

HOLY WEEK

DEVOTIONALS

A guide to a week of spirit-filled reflection and application.

Monday: The Way of Distraction

The Word: Mark 11:15–17

Reflection: On Monday of Holy Week, Jesus cleared the Temple. He wasn't just angry at "business"; He was angry at distraction. The "Way" requires a clear path to the Father. If our lives are cluttered with the "noise" of status and stuff, we can't hear the "Hush" of the Spirit.

The Practice: Spend 10 minutes in total silence today. No phone, no music. Ask God to "clear the courts" of your heart.

Tuesday: The Way of Wisdom

The Word: Matthew 22:37–40

Reflection: Jesus spent Tuesday being challenged by critics. Every time they tried to trap Him, He responded with the "Way of Love." He didn't use His intelligence to crush people; He used it to invite them into the Truth.

The Practice: In your conversations today, choose curiosity over conflict. If someone disagrees with you, respond with kindness instead of a "winning" argument.

Wednesday: The Way of Devotion

The Word: Matthew 26:6–13

Reflection: While some were plotting betrayal, a woman was pouring out expensive perfume on Jesus' feet. She understood the "Logic of Descent"—that nothing is too valuable to lose for the sake of Christ. She gave what she had before the Cross took everything.

The Practice: Identify one thing you are "clinging" to (a habit, a grudge, a possession). Mentally "pour it out" in prayer as an offering of devotion.

Thursday: The Way of the Towel

The Word: John 13:1–5; 12–15

Reflection: On the night He was betrayed, Jesus didn't demand a throne; He grabbed a towel. This is the "Mind of Christ" from Philippians 2 in physical form. He washed the feet of the man who would sell Him for silver.

The Practice: Do a "secret" act of service today. Clean up a mess you didn't make, or perform a chore for someone without telling them it was you.

Friday: The Way of Sacrifice

The Word: Philippians 2:8; Luke 23:44–46

Reflection: Today, "The Way" leads to a dead end—literally. Jesus becomes "obedient to the point of death." The stones are silent now. The sky is dark. It looks like the "hold of death" has won. We must sit in this Friday reality to appreciate the Sunday miracle.

The Practice: Fast from something today (social media, a meal, or caffeine) to physically remind your body of the "emptying" Jesus did for you.

Saturday: The Way of the Grave

The Word: Matthew 27:59–66

Reflection: Saturday is the day of waiting. The stone is in place. The disciples are hiding. It is a day of profound uncertainty. Often, our spiritual lives feel like "Saturday"—the promise hasn't arrived yet, and the pain hasn't left.

The Practice: Light a single candle in your home tonight. Don't say anything. Just acknowledge that even in the dark, the "Way" is still being prepared underground.

Sunday: The Way of Life

The Word: Matthew 28:1–10

Reflection: Death has lost its hold! The downward descent of Philippians 2 has hit the bottom and exploded back upward. The stones didn't need to cry out because the one Big Stone was rolled away. The "Way" is no longer a path to a tomb; it's a path to a new Kingdom.

The Practice: Go to church with a "Shout of Gladness." Tell one person today: "The Way is open, and He is risen!"