



Week 1 Study Sheet

Palm Sunday

Consider

Imagine what it might have been like to be in Jerusalem during Jesus' final week. After 400 years of longing and expectation a people - who felt forgotten - have seen their King.

*Rejoice, O people of Zion!
Shout in triumph, O people of Jerusalem!
Look, your king is coming to you.
He is righteous and victorious,
yet he is humble, riding on a donkey—
riding on a donkey's colt.*

Zechariah 9:9 NLT

Depictions of this scene fail to capture the magnitude of it all. It's no ordinary Passover in Jerusalem, and if the crowds are feeling the significance then so are the religious leaders. Through this entrance Jesus is making himself known. Let's discover how he spends the next few days.

Discover

Read [John 12:37-43](#)

- Despite all the miracles he performed, most of the people would not believe Jesus was the Messiah. How did God respond to the people who chose to reject him?
- Do you know people who continue in their unbelief despite repeatedly hearing the truth of the gospel?
- Some leaders believed, but did not confess their belief; what fear prevented the authorities from confessing their belief in Jesus?
- How can the desire to please others interfere with our faith?

Read [John 12:44-50](#)

- Jesus says that he has come into the world on mission from the Father. What does he say he has come to do?
- What do these verses reveal about the relationship between Jesus the Son and God the Father?
- What awaits those who do not accept the words of Jesus and believe in him?

Pray

Thank Jesus for his obedience to the Father despite the hostility, rejection, and disbelief of his people. Ask God for grace to face difficult people and circumstances with equal compassion and resolve.

Engage

Fill your hearts and minds with the Word of God to discern what is right and true. Read the additional Scripture passages this week to be fully equipped to follow Jesus moment by moment.

[Matthew 21:1-46](#)

[Matthew 26:1-75](#)

[Matthew 27:1-61](#)

[Psalms 22:1-8](#)



Week 2 Study Sheet

Easter Sunday

Consider

On Friday, Jesus was arrested, beaten, and put on trial for crimes he didn't commit. He witnessed Peter's denial. He was stripped, beaten again, whipped brutally, given a crown of thorns, and forced to march with his cross to the place of his death. There, his hands and feet were nailed to his cross, and over several hours he slowly suffocated to death. His body was removed from the cross and placed in a tomb. His heartbroken followers hid in fear.

Thankfully, that's not the end of the story, it's not even the climax of the story. Something miraculous is about to happen. On the third day after Jesus' death, a desperate Mary visits Jesus' tomb but finds it empty. Soon she encounters the Risen Lord, she runs to spread the good news—Jesus, our King, is not dead. He is risen. He is risen, indeed!

Discover

Read [Luke 24:1-12](#)

- Jesus told his followers that he would be betrayed, die on a cross, and rise again, yet they did not understand. They were not able to align their perception with the reality Jesus told them to expect. How does our view of God impact his ability to lead us and our ability to follow?
- How did the women respond when the angels told them the good news of the resurrection?
- How did the apostles first respond when the women told them the good news of the resurrection?

Read [1 Corinthians 15:1-8, 55-58](#)

- What is the message of the gospel that Paul passed on to those he was writing to?
- Paul repeatedly used the phrase, "according to the Scriptures." Why was it important to for him to point this out?
- What does Christ's resurrection mean for us? How does the reality of the resurrection provide us the strength to stand firm in our faith?

Pray

Express your desperate need for God's grace and your appreciation for the gift of his Son. Praise him for his infinite grace to send Jesus to the cross in your place, to take on your sin and condemnation so that you would not have to. Acknowledge that he was humiliated, beaten, and killed to pay the debt you owe. Thank him for his suffering and death, that you may know the Father.

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[Matthew 28:1-20](#)

[Mark 16:1-20](#)