

March 28 - April 4, 2010

PASSION WEEK



INTERHIGH 40 DAY BIBLE CHALLENGE:

We will embark on a 40 day challenge to study God's word. The challenge is EVERY DAY. We will be working as a team to reach the goal! Let's see which team gets the highest score!

We will divide into teams consisting of various grades. We encourage you to spur your teammates on to earn points each week. We will calculate points every week to see how each team is doing. The team with the highest points by April 30th WINS the challenge.

Yes! There is a prize! The winning team will get their choice of either a big fat juicy steak dinner party OR an outing to Fenton's for a gigantic ice cream sundae party!

GOAL	POINTS
Write out text	1 point
Answer questions	1 point each
Memorize Phil.2:5-8	4 points

DATE	TEXT
3/28 Sunday	Luke 19:28-44
3/29 Monday	Luke 19:45-20:19
3/30 Tuesday	Luke 22:1-46
3/31 Wednesday	Luke 22:47-71
4/1 Thursday	Luke 23:1-25
4/2 Friday	Luke 23:26-56
4/3 Saturday	Luke 24:1-35
4/4 Easter Sunday	Luke 24:36-53

SUNDAY - Luke 19:28-44

The Triumphal Entry

²⁸After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, ³⁰"Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' tell him, 'The Lord needs it.'" ³²Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴They replied, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. ³⁶As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road. ³⁷When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: ³⁸"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" ³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!" ⁴⁰"I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out." ⁴¹As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it ⁴²and said, "If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace-- but now it is hidden from your eyes. ⁴³The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side. ⁴⁴They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God's coming to you."

MONDAY - Luke 19:45-20:8

Jesus at the Temple

⁴⁵Then he entered the temple area and began driving out those who were selling. ⁴⁶"It is written," he said to them, "'My house will be a house of prayer'; but you have made it 'a den of robbers.'" ⁴⁷Every day he was teaching at the temple. But the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the leaders among the people were trying to kill him. ⁴⁸Yet they could not find any way to do it, because all the people hung on his words.

The Authority of Jesus Questioned

20:1 One day as he was teaching the people in the temple courts and preaching the gospel, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, together with the elders, came up to him. ²"Tell us by what authority you are doing these things," they said. "Who gave you this authority?" ³He replied, "I will also ask you a question. Tell me, ⁴John's baptism-- was it from heaven, or from men?" ⁵They discussed it among themselves and said, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will ask, 'Why didn't you believe him?'" ⁶But if we say, 'From men,' all the people will stone us, because they are persuaded that John was a prophet." ⁷So they answered, "We don't know where it was from." ⁸Jesus said, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things."

The Parable of the Tenants

⁹He went on to tell the people this parable: "A man planted a vineyard, rented it to some farmers and went away for a long time. ¹⁰At harvest time he sent a servant to the tenants so they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ¹¹He sent another servant, but that one also they beat and treated shamefully and sent away empty-handed. ¹²He sent still a third, and they wounded him and threw him out. ¹³"Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my son, whom I love; perhaps they will respect him.'" ¹⁴"But when the tenants saw him, they talked the matter over. 'This is the heir,' they said. 'Let's kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.'" ¹⁵So they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. "What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them?" ¹⁶He will come and kill those tenants and give the vineyard to others." When the people heard this, they said, "May this never be!" ¹⁷Jesus looked directly at them and asked, "Then what is the meaning of that which is written: "'The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone?'" ¹⁸Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, but he on whom it falls will be crushed." ¹⁹The teachers of the law and the chief priests looked for a way to arrest him immediately, because they knew he had spoken this parable against them. But they were afraid of the people.

TUESDAY - Luke 22:1-46

Judas Agrees to Betray Jesus

¹Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread, called the Passover, was approaching, ²and the chief priests and the teachers of the law were looking for some way to get rid of Jesus, for they were afraid of the people. ³Then Satan entered Judas, called Iscariot, one of the Twelve. ⁴And Judas went to the chief priests and the officers of the temple guard and discussed with them how he might betray Jesus. ⁵They were delighted and agreed to give him money. ⁶He consented, and watched for an opportunity to hand Jesus over to them when no crowd was present.

