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EASTER

THE GREATEST MIRACLE

EASTER 2025 DEVOTIONAL

FOR THE KINGDOM

STARTING SUNDAY 13 APRIL

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INTRODUCTION

As we step into **Holy Week**, we reflect on the life, sacrifice, and resurrection of Jesus, not as a distant story, but as the centre of our faith and the reason why we live **For the Kingdom**. Every day of this week leads us closer to the cross and ultimately to the empty tomb. May you treat this not just as a devotional time but instead as a sacred invitation to slow down, draw near, and remember what Jesus has done for you.

You will notice that throughout this devotional there will be a “Family Moment” each day. The heart behind this is to invite our kids on this journey with us so they too can experience Jesus on a whole new level. We want to encourage you to take a moment with your kids each day and listen closely to their responses. This will provide us with beautiful insights on their understanding and experience of Jesus as well as avenues to pray with them.

Our vision for 2025 is to live **For the Kingdom**. That means every part of our lives are centred on Jesus. This week, let's open our hearts and let the Spirit work deeply within us. Let's not just observe Holy Week. Let's live it. Our prayer is that this would be a truly significant week for you. And throughout this week we are praying that you would experience the deep love of the father, the extravagant grace of Jesus and the comforting companionship of the Holy spirit as you LIVE Holy week.

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DAY 1: PALM SUNDAY – THE KING HAS COME

Scripture: Luke 19:35 – 40

Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a donkey, quite the contrary to what the Jewish people had anticipated of the Messiah. They were expecting Him to arrive as a mighty conqueror, toppling the Roman regime, and reestablishing their kingdom. Yet instead, Jesus arrives humbly on a borrowed colt. Not your typical image of a mighty King. But in the coming days, He would establish a new Kingdom, one that could not be overthrown, one not of this world.

For the Kingdom Thought: Jesus doesn't always move in our lives the way we expect but we can certainly trust that He will move exactly as HE intends to. We are invited to examine our own expectations, surrender to His way and let Him rule our hearts.

Reflection

- Am I welcoming Jesus into my life today? Are there any areas in my life that I need to lay down and surrender?
- In what ways can I humbly represent Jesus today? Think about how you can show up at work, at school and on the home front.

Prayer

King Jesus, I welcome You into every part of my life. I welcome you to search my heart and help me identify any self-centred expectations that lurk there. Help me to see You clearly, follow You fully and live my life for your Kingdom.

Recommended worship song: King of My Heart – Bethel Music, Amanda Cook

FAMILY MOMENT

Ask your kids: ***“If Jesus came to our street today, how would we welcome Him?”***

Activity idea: Grab some leaves or make paper palms and act out the story of Jesus entering Jerusalem. Let the kids shout “Hosanna!”

DAY 2: MONDAY – A HOUSE OF WORSHIP & PRAYER

Scripture: Luke 19:45 – 48; 1 Corinthians 6:19

Jesus enters into the temple, begins flipping the tables and driving out those who had turned it into a place for their personal gain. He powerfully reminds everyone that God's house and our lives are to be filled with worship and prayer. Anything else is just a distraction and dare I say, a desecration. He clears out what doesn't belong so that the temple will remain a sacred dwelling place of God's presence. That it would remain a place of worship and prayer.

Following Jesus death, resurrection and ascension, Paul reminds us that we have now become the temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Corin 6:19), the sacred dwelling place of God's presence. A place that lends itself to worship and prayer.

For the Kingdom Thought: Living For the Kingdom starts with creating space for God to dwell. Our lives are meant to reflect His presence.

Reflection

- What areas of my life need to be “cleared out” so that Jesus can take His rightful place?
- Have I made space for prayer and worship? What distractions do I need to “flip” in my life?

Prayer

Father, cleanse my heart of anything that distracts me from You. Make my life a house of worship and prayer, a place where You are welcomed and worshipped as King of my life.

Recommended worship song: Make Room – Community Music

FAMILY MOMENT

Talk about your home as a “house of prayer.” Ask: ***“Where is a special place we can pray together as a family?”***

Activity idea: Set up a “prayer spot” at home where your family can go to talk to God each day this week.

DAY 3: TUESDAY – FAITH GROUNDED IN A MIRACLE WORKING GOD

Scripture: Mark 11:12 – 14, 20 – 24; Galatians 5:22 - 23; Matthew 19:26

Jesus uses the fig tree as a lesson in faith. We notice that this incident occurred in the early spring when the leaves were beginning to bud and the figs normally grew as the leaves filled out. This fig tree however, looked promising but offered no fruit. The Kingdom of God isn't just about appearances it's about baring fruit. Fruit cannot be forced; it must be formed, and this happens through a growing and deepening faith in God. Faith is the root from which that fruit grows. Jesus then pivots onto having a faith that can move mountains. It seems almost jarring that Jesus would curse a fruitless fig tree and then talk about moving mountains. But in essence, He is once again highlighting the need for faith in God and God alone. It is only by our faith in God that we can trust Him to make our lives fruitful and it is by that same faith that we can trust God for mountain moving miracles.

