

The Journey Toward the Cross

A 14 Day Easter Bible Reading Plan

This plan spans two weeks, allowing for a deeper study of the Passion Week (Holy Week) and the resurrection of Christ Jesus.

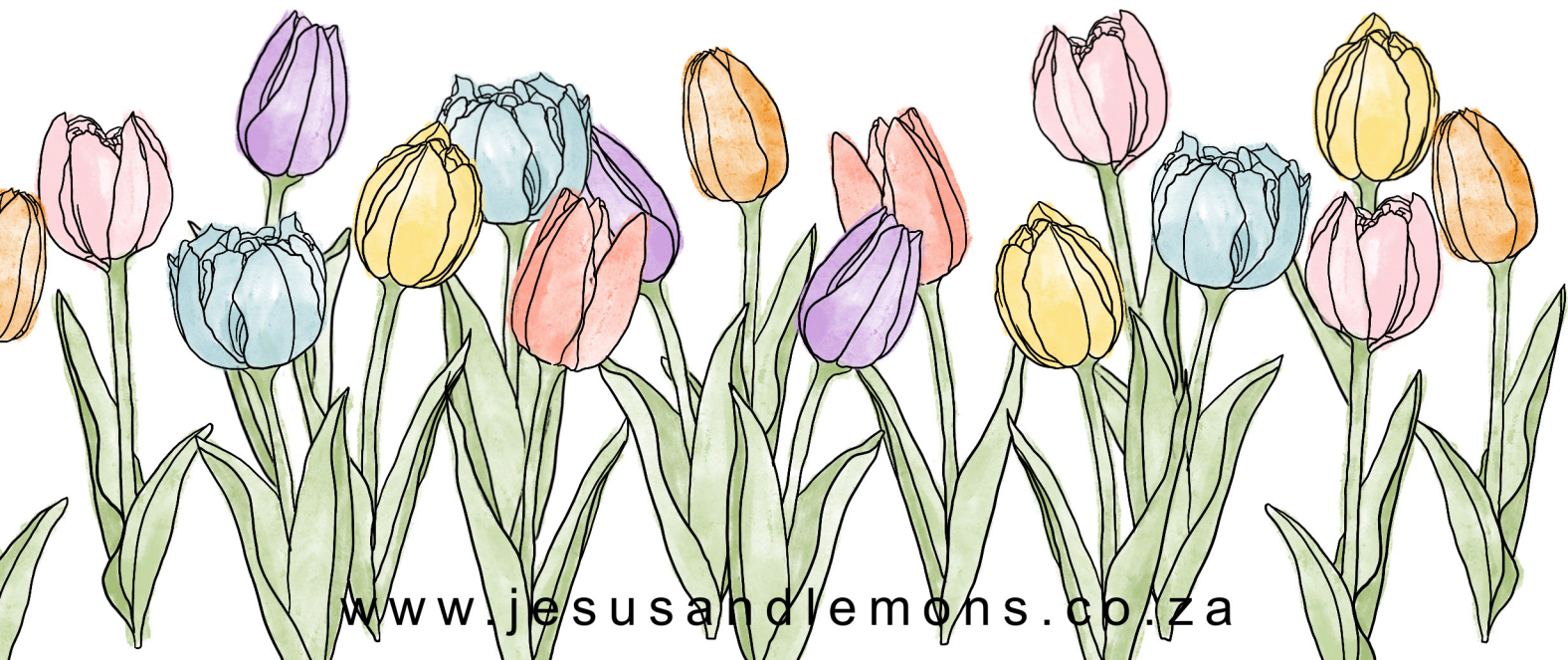
Each day includes passages, a brief reflection, and a prayer prompt to help you engage with the Scripture and really reflect on the greatest story in history.

This Easter reading plan takes you from the triumphal entry to the joy of the resurrection.

As you read each passage, reflect on the incredible love, sacrifice, and power of Jesus.

May your journey through the Scriptures lead you to a deeper understanding and greater appreciation of what Christ has done for you on the cross, in death and in eternal life.

We hope you enjoy this reading plan.
With love, Rachelle and Chandra



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WEEK 1

Day 1: Palm Sunday

- Passage: Matthew 21:1-11, Mark 11:1-11, Luke 19:28-44 and John 12:12-19
- Focus: Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem
- Reflection: The crowds hailed Jesus as their King, but many misunderstood the kind of kingdom He came to establish. Reflect on how Jesus is both King and Savior.
- Prayer: Praise God for Jesus, the King who came to save us, and ask for understanding of His Kingdom.

