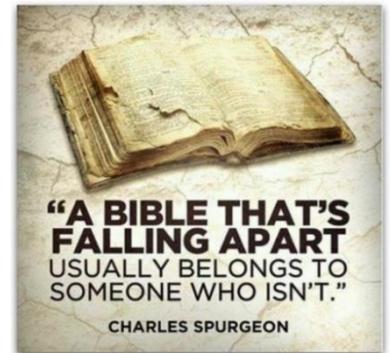




Beaches Baptist Church

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## A WORD for the Journey

These are short daily Bible readings that have been chosen to reinforce a particular teaching that is important to help us live successfully as disciples of Jesus. They can be used individually, with your spouse, friend or used as family readings. Each week's readings correspond to the previous Sunday's sermon preached at Beaches Baptist Church. You can download the sermon from <https://beachesbaptist.com/> . If you would like to receive these readings via email, please email me on [beachesbaptist@gmail.com](mailto:beachesbaptist@gmail.com) with "A Word for the Journey" in the subject title.

### PASSION WEEK

Jesus' final week before his death and resurrection take up a large percentage of the four Gospel accounts. This week we continue to follow the events that led up to his death from the Friday of his 'pre-anointing' for burial by Mary at Bethany to the Sunday of his resurrection. As with all of Jesus' life, his final week was one of great significance.

#### Monday

THURSDAY

Matthew 26:17-19, 26-29 (MSG)

<sup>17</sup> On the first of the Days of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus and said, "Where do you want us to prepare your Passover meal?"

<sup>18-19</sup> He said, "Enter the city. Go up to a certain man and say, 'The Teacher says, My time is near. I and my disciples plan to celebrate the Passover meal at your house.'" The disciples followed Jesus' instructions to the letter, and prepared the Passover meal...

<sup>26-29</sup> During the meal, Jesus took and blessed the bread, broke it, and gave it to his disciples:

Take, eat.

This is my body.

Taking the cup and thanking God, he gave it to them:

Drink this, all of you.

This is my blood,

God's new covenant poured out for many people

for the forgiveness of sins.

"I'll not be drinking wine from this cup again until that new day when I'll drink with you in the kingdom of my Father."

**Reflect:** The irony of this scene always astounds me- Jesus, the Passover-Lamb-of-God initiating the new covenant with his disciples while celebrating the Passover. Jesus would be the lamb whose death would allow us, as the Passover lamb did for the Jews of old, to be freed from bondage of sin, Satan and death.

## Tuesday

John 14:15-20 (ESV)

<sup>15</sup> “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, <sup>17</sup> even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

<sup>18</sup> “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup> Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

**Reflect:** In verse 16, the word ‘another’ means ‘another of the same kind’. Jesus hasn’t left us as orphans. He has sent us his Spirit to be in us and with us. To help, comfort and guide us.

## Wednesday

Luke 22:39-46 (ESV)

<sup>39</sup> And he came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him. <sup>40</sup> And when he came to the place, he said to them, “Pray that you may not enter into temptation.” <sup>41</sup> And he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed, <sup>42</sup> saying, “Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done.” <sup>43</sup> And there appeared to him an angel from heaven, strengthening him. <sup>44</sup> And being in agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground. <sup>45</sup> And when he rose from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping for sorrow, <sup>46</sup> and he said to them, “Why are you sleeping? Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation.”

**Reflect:** Jesus was aware of the excruciating torture and death he was about to suffer. He knew that bearing the sins of the world would fracture that eternal bond of love he had enjoyed with his Father. The anguish it caused him was unbearable- yet he did it all for us. For the joy that was set before him he endured the cross (Heb.12:2).

## Thursday

FRIDAY

John 19:1-11 (MSG)

<sup>1-3</sup> So Pilate took Jesus and had him whipped. The soldiers, having braided a crown from thorns, set it on his head, threw a purple robe over him, and approached him with, “Hail, King of the Jews!” Then they greeted him with slaps in the face.

