

Study Guide for Bible Readings on the Passion of Christ

From March 14 through April 11 the Sunday morning messages will be taken from Philippians 2:5-11.

“Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death – even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

These verses are a condensed version of the gospel accounts of Jesus’ death and resurrection. They will highlight Jesus’ incarnation, submission, humiliation, exaltation and commission. The following Scripture readings will help you see the full story of Jesus’ suffering for our sins and His victory over sin and the grave.

March 1 – The prophecy about Jesus’ death: Isaiah 53

March 2 – The plot against Jesus: Matthew 26:3-5; Mark 14:1-2; Luke 22:1-2

March 3 – The preparation for the Passover: Matthew 26:17-19; Mark 14:12-16; Luke 22:7-13

March 4 – The beginning of the Passover Feast: Matthew 26:20; Mark 14:17-25; Luke 22:14-30;
John 13:1-17

March 5 – Identifying the betrayer: Matthew 26:21-25; Mark 14:18-21; Luke 22:21-23; John 13:18-30

March 6 – Instituting the Lord’s Supper: Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:19-20

March 7 – Warning about falling away: Matthew 26:31-35; Mark 14:27-31; Luke 22:31-38;
John 13:33-38

March 8 – Jesus comforts His disciples: John 14:1-14

March 9 – Jesus promises the Holy Spirit: John 14:15-31

March 10 – Teaching about the Vine and the Branches: John 15:1-17

March 11 – The world hates Jesus’ disciples: John 15:18-16:4

March 12 – The work of the Holy Spirit: John 16:5-16

March 13 – Final words about Jesus’ leaving His disciples: John 16:17-33

March 14 – Jesus’ prayer for Himself: John 17:1-5

March 15 – Jesus’ prayer for His disciples: John 17:6-19

March 16 – Jesus’ prayer for all believers: John 17:20-26

March 17 – Prayer in Gethsemane: Matthew 26:30, 36-46; Mark 14:26; 32-42; Luke 22:39-46;
John 18:1

March 18 – The Betrayal and Arrest: Matthew 26:47-56; Mark 14:43-52; Luke 22:47-54; John 18:2-12

March 19 – Trial before Annas: Matthew 26:57-58; Mark 14:53-54; Luke 22:54-55; John 18:13-18

March 20 – Trial before Caiaphas: Matthew 26:59-68; 27:1; Mark 14:55-65;15:1 Luke 22:63-71;
John 18:24

March 21 – Peter’s denials of Jesus: Mathew 26:69-75; Mark 14:66-72; Luke 22:56-62;
John 18:25-27

March 22 – Judas’ remorse: Matthew 27:3-10; Acts 1:18-19

March 23 – First trial before Pilate: Matthew 27:2, 11-14; Mark 15:1-5; Luke 23:1-6; John 18:28-38

March 24 – Trial before Herod and Second trial before Pilate: Luke 23:7-12; Matthew 27:15-26;
Mark 15:6-20; Luke 23:13-25; John 18:39 -40

March 25 – Pilate interrogates Jesus and finally sentences Him: John 19:1-16

March 26 – Jesus is taken to be crucified: Matthew 27:27-31; Mark 15:16-20; Luke 23:26-32

March 27 – Jesus is crucified: Matthew 27:33-38; Mark 15:22-27; Luke 23:33; John 19:19-24

March 28 – Jesus is mocked while on the cross: Matthew 27:37-44; Mark 15:26-32; Luke 23:35-43

March 29 – The Seven Statements Jesus made while on the cross: Luke 23:34; Luke 23:35-43;
John 19:25-27; Matthew 27:46-49; Mark 15:34-36; John 19:28; John 19:30; Luke 23:46

March 30 – Events following Jesus’ death: Matthew 27:51-55; Mark 15:38-41; Luke 23:47-49;
John 19:31-37

March 31 – The Burial: Matthew 27:57-66; Mark 15:42-47; Luke 23:50-56; John 19:38-42

April 1 – The empty tomb is discovered: Matthew 28:1-8; Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24:1-12; John 20:1-9

April 2 – Jesus appears to the women: Mark 16:9; John 20:11-18; Matthew 28:8-10

April 3 – Other Resurrection appearances: Luke 24:34; 1 Corinthians 15:5; Mark 16:12-13;
Luke 24:13-33

April 4 – Appearances to the Apostles: Matthew 28:14; Luke 24:33-43; John 20:19-31

April 5 – Jesus appears to the disciples by the Sea of Galilee: John 21:1-14

April 6 – Jesus commissions Peter and the other apostles: John 21:15-25; Matthew 28:18-20;
Mark 16:14-18; Luke 24:44-49

April 7 – Jesus’ Ascension to Heaven: Mark 16:19-20; Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:3-11