Day 2: Monday — Cleansing the Temple

- Passage: Matthew 21:12-22 Mark 11:12-1, Luke 19:45-48 and John 13:17
- Focus: Jesus cleanses the temple
- Reflection: Jesus' anger at the corruption of the temple shows His passion for holiness. Reflect on areas in your life that may need cleansing.
- Prayer: Ask God to cleanse your heart and life, removing anything that hinders true worship.

Day 3: Tuesday — Confrontation with the Religious Leaders

- Passage: Matthew 21:23-46, Luke 21:1-38 and Luke 22:1-2
- Focus: Jesus' authority challenged
- Reflection: The chief priests and elders question Jesus' authority, and He tells parables revealing their rejection of Him. Reflect on how you respond to Jesus' authority in your life.
- Prayer: Pray for humility to submit to Jesus' authority in all areas of your life.

Day 4: Wednesday — The Plot to Betray Jesus

- Passage: Matthew 26:1-5, 14-16 and Mark 14:3-11
- Focus: Judas agrees to betray Jesus
- Reflection: Judas' betrayal reveals the depths of human sin. Reflect on your own need for forgiveness and the lengths to which Jesus went to save you.
- Prayer: Confess any betrayal of God's will in your own life and ask for a renewed commitment to follow Him.

Day 5: Thursday — The Last Supper

- Passage: Matthew 26:17-35, Mark 14:12-72 Luke 22:7-62, John 13:1-38 and John 16:16-33
- Focus: Jesus institutes the Lord's Supper
- Reflection: In the institution of the Lord's Supper, Jesus gives His body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. Reflect on the significance of Communion.
- Prayer: Thank God for the sacrifice of Jesus and ask for deeper reverence in remembering His death.



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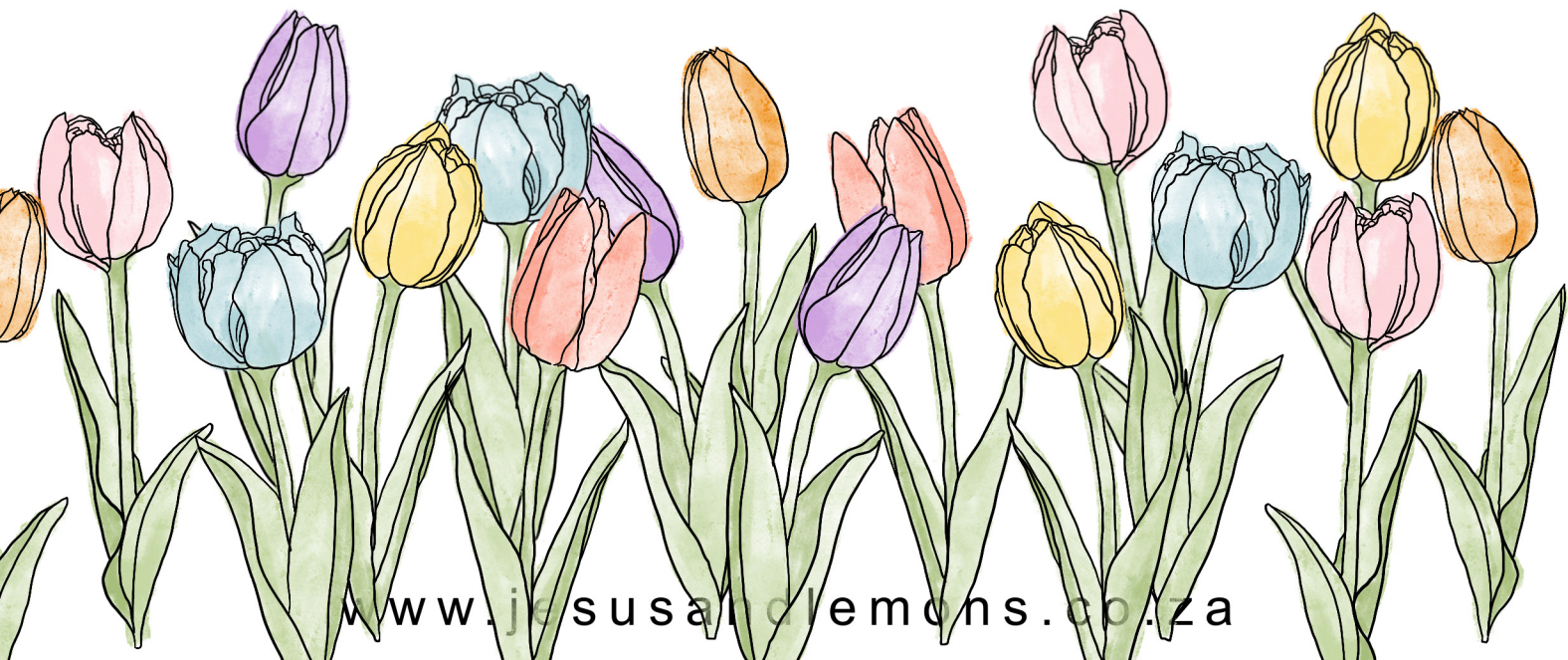
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Day 6: Thursday Night — Jesus' Prayer in Gethsemane

