with a heart fully devoted to You.



# *The Olivet Discourse:* Tuesday

*“For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”*

- Matthew 23:12

Read:

Matthew 23:1-12, Luke 20:1-8, Mark 13

Observe:

The religious leaders questioned Jesus, unwilling to recognize His divine authority. Their pride and fear kept them from seeing the truth. In a speech referred to as the Olivet Discourse, Jesus tells the disciples a little about what's to come. He warns against doing things for people to see and praise, but to serve one another. We may not openly reject Christ - but when we hold onto control & appearances, we subtly challenge Christ. How often are we humbling ourselves, putting others before ourselves, and surrendering to God's authority?

Reflect:

Are there areas where I struggle to surrender to God's authority?

How can I better trust and submit to His will in my daily life?

Pray:

Father, help me to trust Your authority completely.  
May I surrender my will and follow wherever You lead.



## *A Day of Teaching and Betrayal:* Wednesday

*“What are you willing to give me  
if I deliver him over to you?”  
— Matthew 26:15*

**Read:**  
Matthew 26:1-16, Mark 14:1-11, Luke 22:1-6

### **Observe:**

Judas betrayed Jesus for thirty pieces of silver. He chose temporary gain over eternal treasure. While it's easy to condemn Judas, we must ask ourselves: do we sometimes betray Jesus in smaller ways? When we prioritize worldly success over obedience, when we stay silent instead of standing for truth, or when we allow sin to remain unchecked, we trade the presence of Jesus for lesser things. Following Jesus means we can exchange despair for hope, sadness for joy, indifference for love.

### **Reflect:**

What worldly things am I tempted to value more than my relationship with Christ?

How can I remain faithful to Jesus in both my words and actions?

### **Pray:**

Lord, keep my heart faithful to You. Let nothing be more valuable to me than Your presence and love.



## *The Last Supper & Gethsemane:* **Thursday**

*“Do this in remembrance of me.”*

— *Luke 22:19*

### Read:

Matthew 26:17-20, Luke 22:14-22 & 39-46,  
1 Corinthians 11:23-26

### Observe:

At the Last Supper, Jesus gave His disciples a new covenant—a reminder of His body broken and His blood poured out for them. Later, in Gethsemane, He knelt in anguish, yet surrendered to the Father’s will. Surrender is not easy. Jesus understands our struggles because He Himself wrestled with the weight of His mission. Yet He chose obedience.

### Reflect:

What areas of my life do I need to surrender to God today?

How can I live in remembrance of Christ’s sacrifice?

### Pray:

Jesus, thank You for Your sacrifice. Strengthen me to follow Your will, even when it’s difficult.



# *The Crucifixion:* Good Friday

*“It is finished”*  
— *John 19:30*

## Read:

Luke 23:32-49, John 19:1-37, Isaiah 53

## Observe:

Jesus bore the weight of our sin on the cross. He suffered rejection, pain, and death so that we could be free. The words “It is finished” declare that the price for our sins was paid in full. Take time today to reflect on the cost of your salvation. Let the cross remind you of His deep love for you. In some of His last moments on the cross, the criminal on the cross next to Him calls out - and Jesus saves him. It is never too late; you’re never too far gone to come back to Jesus.

## Reflect:

Do I fully grasp the depth of what Jesus endured for me?

How does His sacrifice change the way I live?

Do I feel that I’m ‘too far gone’ to accept Jesus’ mercy?

## Pray:

Jesus, thank You for enduring the cross for my sake. Help me to never take Your sacrifice for granted.



# *The Waiting:* Saturday

*“So they went and made the tomb secure.”*

— *Matthew 27:66*

Read:

Matthew 27:62-66, John 19:38-40, Psalm 130

Observe:

Jesus' followers faced a day of silence, uncertainty, and fear. They had to trust in God's plan without knowing what would come next. We all experience seasons of waiting—times when we don't see God moving. But just as Sunday was coming, God is always at work, even when we can't see it. When you want to pray in seasons of uncertainty but don't have the words, read Psalm 130.

Reflect:

Am I trusting God in the seasons of waiting?

How can I rest in His promises, even when I don't see immediate answers?

Pray:

God, in the waiting, help me to trust You. Even when I don't see, I believe You are working for good.



# *He is Risen!*

## Resurrection Sunday

*"He is not here; he has risen, just as he said!"*  
- Matthew 28:5-6

Read:  
Matthew 28, Luke 24:13-49, John 20:11-29

Observe:

The grave could not hold Jesus! His resurrection is our victory over sin and death. Because He lives, we have hope, purpose, and eternal life. This is the foundation of our faith. Let His victory shape how you live each day!

Reflect:

How does the resurrection impact the way I live daily?

Am I walking in the joy and power of new life in Christ?

Pray:

Jesus, You are alive! Thank You for giving me new life. Help me to live in the joy and power of the resurrection every day.





*Communion  
Service*

April 2nd  
7:00pm

9500  
Durant Rd.  
Raleigh, NC

*Good Friday  
Service*

April 3rd  
7:00pm

590  
Westhigh St.  
Cary, NC

*Holy  
Week*

*Easter*  
at Devoted City

*North  
Raleigh*

April 4th  
3:30,  
5:00,  
6:30pm

April 5th  
8:00,  
9:30,  
11:15am

*Cary*

April 5th  
10:00am

