

High Holy Days- Easter Week

We spend a lot of time preparing and celebrating for Christmas. How much time do we spend preparing and celebrating our Savior's death and resurrection? I pray that this material will help you to find ways to celebrate and prepare for Easter. There are two options:

- Focus on each day of Holy Week (Palm Sunday – Easter Sunday)
- Focus on people who were the closest to the Savior during his last weeks of His ministry here on earth. We will focus on one person per day. Each day we read about real people and their personal encounter with Jesus.

Read through each day's scripture with your family and talk about what happened on each day. Make sure to pray together as a family after you have read the passage together.

Sunday- *Palm Sunday*

Matthew 21:1-11

- Why did the people use palm branches?
- What does the word, "Hosanna" mean?
- What do you and your family do to show your joy if Jesus was to come today?

Monday- *Jesus Cleanses the Temple*

Mark 11:15-19, Matthew 21:12-17

- How would you have felt if you were in the temple when Jesus overturned the tables? When Jesus was healing the blind and the lame?
- Why do you think the children were praising Jesus? How did the scribes respond to this?
- How would Jesus feel if he came into your house? Would there be things that need to be cleaned out? Think of ways you can purify your home.

Tuesday- *Jesus Teaches in the Temple*

Luke 19:47-48

Mark 12:28-34

- What did Jesus say is the greatest commandment?
- What did He say the second was?
- How do these compare with the 10 commandments?
- Why do you think no one dared ask Jesus any more questions?

Wednesday- *Jesus Continues to Teach and The Plot Against Jesus*

Luke 21: 37-38; Matthew 26:3-5; John 11:47-50

- Why do you think people came to the temple to hear Jesus teach?
- Why did the chief priests and elders want to kill Jesus?

Thursday- *The Last Supper, Judas' Betrayal & Peter's Denial*

John 13:1-11; Mark 14:17-21; Luke 22:14-23; John 13:1-11; Matthew 26:69-75

- Why did Jesus wash the feet of His disciples?
- How can you serve the people in your family this week?
- What was special about the Passover?
- What did Jesus say the bread and the cup were to be symbols of?

Friday- *Crucifixion*

Mark 15:16-39 and Luke 23:26-49

- Did Jesus understand what He was going to do?
- Why did Jesus choose God's will over His own?
- Why did Jesus have to die on the cross?

Saturday- *Guards Are Posted at the Tomb*

Matt. 27:62-66

- Why did the chief priests want the stone put in front of the tomb?
How do you think the disciples were feeling on this day?

Sunday- *Jesus is Alive*

John 20:1-18

- How did the women feel when they go to the tomb?
- How do you think they felt after the angel told them Jesus wasn't there?
- How did the disciples react when the women told them the news?
- Why is Jesus' resurrection so important?

People who Encountered Jesus in His Days On Earth

Palm Sunday

Mary, Martha and Lazarus

Monday

Pharisees, Sadducees and Priests in the Temple

Tuesday

Simon

Wednesday

Peter

Thursday

Joseph and Nicodemus

Friday

Mary Magdalene

Saturday

Thomas

Sunday

The 2 Disciples on the Road to Emmaus