

A watercolor illustration of Jesus riding a donkey through a stone archway. Jesus is depicted with a halo, wearing a white robe and a dark sash, and is looking down. The donkey is brown and has its eyes closed. In the background, a crowd of people is visible, some wearing head coverings. The overall style is soft and painterly, with a muted color palette of purples, pinks, and browns.

HIS KINGDOM COME

a lent reading guide

How to use this guide:



Each week includes a short meditation and two daily readings. The first is a promise from the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) that anticipates the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus. The second reading is the New Testament record of the events leading up to Jesus' crucifixion, burial, and resurrection.

This is not an interpretive resource, so let each reading stand on its own and prayerfully reflect on each individually. To get the most out of this resource, we also encourage you to commit more time to praying and fasting, in order to prepare your heart and mind for celebrating Resurrection Sunday (Easter).

week one	event	promise	fulfillment
Ash Wednesday	Jesus enters Jerusalem	Zechariah 9:9-13	John 12:12-19
Thursday	Jesus predicts his death	Isaiah 42:1-4	John 12:20-36
Friday	Jesus curses a fig tree	Jeremiah 24:1-10	Mark 11:12-14
Saturday	Jesus cleanses the temple	Isaiah 56:7	Mark 11:15-18
1st Sunday of Lent			

Why do we observe lent?



Observing Lent reminds us of our need for God's forgiveness and mercy.

Christians have historically devoted these 40 days of the Church Calendar towards more focused time of prayer, particularly in repentance (turning from sin and towards God) and fasting (abstaining from something, usually food). In addition to prayer and fasting, it is also a common practice to meditate on Jesus' journey to the cross by reading of these events in the Gospels.

Like all spiritual practices, observing Lent helps us remove worldly comforts and distractions to grow more aware of the love we already have from God because of Jesus.

week two	event	promise	fulfillment
Monday	The lesson from the fig tree	Psalms 46:2	Mark 11:20-26
Tuesday	Jesus teaches in the temple	Isaiah 50:4-9	Luke 20:1-21:4
Wednesday	Jesus reveals what is to come	Zechariah 14 Isaiah 54:4-6	Luke 21:5-36
Thursday	The Sanhedrin plot to kill Jesus	Zechariah 3:1-10, 6:9-15	Luke 21:37-22:2
Friday	Preparations made for Passover Meal	Deuteronomy 16:1-8	Luke 22:7-13
Saturday	Jesus institutes the Lord's Supper	Jeremiah 31:31-34	Matthew 26:20-29

2nd Sunday of Lent

A theology of “brotherly love”:



Some of the most clear instructions the Holy Spirit gives to Christians are a category of statements known as the “one anothers.” From these, we learn to serve one another, be patient with one another, encourage one another, bear one another’s burdens, and rejoice, mourn, and pray with one another. They are an elaboration of Jesus’ original “one another” commandment (John 15:12-15).

However, Jesus does not ask us to do for one another anything he hasn’t already done for us. His love is not only emotional, it is a choice. Our love for one another will not always be an emotional overshadowing of our apprehensions. Biblical love, and therefore all of the “one anothers,” are a choice we are free to make today.

week three	event	promise	fulfillment
Monday	Jesus washes the disciples' feet and delivers the Upper Room Discourse	Ezekiel 36:22-38	John 13
Tuesday		Ezekiel 36:22-38	John 14
Wednesday		Psalms 80	John 15
Thursday		Ezekiel 36:22-38	John 16
Friday		Joel 2:28-32	John 17
Saturday	Jesus and Disciples walk to Mount of Olives	Psalms 113	Luke 22:39
3rd Sunday of Lent			

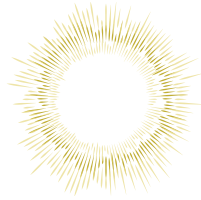
The stability of God's sovereignty:



Jesus was not caught off guard; He knew the will of the Father was to push Him towards death (Jn 18:11). The sovereignty of God brings stability to the world. There is not a single moment outside His control. This is good news because even in the wicked motivations of man – particularly as we see in Judas' betrayal – we have a sovereign Father who is more than able to turn it for good (Rom 8:28). The good that was to come out of His death is our salvation. God's sovereign hand ordained the events of history to this culminating moment so that we would no longer be orphans dead in our sins, but instead sons and daughters. There is nothing more stable than being part of God's family!

week four	event	promise	fulfillment
Monday	Jesus predicts Peter's denials	Zechariah 13:7 Isaiah 53:12	Luke 22:31-38
Tuesday	Jesus prays in Gethsemane	Psalm 40:6-8	Luke 22:40-46
Wednesday	Jesus is betrayed and arrested	Psalm 41:9	Luke 22:47-53
Thursday			John 18:2-12
Friday	Jesus is brought before the Jewish leaders	Psalm 44:17-22	John 18:13-14, 19-24
Saturday	Jesus stands trial before the High Priest	Psalm 44:17-22	Luke 22:63-71
4th Sunday of Lent			

Denial and Betrayal



As you read about the final moments of Jesus' earthly ministry, there is a contrast between Judas' and Peter's commitment to Jesus. They both waver, but Peter's denial isn't the same as Judas' betrayal. Betrayal is actually a commitment in reverse. Denial, however, can be thought of as "losing sight of oneself". Judas committed to hand Jesus over to the men seeking to kill him, while Peter lost grasp of his loyalty to Jesus.

