

Family Worship
Week of April 13, 2025

Instruction: Whatever time of day works best each day for you or your family, use the prompts below to spend a few minutes together in prayer and the Word. Open and close each session with a simple prayer. Use the questions for meditation or discussion.

Sermon Meditations: The Great Escape

Monday

- Open in prayer
- Read: Psalm 124
- Meditation: Pastor Nathan's first point was "A champion goes before us". This Psalm is called a Psalm of Ascent. It was sung as Israel made its way to Jerusalem, usually during one of the three festivals of the year. There have been many times that Israel was oppressed by their enemies and God intervened to protect them. Vs. 1 says, "If it had not been the LORD who was on our side...". Salvation is the Lord's work. As this relates to Palm Sunday, Jesus ascended to Jerusalem for the purpose of securing our salvation. How did Jesus show the LORD was on our side as he ascended the hill of Jerusalem? If he had not taken up this mission what would have happened to us?
- Close in prayer

Tuesday

- Open in prayer
- Read: Psalm 124
- Meditation: Pastor Nathan's second point was "The desperate condition of man". Vs. 2-5 paint a very desperate picture for mankind. If God had not acted, then this is what would have been the demise of the people. What is being described is death. How does God save us in Christ from death? How does Jesus both fulfill vs. 1, The Lord is with us and the plight of those who are in danger in vs. 2-5? How does the situation of Israel in these verses relate to our situation concerning our sin? What is the hope of this song?
- Close in prayer

Wednesday

- Open in prayer
- Read: Psalm 124
- Meditation: Pastor Nathan's third point was "Our escape is secured". Vs 6-8 is about the great escape of God's people. How were we rescued from the prey's teeth and the fowlers snare? In our rescue, Christ faced the jaws of death and the snare of the enemy. Vs. 8 says that our help is in the name of the Lord. How are we saved by the name of Jesus? Why is this our only hope of salvation?
- Close in prayer

Preparing Our Hearts to Receive the Word

Thursday

- Open in Prayer
- Read: Matthew 27:62-66
- Meditation: What questions do you have about this text? Is there anything confusing or curious? Does anything stand out as important?
- Close in Prayer

Friday

- Open in Prayer
- Read: Matthew 27:62-66
- Meditation: Westminster Shorter Catechism Question 4 asks, "What do the Scriptures principally teach?" Answer: "The Scriptures principally teach what man is to believe concerning God and what duty God requires of man." What does this passage teach us about God's character and work? What does it teach us about our own hearts and need for a Savior and how we ought to live in the world as followers of Christ?
- Close in Prayer