The Last Supper

⁷Then came the day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. ⁸Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover." ⁹"Where do you want us to prepare for it?" they asked. ¹⁰He replied, "As you enter the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him to the house that he enters, ¹¹and say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks: Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?'" ¹²He will show you a large upper room, all furnished. Make preparations there." ¹³They left and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover. ¹⁴When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. ¹⁵And he said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. ¹⁶For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God." ¹⁷After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, "Take this and divide it among you. ¹⁸For I tell you I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." ¹⁹And he took bread, gave thanks and

broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me."²⁰ In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you."²¹ But the hand of him who is going to betray me is with mine on the table.²² The Son of Man will go as it has been decreed, but woe to that man who betrays him."²³ They began to question among themselves which of them it might be who would do this.²⁴ Also a dispute arose among them as to which of them was considered to be greatest.²⁵ Jesus said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them call themselves Benefactors.²⁶ But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves.²⁷ For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.²⁸ You are those who have stood by me in my trials.²⁹ And I confer on you a kingdom, just as my Father conferred one on me,³⁰ so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.³¹ "Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you as wheat.³² But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers."³³ But he replied, "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death."³⁴ Jesus answered, "I tell you, Peter, before the rooster crows today, you will deny three times that you know me."³⁵ Then Jesus asked them, "When I sent you without purse, bag or sandals, did you lack anything?" "Nothing," they answered.³⁶ He said to them, "But now if you have a purse, take it, and also a bag; and if you don't have a sword, sell your cloak and buy one."³⁷ It is written: 'And he was numbered with the transgressors'; and I tell you that this must be fulfilled in me. Yes, what is written about me is reaching its fulfillment."³⁸ The disciples said, "See, Lord, here are two swords." "That is enough," he replied.

Jesus Prays on the Mount of Olives

³⁹ Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and his disciples followed him.⁴⁰ On reaching the place, he said to them, "Pray that you will not fall into temptation."⁴¹ He withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed,⁴² "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done."⁴³ An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him.⁴⁴ And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.⁴⁵ When he rose from prayer and went back to the disciples, he found them asleep, exhausted from sorrow.⁴⁶ "Why are you sleeping?" he asked them. "Get up and pray so that you will not fall into temptation."

WEDNESDAY - Luke 22:47-71

Jesus Arrested

⁴⁷While he was still speaking a crowd came up, and the man who was called Judas, one of the Twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him,⁴⁸ but Jesus asked him, "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?"⁴⁹ When Jesus' followers saw what was going to happen, they said, "Lord, should we strike with our swords?"⁵⁰ And one of them struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his right ear.⁵¹ But Jesus answered, "No more of this!" And he touched the man's ear and healed him.⁵² Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple guard, and the elders, who had come for him, "Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come with swords and clubs?"⁵³ Every day I was with you in the temple courts, and you did not lay a hand on me. But this is your hour-- when darkness reigns."

Peter Disowns Jesus

⁵⁴ Then seizing him, they led him away and took him into the house of the high priest. Peter followed at a distance.⁵⁵ But when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and had sat down together, Peter sat down with them.⁵⁶ A servant girl saw him seated there in the firelight. She looked closely at him and said, "This man was with him."⁵⁷ But he denied it. "Woman, I don't know him," he said.⁵⁸ A little later someone else saw him and said, "You also are one of them." "Man, I am not!" Peter replied.⁵⁹ About an hour later another asserted, "Certainly this fellow was with him, for he is a Galilean."⁶⁰ Peter replied, "Man, I don't know what you're talking about!" Just as he was speaking, the rooster crowed.⁶¹ The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him: "Before the rooster crows today, you will disown me three times."⁶² And he went outside and wept bitterly.

The Guards Mock Jesus

⁶³ The men who were guarding Jesus began mocking and beating him.⁶⁴ They blindfolded him and demanded, "Prophecy! Who hit you?"⁶⁵ And they said many other insulting things to him.

Jesus Before Pilate and Herod

⁶⁶ At daybreak the council of the elders of the people, both the chief priests and teachers of the law, met together, and Jesus was led before them.⁶⁷ "If you are the Christ," they said, "tell us." Jesus answered, "If I tell you, you will not believe me,⁶⁸ and if I asked you, you would not answer.⁶⁹ But from now on, the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the mighty God."⁷⁰ They all asked, "Are you then the Son of God?" He replied, "You are right in saying I am."⁷¹ Then they said, "Why do we need any more testimony? We have heard it from his own lips."

THURSDAY - Luke 23:1-25

Jesus Before Pilate and Herod (continued)

