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Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday.

Sunday	Luke 19:28-40	Blessed is the King who comes
Monday	Luke 14:25-34	Being a disciple
Tuesday	Luke 20:9-19	The parable of the tenants
Wednesday	Luke 22:1-6	Judas agrees to betray Jesus
Thursday	Luke 22:7-38	The Last Supper
Friday	Luke 22:47-23:49	The crucifixion of Jesus
Saturday	Psalms 31:1-16	Like broken pottery
Sunday	Luke 24:1-12	He is risen!

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Instead he gave up everything and became a slave, when he became like one of us. Christ was humble. He obeyed God and even died on a cross.

Philippians 2:7-8 (CEV)

SAY, PRAY, AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

O God, help us to follow Jesus' example of humble service this week. Amen. (Philippians 2:5-8)

Mealtime Prayer:

Come Lord Jesus, come as King. Praise to you, our voices sing! Bless our food and bless our home. Make our humble hearts your throne. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God give you faith in Jesus Christ, who died to save you. May the death of Jesus give you life. Amen.



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CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home or small group:

- Share about a time when you were excited to see someone.
- When Jesus entered Jerusalem, people welcomed him by waving branches. How do you show that Jesus is welcome in your home?
- Jesus gave his life on the cross for the world. What difference does Jesus' death make for your life? Why?

DEVOTIONS



Gather together each day of the Holy Week. Use a table or bench space as a home altar for the week. Say this opening prayer together:

Loving God, lead us this Holy Week to see again how much you have done for us. Give us faith in Jesus our Savior and help us to always follow him. Amen.

Then listen to the daily Bible reading and add the daily symbol for Holy Week to your home altar.

Palm Sunday: Palm frond or leaf from a plant

Holy Monday: Salt

Holy Tuesday: Stone

Holy Wednesday: Silver coins

Maundy Thursday: Bread and grape juice or wine

Good Friday: Nails

Holy Saturday: Small rock

End your time together by saying:

Go in the peace of Jesus our Lord. He died that we might live. Amen.

On Easter Sunday replace the symbols with an empty wooden cross and fresh flowers.

SERVICE



Set aside time this week to prepare Easter cards and gifts to give away to others, including people who live alone or who are without family nearby. Make a point of praying for these people as you prepare their card or gift.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Holy Week can be a somber, reflective time that deepens our understanding and appreciation of Christ's sacrifice on our behalf. Consider how you can create a "Holy Week atmosphere" in your home. Some suggestions include:

- Unplug the TV or computer for an evening
- Avoid special treats and outings during the week
- Set up a cross in a prominent place inside or outside your home
- Take time for silence each day to reflect on the Holy Week

In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org