- Passage: Matthew 26:36-46, Mark 14:32-42 and Luke 22:39-46
- Focus: Jesus prays in the Garden of Gethsemane
- Reflection: Jesus' anguish in the garden shows His deep commitment to God's will. Reflect on your own willingness to submit to God's plan, even in difficult times.
- Prayer: Pray for strength to follow God's will, even when it is hard.

Day 7: Friday — The Arrest of Jesus

- Passage: Matthew 26:47-56 and John 18:1-12
- Focus: Jesus is arrested
- Reflection: Jesus, knowing what is coming, allows Himself to be arrested. Reflect on His courage and obedience to the Father's plan.
- Prayer: Pray for the strength to stand firm in your faith, even when facing opposition.



The Passion and Resurrection

WEEK 2

Day 8: Friday — Jesus Before the Sanhedrin

- Passage: Matthew 26:57-68, Mark 14:53-65, Luke 22:54-71 and John 18:12-27
- Focus: Jesus is condemned by the Sanhedrin
- Reflection: Jesus is mocked and accused unjustly. Reflect on the unjust suffering Jesus endured for you.
- Prayer: Thank God for Jesus' willingness to endure suffering for your sake.

Day 9: Friday — Peter Denies Jesus

- Passage: Matthew 26:69-75 and Luke 22:54-62
- Focus: Peter's denial
- Reflection: Peter's denial is a painful moment, but it points to the grace Jesus shows in restoring Peter. Reflect on moments when you have failed and the grace Jesus offers for restoration.
- Prayer: Ask for forgiveness for times you have denied Christ, and for strength to stand firm in faith.

Day 10: Friday — Jesus Before Pilate

- Passage: Matthew 27:1-26, Mark 15:1-15, Luke 23:1-25, John 18:33 and 19:16
- Focus: Jesus' trial before Pilate
- Reflection: Jesus faces the Roman governor, Pilate, and is condemned to death. Reflect on the political and personal pressures surrounding Jesus' crucifixion.
- Prayer: Pray for the strength to stand for truth, even when the world pressures you to conform.

Day 11: Friday — The Crucifixion

- Passage: Matthew 27:27-44
- Focus: Jesus' crucifixion
- Reflection: Reflect on the immense physical and emotional suffering Jesus endured on the cross for our sins.
- Prayer: Spend time thanking God for the great love Jesus demonstrated through His sacrifice.

Day 12: Friday — Jesus Dies on the Cross

- Passage: Matthew 27:45-56, Mark 15:21-41, Luke 23:26-49 and John 19:16-30
- Focus: The death of Jesus
- Reflection: Jesus dies, and the earth trembles at His death. Reflect on the significance of Jesus' final words and His ultimate sacrifice.
- Prayer: Thank God for Jesus' sacrifice, and spend time in awe of His love.



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Day 13: Saturday — The Burial of Jesus

- Passage: Matthew 27:57-61, Mark 15:42-47, Luke 23:50-56 and John 19:38-42
- Focus: Jesus is buried
- Reflection: Jesus' body is placed in a tomb, and the world seems to be in darkness. Reflect on the weight of this moment as the disciples grieve.
- Prayer: Spend time in quiet reflection, meditating on the reality of Jesus' death and what it means for your life.

Day 14: Sunday — The Resurrection of Jesus

- Passage: Matthew 28:1-15, Mark 16:1-14, Luke 24:1-53 and John 20:1-23
- Focus: The resurrection of Jesus
- Reflection: Jesus rises from the dead, defeating sin and death. Reflect on the victory Christ achieved and what the resurrection means for your life.
- Prayer: Celebrate the resurrection of Jesus! Thank God for the hope and new life that Jesus' victory over death brings.



Redemption
of the world
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