¹Then the whole assembly rose and led him off to Pilate. ²And they began to accuse him, saying, "We have found this man subverting our nation. He opposes payment of taxes to Caesar and claims to be Christ, a king." ³So Pilate asked Jesus, "Are you the king of the Jews?" "Yes, it is as you say," Jesus replied. ⁴Then Pilate announced to the chief priests and the crowd, "I find no basis for a charge against this man." ⁵But they insisted, "He stirs up the people all over Judea by his teaching. He started in Galilee and has come all the way here." ⁶On hearing this, Pilate asked if the man was a Galilean. ⁷When he learned that Jesus was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem at that time. ⁸When Herod saw Jesus, he was greatly pleased, because for a long time he had been wanting to see him. From what he had heard about him, he hoped to see him perform some miracle. ⁹He plied him with many questions, but Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰The chief priests and the teachers of the law were standing there, vehemently accusing him. ¹¹Then Herod and his soldiers ridiculed and mocked him. Dressing him in an elegant robe, they sent him back to Pilate. ¹²That day Herod and Pilate became friends-- before this they had been enemies. ¹³Pilate called together the chief priests, the rulers and the people, ¹⁴and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was inciting the people to rebellion. I have examined him in your presence and have found no basis for your charges against him. ¹⁵Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us; as you can see, he has done nothing to deserve death. ¹⁶Therefore, I will punish him and then release him." ¹⁷¹⁸With one voice they cried out, "Away with this man! Release Barabbas to us!" ¹⁹(Barabbas had been thrown into prison for an insurrection in the city, and for murder.) ²⁰Wanting to release Jesus, Pilate appealed to them again. ²¹But they kept shouting, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" ²²For the third time he spoke to them: "Why? What crime has this man committed? I have found in him no grounds for the death penalty. Therefore I will have him punished and then release him." ²³But with loud shouts they insistently demanded that he be crucified, and their shouts prevailed. ²⁴So Pilate decided to grant their demand. ²⁵He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, the one they asked for, and surrendered Jesus to their will.

FRIDAY - Luke 23:26-56

The Crucifixion

²⁶As they led him away, they seized Simon from Cyrene, who was on his way in from the country, and put the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus. ²⁷A large number of people followed him, including women who mourned and wailed for him. ²⁸Jesus turned and said to them, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹For the time will come when you will say, 'Blessed are the barren women, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' ³⁰Then 'they will say to the mountains, 'Fall on us!' and to the hills, 'Cover us!'" ³¹For if men do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?" ³²Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him

to be executed. ³³When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals-- one on his right, the other on his left. ³⁴Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots. ³⁵The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One." ³⁶The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar ³⁷ and said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself." ³⁸There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS. ³⁹One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? ⁴¹We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴²Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise."

Jesus' Death

⁴⁴It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, ⁴⁵for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last. ⁴⁷The centurion, seeing what had happened, praised God and said, "Surely this was a righteous man." ⁴⁸When all the people who had gathered to witness this sight saw what took place, they beat their breasts and went away. ⁴⁹But all those who knew him, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

Jesus' Burial

⁵⁰Now there was a man named Joseph, a member of the Council, a good and upright man, ⁵¹who had not consented to their decision and action. He came from the Judean town of Arimathea and he was waiting for the kingdom of God. ⁵²Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus' body. ⁵³Then he took it down, wrapped it in linen cloth and placed it in a tomb cut in the rock, one in which no one had yet been laid. ⁵⁴It was Preparation Day, and the Sabbath was about to begin. ⁵⁵The women who had come with Jesus from Galilee followed Joseph and saw the tomb and how his body was laid in it. ⁵⁶Then they went home and prepared spices and perfumes. But they rested on the Sabbath in obedience to the commandment.

SATURDAY - Luke 24:1-35

The Resurrection

¹On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb. ³ but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. ⁵ In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead?" ⁶ He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ⁷ 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.'" ⁸ Then they remembered his words. ⁹ When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. ¹⁰ It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. ¹² Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

On the Road to Emmaus

¹³ Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. ¹⁵ As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; ¹⁶ but they were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" They stood still, their faces downcast. ¹⁸ One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you only a visitor to Jerusalem and do not know the things that have happened there in these days?" ¹⁹ "What things?" he asked. "About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. ²⁰ The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; ²¹ but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. ²² In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning ²³ but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. ²⁴ Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." ²⁵ He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. ²⁸ As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus acted as if he were going farther. ²⁹ But they urged him

strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. ³² They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" ³³ They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together ³⁴ and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." ³⁵ Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

SUNDAY - Luke 24:36-53

Jesus Appears to the Disciples

³⁶While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷ They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have." ⁴⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. ⁴¹ And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate it in their presence. ⁴⁴ He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

The Ascension

⁵⁰ When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. ⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. ⁵² Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. ⁵³ And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

DATE: MARCH 28 - SUNDAY

TEXT: LUKE 19:28-44

1. Read the text two times.
2. Write out the your favorite verse here.

- Jesus wept for those who misunderstood the salvation He offered. What can I learn about what love is like from the fact that Jesus wept over Jerusalem?

- What were the things the Jews thought would bring them peace?

- What are the things that I think will bring me peace?

- How is Jesus the only way to peace?

Write out a prayer in response to the text.