For the Kingdom Thought: The Kingdom life God calls us to live requires real, active faith—faith that believes God can still do the impossible. Faith that is grounded exclusively in God.

Reflection

- Is my life being fruitful? (Read Galatians 5:22-23 and identify the fruit God is producing in your life). This is a great opportunity to invite God to highlight any areas in your life that is stunting your faith.
- What miracle am I trusting God for right now? Right this down and revisit it once God answers.

Prayer

Lord, I want my life to be fruitful and beneficial for others. I ask that you deepen my faith, and I stand today on the truth that You are still the miracle-working God. Help me to trust You fully.

Recommended worship song: Do It Again – Elevation Worship

FAMILY MOMENT

Ask your kids: *“If you could ask God to do one miracle this week, what would it be?”*

Activity idea: Write or draw your prayer requests on paper and post them somewhere visible to pray for throughout the week.

DAY 4: WEDNESDAY – DEVOTION IN THE WAITING

Scripture: Luke 21:37 – 38

On the Wednesday before the impending crucifixion, it seems business as usual. Jesus entered the cleared temple to teach the crowds that had gathered. While Jesus knows the cross is coming, He keeps showing up, loving, and teaching.

What steadfast devotion! How would you respond knowing that your death is but a mere few days away? I think many of us would spend time doing the things WE love and spending time with the people WE love most. Jesus did exactly that, He loved the lost and spent His days pouring His life out for them. Jesus demonstrated right up to his death that His life was for God's will. Even in the waiting, He remained devoted to living His life for the Kingdom.

For the Kingdom Thought: Sometimes living For the Kingdom means showing up and being **faithful** in the quiet, in the waiting, in the good and the hurting seasons of life.

Reflection

- Am I willing to keep showing up when no one sees, when it's hard, when there's no spotlight?
- What does faithfulness look like in my season right now?

Prayer

Jesus, help me to remain faithful even in the quiet. Give me the strength to keep showing up, to keep loving, and to keep trusting You in the waiting. Help me to build a life that is devoted to you in ALL seasons.

Recommended worship song: Nothing Else – Cody Carnes

FAMILY MOMENT

Talk about waiting. Ask: ***“Is it hard to wait for something we really want?”***

Activity idea: Bake something together (like muffins or cookies) and talk about how waiting and following each step brings something good at the end—just like God's timing.

DAY 5: THURSDAY – THE TABLE AND THE TOWEL

Scripture: Luke 22:14 – 20; John 13:3 – 5, 15 - 17, 34 – 35; Mark 10:45

On this day, Jesus sets a table for His disciples. Eager to share a meal with them and to prepare them for what is to come. This would be the last time He ate with them, and He holds nothing back to maximise this moment. What He would do at this dinner would provide His disciples and us with a blueprint on navigating our relationships with others.

At the table, Jesus gave us communion. With the towel, He gave us servant leadership. Take a moment to consider this: That the God of all created things would not only dine with us but put on flesh to wash our feet?

This is the type of Kingdom living God has called us to. That we would lay down our pride and serve the needs of others in love.

We cannot escape the words that Jesus would offer a few verses later: “Love each other, just as I have loved you. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples” – John 13:34-35

Love lays down pride. Love serves.

For the Kingdom Thought: The Kingdom of God is not about position—it’s about posture. We lead and love like Jesus: with a humble heart and a towel in hand.

Reflection

- Who is God calling me to serve this week?
- What practical steps can I take to show servant leadership this week?

Prayer

Jesus, thank You for both the table and the towel. Help me to carry Your love into every room I walk into and teach me to lead with a servant heart, just as you did.

Pray for courage to invite those you know to the Easter services.

Recommended worship song: Oh Lord, Your Beautiful – Jesus Culture

FAMILY MOMENT

Ask your kids: ***“What’s one kind thing we can do for someone else this week?”***

Activity idea: Have a family foot washing moment or write thank-you notes to someone who serves others.

DAY 6: FRIDAY – THE COST OF LOVE

Scripture: Luke 23:32 – 49; Isaiah 53; Psalm 51:12; Colossians 1:13 – 14; Ephesians 1:5 – 7

On this day, everything changed. The crucifixion of Jesus was not just for a moment nor just for the people present but for eternity and for all people who were and were still to come. God's redemptive plan had come into full fruition. The cross was not just the place of His son, Jesus' death—it was the place of our victory. Here at the cross, forgiveness was poured out, love dripped from the hands, feet and head of Jesus.

He was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole, whipped so we could be healed. This was the cost of our salvation, and we paid none of it!

