

Beauty for Ashes—A King and A Crown—April 5th, 2020

It's Holy Week all over the world. This week we'll walk through the story of the Passion of Jesus Christ. Remember also to join us in praying Psalm 91 daily in this season.

Daily Reading and Reflection

Each days reading will walk you closer to the cross and the tomb. Reflect on how each passage speaks to your own struggle, and your own need for Good News. Pray this prayer of preparation.

God, You are a God of transformation and new life. Help us not to hide from the difficult things of this Holy Week, but instead to look to Jesus walking through the things he walked through for us. We anticipate rescue, new life and resurrection. Save us God! Come and be our King Jesus! Amen.

Monday

John 12.1-12

Reflect on how this passage speaks to your own struggles and your own need for Good News:

Tuesday

John 12.20-36

Reflect on how this passage speaks to your own struggles and your own need for Good News:

Wednesday

John 13.21-32

Reflect on how this passage speaks to your own struggles and your own need for Good News:

Thursday

John 13.1-17, 31-35

Reflect on how this passage speaks to your own struggles and your own need for Good News:

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Friday

John 18.1-19.42

Reflect on how this passage speaks to your own struggles and your own need for Good News:

Saturday

Psalm 31.1-4,15-16

Reflect on how this passage speaks to your own struggles and your own need for Good News:

With your Small Group

- How is it with your soul? Name any joys and celebrations you are experiencing. Share the places where you experience fear and anxiety. How are you experiencing the presence of Christ in these days?
- Read John 12.12-15.
- Have you shouted "Save Me (Hosanna)!" to Jesus this week? When and why?
- What does it mean to call Jesus your king?
- What crowns of this world do you wear? Which ones do you need to set down? Which ones require Jesus to exchange for a crown of beauty?
- How is the daily reading this week impacting your understanding of Holy Week?