You may often worry that you have betrayed Jesus, when in reality, you've only lost sight of your commitment to him. Turn back to Jesus, receive his forgiveness. Deliberately commit your way to Him and refuse to give denial an opportunity to grow into betrayal.

week five	event	promise	fulfillment
Monday	Peter denies Jesus and the rooster crows	Zechariah 13:7-9	Luke 22:54-62
Tuesday	Jesus is condemned by the Sanhedrin	Zechariah 10:3-12	Matthew 27:1-2
Wednesday	Judas changes his mind and hangs himself	Zechariah 11:3	Matthew 27:3-10
Thursday	Pilate questions Jesus and sends him to Herod	Genesis 22	Luke 23:1-7
Friday	Herod questions Jesus	Leviticus 16	Luke 23:8-12
Saturday	Pilate condemns Jesus to die	Psalm 22	Luke 23:13-25

5th Sunday of Lent

The gospel according to Zechariah:

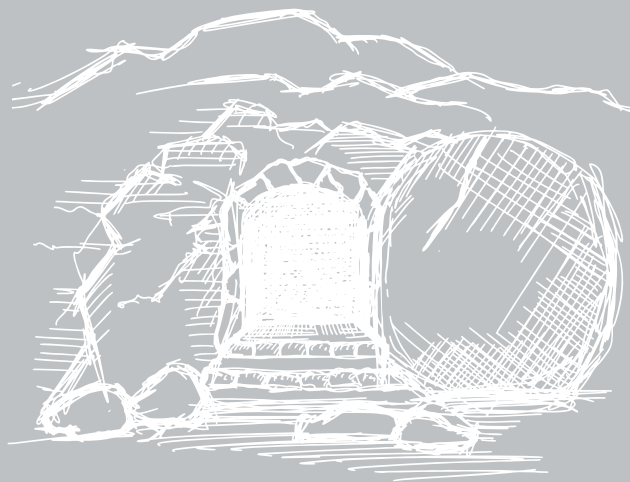


In Zechariah's prophecies, we learn that much of the Son of God's life, death, resurrection, and return were foretold over four hundred years before his incarnation. Jesus' Triumphal Entry, the price of Judas' betrayal, and the piercing of Jesus' hands and feet on the cross making Him our saving sacrifice are all preached by the prophet Zechariah. Furthermore, we read in this short book that Israel will one day accept Jesus as their Savior, He will return to Earth on the Mount of Olives, and He will reign over His people from the Holy City Jerusalem.

God is not only all-knowing and in complete control, but He is also kind, loving, merciful, and patient!

week six	event	promise	fulfillment
Monday	Jesus is mocked and Simon of Cyrene helps carry Jesus' cross to Golgotha	Isaiah 53:1-6	Matthew 27:27-31 Luke 23:26-31
Tuesday	Jesus is crucified between two thieves	Isaiah 53:7-12	Luke 23:32-43
Wednesday	Jesus breathes his last	Zechariah 12:1-13:1	Luke 23:44-49
Thursday	Jesus buried in Joseph's Tomb	Isaiah 53:9	Luke 23:50-56
Friday	Jewish leaders place guards at the tomb	Psalms 85	Matthew 27:62-66
Saturday		Psalms 22	
Palm Sunday			

The permanence of the resurrection...



The dead are buried. In tombs. Absent of life. None of these could describe Jesus on that third day. Job's prophecy had come true: "For I know that my Redeemer lives." The resurrection sealed the fate of the enemy. Satan, sin, and his kingdom that ushered in death itself have an expiration date.

What about those who believe in the name of Jesus? We now get to experience the resurrection of Christ. We get to experience his grace poured out on us. We get to know the love of the Father. We receive an endless supply of forgiveness. And one day in the future, in the land of the living, we too will have our own resurrected bodies and never feel the pain of sin and death ever again.

holy week	event	promise	fulfillment
Monday	Mary Magdalene discovers the empty tomb	Job 19:25-26	Luke 24:1-11
Tuesday	Peter and John discover the empty tomb	Psalm 16:9-11	John 20:3-18
Wednesday	Jesus appears on the road to Emmaus	Isaiah 25:1-12, 26:19	Luke 24:13-35
Thursday	Jesus appears to the Eleven (minus Thomas)	Ezekiel 37:1-14	Luke 24:36-43
Good Friday	Jesus appears to the Eleven (with Thomas)	Daniel 12:1-3; Hosea 6:1-2	John 20:24-21:25
Holy Saturday	The Great Commission and Jesus' Ascension	Matthew 28:16-20; Acts 1:8-11	Jeremiah 16:16; Joel 2:28-32; Daniel 7:13-14
Resurrection Sunday			

“...blessed are those
who have not seen
and yet have believed...”
- Jesus

John 20:23

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Redeemer San Angelo “home”,
but is available to anyone who wants to know the Father.

