

Passion Month

Calendar of Scripture Readings



From the Latin *passus*, meaning “to suffer”, “passion” was a term the early church used to describe the emotional, physical, and spiritual suffering of Jesus, beginning with His betrayal and culminating in His death on the cross. Even the resurrection of Jesus points to His *passion*, since it proves both the effectiveness of His suffering and His victory over it. In the coming weeks, may God produce in us conviction, comfort, gratitude, and worship, as we prayerfully consider His Son in light of these verses.



Start date: Monday, March 16th, 2020

His Passion in the Old Testament

Day 1 — [Genesis 3:1-7 & Romans 5:12-21] What do these passages teach us about the relationship between Eden and Calvary?

Day 2 — [Genesis 6:11-22 & I Peter 3:18-22] How did Noah's deliverance point forward to our deliverance through Jesus?

Day 3 — [Genesis 12:1-3 & Galatians 3:7-14] How did Jesus secure Abraham's blessing for us?

Day 4 — [Exodus 12:1-13 & I Corinthians 5:6-8] How is the death of Jesus connected to the death that fell on Egypt?

Day 5 — [Psalm 22:1-18 & Matthew 27:32-50] Both David and Jesus were God's “anointed” (in Hebrew *messiah*). In light of these verses, how are they connected in suffering?

Day 6 — [Isaiah 53: 1-6] What does the prophet tell us about why the Messiah would have to suffer?

Day 7 — [Isaiah 53:7-12] What does v. 10 tell us about the “why” of the Messiah's suffering? What was to become of this “man of sorrows”?

Reflections on His Passion in the New Testament

Day 8 — [Mark 8:27-38] *Christ* is the Greek term for *messiah*. Should the Messiah's suffering have been a surprise? Notice how Peter's rebuke (v. 32) leads to Jesus' clarification (v. 34). So in what way are all of us like Peter?

Day 9 — [Matthew 20:20-28] What does greatness in God's kingdom look like, and how does Jesus' *passion* drive this point home?

Day 10 — [John 12:20-33] What do these verses teach us about Jesus' death on the cross?

Day 11 — [Hebrews 9:11-14, 24-28; 10:11-14] How can Jesus serve as our High Priest? Why is His priesthood greater than the service of the Old Testament priests?

Day 12 — [Hebrews 10:19-25] In what ways has God called us to respond to the finished work of our High Priest?

Day 13 — [I Corinthians 15:1-11] What “Holy Week” facts stand at the center of our faith? How do we now “stand” in these truths (v. 1)?

Day 14 — [Philippians 2:1-11] How should the suffering of Jesus serve as an example and encouragement to us?

Day 15 — [II Corinthians 5:14-21] What do we learn from this passage about how Jesus' *passion* should affect how we see ourselves and our purpose for living?

Day 16 — [Romans 6:1-14] How do these verses remind us that true change is not simply a change of perspective, but a supernatural reality in Jesus Christ?

Day 17 — [I Peter 2:18-25] How does Jesus' example in suffering teach us in terms of our relationships with God and man?

Day 18 — [Colossians 1:14-23] What do we learn here about the greatness of Jesus and the greatness of His rescue?

Day 19 — [Matthew 18:21-25] Yesterday we were reminded that Jesus' death brought us “forgiveness of sins” (Col. 1:14). What does Jesus teach us about the right response to this amazing gift?

Day 20 — [I Corinthians 15:12-28] Why is the resurrection of Jesus a 'non-negotiable' in regard to our faith?

Walking with Him: His Passion During Holy Week

Day 21 — [John 12:12-15; Luke 19:36-40] *Palm Sunday*: How would you respond to Jesus if you were there in the crowd?

Day 22 — [Mark 11:12-19] Consider the lesson Jesus gives on *Monday*. How did the barren tree (vs. 12-14) symbolize the spiritual condition of the Jewish people (vs. 15-19)?

Day 23 — [Mark 11:20-25; Luke 19:47, 48] On *Tuesday*, what does Jesus teach them about faith? How did Jesus spend the week before His death?

Day 24 — [Mark 14:1-11] Consider the contrast we're given on *Wednesday*. How would you describe this woman's heart? How would you describe Judas' heart?

Day 25 — [Matthew 26:17-29, 36-68] How did Jesus suffer on *Thursday*, in the hours before the cross? In what way do we regularly remember that Thursday meal (vs. 26-29)?

Day 26 — [Mark 15:1-47] *Good Friday*: How do we see both the hard-heartedness of man and the love of God confirmed for us in this account?

Day 27 — [Matthew 27:62-66] On *Saturday*, the Jewish leaders met again with Pilate. What did they clearly understand about Jesus' claims?

Day 28 — [Luke 24:1-9] *Easter Sunday*: What mild rebuke do the women receive when they come to the tomb? (v. 5) Why? (vs. 6, 7). How is God calling us to this same kind of remembrance?

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