

Holy Week Devotionals 2026

Through these daily readings, walk with Jesus in real time through the week leading up to his crucifixion and resurrection. Each day will provide you a reflection on what's going on beneath the surface of the story, a reading in scripture, and a few questions to help you reflect on how this can transform you. Your Holy Week bookmark also contains more scripture passages you can read to dig deeper into the story itself.

Parents of 1-6th grade kids: We encourage you to use these devotionals for your own growth first, and then to help your kids grow—just like the safety instructions on an airline flight: “secure your own oxygen mask before assisting others.” We suggest you use the main devotionals for your own study, and the “**For Families**” sections to guide your kids in a simpler look at the Holy Week story.

Sunday (Palm Sunday)

Tears from Jesus

Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem, the city where God dwelt with his people in his temple. It was five days before the people would celebrate Passover, a feast to remember when God saved them from being slaves in Egypt. On the way there, Jesus had his disciples bring a young donkey for him to ride, and the people who were following him recognized what it looked like: Jesus was riding toward the city of God's people like a king. They shouted a word that means “save us!” Hosanna! But before Jesus went into the city, he stopped. Everyone around him had been putting their coats on the ground for his donkey to walk on, honoring him as a king. They were waving palm branches around - that's what people did when a conquering leader came home from war. They truly believed that Jesus was God's king, who had come to save them.

But Jesus knew that there were many people who didn't understand what he was really there to do, and he knew that most of his own people were going to reject him—many already had. He stood still, looking at the city of Jerusalem from the outside, and he cried.

Read: Luke 19:29-47

1. Why do you think Jesus wept when saw the city of Jerusalem?
2. Describe a time when you feel like you rejected Jesus.
3. Is there anyone in your life that you know is currently rejecting Jesus? How is God calling you to respond?

For Families:

Read together: Mark 11: 1-11, Luke 19: 29-44

1. What did Jesus tell His disciples to get from the village?
2. What did the people shout as Jesus entered the city, and what does it mean?
3. Why did Jesus cry?
4. How do you think the disciples felt?