DATE: MARCH 29 - MONDAY

TEXT: LUKE 19:45-20:8

1. Read the text two times.
2. Write out the your favorite verse here.

What is surprising about the tenants' response?

What may have motivated them?

How is the tenants' response played out in people's lives today?

How do I respond to God's claim in my life? Are there ways in which I have been rejecting God's claim over particular areas of my life?

Characterize the owner's response to the wicked tenants. What does this reveal about God's approach in dealing with sinners? How have I experienced this in my life?

Write out a prayer in response to the text.

DATE: MARCH 28 - TUESDAY

TEXT: LUKE 22:1-46

1. Read the text two times.
2. Write out the your favorite verse here.

- How might have Judas felt as Jesus predicted that one of them would betray him?
- How was this an opportunity for him to repent?

- What were the disciples preoccupied with? What did this cause them to be clueless to?
- What are the things that preoccupy me? What am I clueless to as a result?
- In what ways do I seek power or greatness rather than serving others?
- How can I seek to be one who serves?

- What did Jesus pray?
- What does Jesus' struggle in prayer reveal about his decision to do God's will?

Write out a prayer in response to the text.

DATE: MARCH 31 - WEDNESDAY

TEXT: LUKE 22:47-22:71

1. Read the text two times.
2. Write out the your favorite verse here.

- What was Peter's response when the servant girl and others recognized him as one of Jesus' followers?
- How do I deny being associated with Jesus in my life?
- What was Jesus' prayer for Peter in v. 31-34?
- How can this prayer give hope to those who are stuck in a sense of failure because of some sin or unfaithfulness?
- What did Peter remember, and how did this lead him to repent?
- What can I learn about the role of God's word in my life?

- What may have been the reason for the guards' boldness and cruelty towards Jesus?
- What can explain their level of hatred towards Jesus?
- In what ways am I like the guards?

Write out a prayer in response to the text.

DATE: APRIL 1 - THURSDAY

TEXT: LUKE 23:1-23:25

1. Read the text two times.
2. Write out the your favorite verse here.

- How many times does Pilate pronounce Jesus to be innocent?
- What does the crowd say in response to Pilate's pronouncement of Jesus' innocence?
- What can I learn from the crowd's insistence to crucify Jesus despite Pilate's pronouncement of Jesus' innocence?
- In what way, do I respond like the crowd towards God and the Gospel?

- What was Pilate's response (Luke 23:4, 7, 16, 22, 24)?
- What can I learn about the progression of compromise from Pilate's responses?
- Although Pilate was in the position to release Jesus, in the end, he was powerless to do so. What about Pilate ultimately allowed the "shouts" of the crowd to prevail? What did he lack?

Write out a prayer in response to the text.

DATE: APRIL 2 - FRIDAY

TEXT: LUKE 23:26-23:56

1. Read the text two times.
2. Write out the your favorite verse here.

- What did the bystanders (i.e people who stood watching, rulers, soldiers, criminal who hung there) say to Jesus?
- What may have been going on in the mind of this criminal as he hurled insults at Jesus?
- What situation have I blamed God for some mess that I've created and demanded that God "save" me?

- What was Jesus' final statement?
- What can I learn about Jesus' relationship with the Father from his final statement?

Write out a prayer in response to the text.

DATE: APRIL 3 - SATURDAY

TEXT: LUKE 24:1-24:35

1. Read the text two times.
2. Write out the your favorite verse here.

- What did the angels remind the women?
- What is the role of remembering God's word in recognizing God at work? (For e.g. remembering some passage from the Bible can provide an entirely new perspective on events which otherwise may seem discouraging, mundane, insignificant or irrelevant.)

- Reflect on the words 'we had hoped ...' (vs. 21). What did the disciples hope for?
- Have I experienced disappointments in my Christian life? What are some things I had hoped for that never came to be?
- What are some false hopes that these disappointments were based on?
- Why were the disciples "slow of heart to believe" the Scriptures?
- The disciples had no option but to hasten back to Jerusalem and share with others how they encountered Jesus. How true is this of my life?

Write out a prayer in response to the text.

DATE: APRIL 4 - SUNDAY

TEXT: LUKE 24:36-53

1. Read the text two times.
2. Write out the your favorite verse here.

- What does Jesus do to settle the disciples' doubts about his resurrection in the following verses: 36, 39, 43, and 44-45?
- In what ways, does Jesus "come" to deal with the doubts and fears of my heart?

Luke 24:46-49

- What did Jesus accomplish?
- What did Jesus leave for his disciples to accomplish?
- What is the main message that Jesus told his disciples to preach?
- What did Jesus promise to do?

- What enabled the disciples to return to Jerusalem with great joy even after Jesus' departure?

Write out a prayer in response to the text.