<sup>4-5</sup> Pilate went back out again and said to them, “I present him to you, but I want you to know that I do not find him guilty of any crime.” Just then Jesus came out wearing the thorn crown and purple robe.

Pilate announced, “Here he is: the Man.”

<sup>6</sup> When the high priests and police saw him, they shouted in a frenzy, “Crucify! Crucify!”

Pilate told them, “You take him. You crucify him. I find nothing wrong with him.”

<sup>7</sup> The Jews answered, “We have a law, and by that law he must die because he claimed to be the Son of God.”

<sup>8-9</sup> When Pilate heard this, he became even more scared. He went back into the palace and said to Jesus, “Where did you come from?”

Jesus gave no answer.

<sup>10</sup> Pilate said, “You won’t talk? Don’t you know that I have the authority to pardon you, and the authority to—crucify you?”

<sup>11</sup> Jesus said, “You haven’t a shred of authority over me except what has been given you from heaven. That’s why the one who betrayed me to you has committed a far greater fault.”

**Reflect:** "...Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous that he might bring us to God..." (1 Pet.3:18).

### Friday

John 19:28-37 (MSG)

<sup>28</sup> Jesus, seeing that everything had been completed so that the Scripture record might also be complete, then said, "I'm thirsty."

<sup>29-30</sup> A jug of sour wine was standing by. Someone put a sponge soaked with the wine on a javelin and lifted it to his mouth. After he took the wine, Jesus said, "It's done . . . complete." Bowing his head, he offered up his spirit.

<sup>31-34</sup> Then the Jews, since it was the day of Sabbath preparation, and so the bodies wouldn't stay on the crosses over the Sabbath (it was a high holy day that year), petitioned Pilate that their legs be broken to speed death, and the bodies taken down. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first man crucified with Jesus, and then the other. When they got to Jesus, they saw that he was already dead, so they didn't break his legs. One of the soldiers stabbed him in the side with his spear. Blood and water gushed out.

<sup>35</sup> The eyewitness to these things has presented an accurate report. He saw it himself and is telling the truth so that you, also, will believe.

<sup>36-37</sup> These things that happened confirmed the Scripture, "Not a bone in his body was broken," and the other Scripture that reads, "They will stare at the one they pierced."

**Reflect:** Everything about Jesus death was a fulfillment of scripture. He finished the work of redemption for us completely.

### Saturday

SATURDAY

John 19:38-42 (MSG)

<sup>38</sup> After all this, Joseph of Arimathea (he was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly, because he was intimidated by the Jews) petitioned Pilate to take the body of Jesus. Pilate gave permission. So Joseph came and took the body.

<sup>39-42</sup> Nicodemus, who had first come to Jesus at night, came now in broad daylight carrying a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds. They took Jesus' body and, following the Jewish burial custom, wrapped it in linen with the spices. There was a garden near the place he was crucified, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been placed. So, because it was Sabbath preparation for the Jews and the tomb was convenient, they placed Jesus in it.

**Reflect:** God had been doing a work in the hearts of both Joseph and Nicodemus, it appears they had become followers of Jesus.

### Sunday

John 20:1-10 (MSG)

<sup>1-2</sup> Early in the morning on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone was moved away from the entrance. She ran at once to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, breathlessly panting, "They took the Master from the tomb. We don't know where they've put him."

<sup>3-10</sup> Peter and the other disciple left immediately for the tomb. They ran, neck and neck. The other disciple got to the tomb first, outrunning Peter. Stooping to look in, he saw the pieces of linen cloth lying there, but he didn't go in. Simon Peter arrived after him, entered the tomb, observed the linen cloths lying there, and the kerchief used to cover his head not lying with the linen cloths but separate, neatly folded by itself. Then the other disciple, the one who had gotten there first, went into the tomb, took one look at the evidence, and believed. No one yet knew from the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead. The disciples then went back home.

**Reflect:** HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED! The ramifications are enormous!

