

# Holy Week Devotionals 2026

**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.

## Tuesday

### The Beginning of the End

Jesus had spent the day back in the temple, teaching. The leaders in Jerusalem were looking for ways to arrest Jesus, but he was too popular for them to get away with it yet. As he was leaving the temple that day, the disciples pointed out how impressive the buildings were, and how huge the stones were. He told them that the whole place was going to be destroyed. They went up to a hill outside the city, where there was a good view of the temple and sat down. Jesus’ disciples knew that God’s temple had been destroyed before. Back when Jeremiah was still a prophet, his warnings (we read one of them yesterday) had come true: the temple was destroyed and the people were taken into exile. It was God’s punishment. The temple Jesus and the disciples were looking at now was a second temple, rebuilt when the people returned home from exile. They knew that this place wasn’t invincible, and if God left, nothing could protect this place. So they asked Jesus when this was going to happen.

At the end of the same day, Jesus was back at Bethany, and at a friend’s house for dinner. A woman broke open a jar of very expensive perfume oil—usually used to honor royalty or to prepare a dead body for burial—and poured it on Jesus’ head. This oil cost about a year’s wages, and while some at the dinner thought it was foolish to waste it, Jesus said that what she had done was good. This was the final straw for one disciple: Judas Iscariot. Rejecting Jesus and his mission, Judas left and promised the leaders of the temple that he would find them a way to arrest Jesus.

It was the beginning of the end for the temple in Jerusalem, and the beginning of the countdown to Jesus’ death.

### Read: Mark 13:1-14:10

1. What do you think was going through the disciple’s minds when they heard Jesus say that the temple was going to be destroyed?
2. What are some sacrifices a person could make today to honor Jesus.
3. Describe a time when you have seen a person get mad at another for their sacrifice to Jesus.

### For Families:

#### Read together: Mark 14: 1-10

1. Whose house was Jesus visiting?
2. What did the woman do with the oil?
3. Do you have something that is valuable? Would you be willing to give it to Jesus?
4. How did the people respond to the woman’s gift to Jesus?
5. What was Jesus’ response?