On this Good Friday, may this extravagant love envelop you. May the joy of your salvation be restored. Because of this day, you have been freed from the grip of sin and death! Your debt has been paid and freedom in Christ is your reward.

All glory to Jesus Christ, our Lord and our salvation.

For the Kingdom Thought: The cross is not just a symbol of sacrifice—it's a declaration of extravagant love. The Kingdom of God has been made accessible through the blood of Jesus.

Reflection

- Have I fully grasped the sacrifice of Jesus? Ask God now to pour His love on you afresh.
- How does or should this moment change the way I live today?

Prayer

Jesus, thank You for what you did for me on the cross! Thank You for loving me with such a deep and costly love and I pray that you would help me live in acknowledgment of that love. Help me today to share that love with those around me.

Recommended worship song: What He's Done – Passion

FAMILY MOMENT

Ask: *“Why do you think Jesus chose to die for us?”*

Activity idea: Light a candle and sit in silence for a minute. Then thank Jesus out loud for what He did on the cross.

DAY 7: SATURDAY – SILENT, BUT STILL WORKING

Scripture: Luke 23:50 – 56

Saturday was a day of silence. It was a day where hope seemed buried. The disciples had scattered and went into hiding. While a few women from Galilee went home to prepare spices and ointments for Jesus' body. The spices and ointments were prepared and applied to the body to mask the stench of a rotting corpse. This simple act shows us that they had lost hope. They believed death had won. One could only imagine the despair, the one they had hinged their hope on had been crucified. We can only but wonder what the room felt like, tears falling silently as the spices and ointments were prepared.

But just because it was quiet, didn't mean God wasn't at work. Even in the silence, His story was still moving forward.

For the Kingdom Thought: God often does His deepest work in the silence and in the waiting. Trust Him in the quiet. Resurrection is coming!

Reflection

- What feels "silent" in my life right now?
- Am I still trusting God when I can't see what He's doing?

Prayer

God, help my heart to trust you in the silence. Even when I don't see it, I believe You're working. Help me hold onto hope when life feels still, and give me strength to wait with faith.

Recommended worship song: Way Maker – Sinach

FAMILY MOMENT

Ask: ***"Have you ever felt like God was quiet?"*** Share that even when we don't hear or see Him, God is always working.

Activity idea: Go on a nature walk as a family. Take a moment on your walk to not talk and become aware of all the other sounds around you. Afterwards, share what you noticed, and talk about how God can be moving even when things seem still.

DAY 8: RESURRECTION SUNDAY – HE IS RISEN

Scripture: Luke 24:1 – 6a; Ephesians 3:14 – 21; Romans 10:13 – 17

The preparation of the spices and the ointments were all for nothing. There would be no use for it. The tomb is empty. Jesus is alive. Death has been defeated. And because of this, we have new life, a hope that cannot be shaken and a mission that cannot be ignored. What we now have is the promise of eternity, the power of His Holy spirit and a message that will bring reconciliation and restoration to this world. This is not just the end of Holy Week - it's the beginning and refiring of our hope and mission in Christ. There is a world waiting!

Let us not forget that WHOEVER calls upon the name of the Lord WILL be saved!

For the Kingdom Thought: The resurrection changes everything. Because Jesus lives, we live with purpose, with power, with hope and so can anyone who believes it.

Reflection

- How does the resurrection empower me to live boldly today?
- Who can I share my testimony or the gospel with?

Prayer

Risen King, thank You for the empty tomb. Thank You that You didn't stay in the grave. Fill me with resurrection power today. Help me to live boldly and joyfully—**For the Kingdom.**

Pray for those in your world who have not yet.

Recommended worship song:

Gratitude – Brandon Lake | Jubilee – Maverick City Music

FAMILY MOMENT

Shout together: **“Jesus is alive!”**

Ask: **“What’s your favourite part of the Easter story?”**

Activity idea: Do an egg hunt together and in one egg, put a note that says “The tomb is empty!” and celebrate when it’s found.

CLOSING

As we close this journey through Holy Week, may we be reminded that our faith is not passive. It's active and marked by the presence of our risen King. We live not for comfort or for the crowds, but **For the Kingdom**. May this be more than a moment - may it shape how we live every day. And through our faithful commitment to our loving God, may many come to know and experience His resurrection power and love!

HOLY WEEK

14 - 17 APRIL | 7-8PM

MONDAY, 14 APRIL

Prayer of Repentance & Holy Spirit Encounter

TUESDAY, 15 APRIL

Prayer for Miracles

WEDNESDAY, 16 APRIL

Worship Encounter

THURSDAY, 17 APRIL

Communion

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EASTER SERVICES

20 APRIL

EASTER SUNDAY

08H00 | 09H45 | 11H30

18 APRIL

GOOD FRIDAY

08H00 | 09H45 | 11H30

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