

Meditations on the Suffering Servant

"Thus the LORD, the God of Israel, said to me:

"Take from my hand this cup of the wine of wrath, and make all the nations to whom I send you drink it."

Jer.25:15

"For in the hand of the LORD there is a cup with foaming wine, well mixed, and He pours out from it, and all the wicked of the earth shall drain it down to the dregs."

Ps.75:8

"So Jesus said...'shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given Me?'"

Jn.18:11

This devotional guide is designed to assist your reflection upon the death and resurrection of Christ. The Gospel accounts involving His death have been harmonized and ordered to take you through the story in a week's time. Simply read the Scriptures assigned for each day.

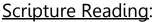
Additionally, there are ten questions to ask of yourself. These are meant to prompt a spiritual health check-up. Respond with repentance, confession, and thankfulness to God.

Soli deo gloria!



Palm Sunday

The Triumphal Entry



(Matt.21:1-11; Lk.19:39-40)

Jesus enters Jerusalem Judas Agrees to Betray Jesus (Lk.22:1-6)

Monday

The Final Passover & the Betrayal

Scripture reading

The Passover (Lk.22:7-23; Matt.26:22-25) The Garden (Mk.14:32-42; Ps.75:8) The Betrayal (Matt.26:47-56)

Self-examination

- 1. Am I nourishing my soul with the Word of God? Does it "dwell richly in me?"
- 2. Am I communing with God in prayer?

Tuesday

First Two Trials & Peter's Denial

Scripture Reading

Before Annas (Jn.18:12-13, 19-24) Before Caiaphas (Matt.26:57-68) Peter's Denial (Matt.26:69-75)

Self-examination

- 3. How has God's Word transformed my attitudes and actions recently?
- 4. In what concrete ways do I love sacrificially?







Wednesday

Three More Trials

Scripture Reading

Before the Sanhedrin (Lk.22:63-71) Before Pilate (Lk.23:1-7) Before Herod (Lk.23:8-12)

Self-examination

- 5. Am I demonstrating grace towards others? How about mercy and forgiveness?
- 6. Do I love the Bride of Christ? Do I cherish the fellowship of my brothers and sisters?

Thursday

The Final Trial & Sentencing

Scripture reading

Before Pilate again (Lk.23:13-16; Jn.19:1-16)

Self-examination

- 7. How am I preaching the Gospel to myself?
- 8. Am I seeking to share the Gospel with others?

Friday

The Death of Jesus

Scripture Reading

The Crucifixion (Mk.15:16-32) Jesus' Death and Burial (Matt.27:35-66)

Self-examination

- 9. Do I grieve over my own sin or am I comfortable with it?
- 10. Do I long to be with Christ or am I content in this world?







Saturday

Scripture Reading:

Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Rom.3:10-18



Resurrection Morning

The Resurrection

Scripture Reading
Matt.28:1-20

"Depth of mercy! Can there be? Mercy still reserved for me? Can my God His wrath forbear, Me, the chief of sinners, spare?" --Charles Wesley

"In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another."

1 John 4:10-11



