

G-3 Group Weekly Bible Study



Week 3/28/2026

✝ FIVE -DAY HOLY WEEK DEVOTIONAL

A journey from anticipation to resurrection.

✨ What It Means to Have a Savior

🔴 1. You are rescued from something you could not escape.

Scripture is blunt: humanity is trapped in sin, guilt, and spiritual death. We cannot fix ourselves, clean ourselves, or save ourselves.

To have a Savior means:

- You don't have to pretend you're strong enough.
- You don't have to earn your way to God.
- You don't have to carry your shame alone.

Jesus steps into the mess **as Rescuer**, not as a life coach.

“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.” — Luke 19:10

❤ 2. You are loved with a love that moves toward you.

A Savior doesn't wait for you to climb up to God. He comes down to you.

Jesus doesn't save reluctantly—He saves joyfully, willingly, sacrificially.

“God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” — Romans 5:8

To have a Savior means you are loved at your worst, not just your best.

3. You are forgiven fully, not partially.

A Savior doesn't offer moral improvement—He offers **atonement**.

Jesus takes your place, bears your sin, and gives you His righteousness.

To have a Savior means:

- Your past is not your identity.
- Your failures are not final.
- Your sin is not stronger than His grace.

“In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.” — Ephesians 1:7

4. You are given a new life, not just a second chance.

A second chance would still leave you depending on your own strength.

A Savior gives you **new birth, new power, new desires, new hope**.

“If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.” — 2 Corinthians 5:17

To have a Savior means you don't just start over—you start new.

5. You have a future that is secure.

A Savior doesn't just rescue you from sin—He rescues you from death.

Because Jesus rose, you will rise.

Because He lives, you live.

Because He reigns, your future is unshakeable.

“I give them eternal life, and they will never perish.” — John 10:28

In One Sentence

To have a Savior means Jesus takes your place so you can take His—His righteousness, His life, His hope, His future.

A Simple Prayer

Jesus, thank You for being my Savior.

Rescue me from my sin, renew my heart, and lead my life.

I trust in Your finished work, Your unfailing love, and Your eternal promise.

You are my hope, my righteousness, and my King. Amen.

Day 1 — The King Who Comes (Palm Sunday)

Theme: Jesus enters not as a conqueror on a warhorse, but as the humble, promised King.

Scriptures

- Matthew 21:1–11
- Zechariah 9:9
- Psalm 24:7–10

Reflection

Palm Sunday is a collision of expectations. The crowds wanted a political liberator; Jesus came as a spiritual Redeemer. They shouted “Hosanna!”—“Save us!”—but they misunderstood the kind of salvation He came to bring.

Holy Week begins with a question:

Do I welcome Jesus as He truly is, or as I prefer Him to be?

Jesus still comes humbly. He still comes to rule—but first over the heart. He still comes to save—but from sin before circumstances. He still comes to reign—but through surrender, not force.

Application

- Identify one area where you want Jesus to meet your expectations instead of submitting to His will.
- Practice surrender by praying, “Not my will, but Yours be done,” over that area each day this week.
- Look for ways to welcome Jesus publicly—through kindness, witness, or obedience.

Prayer

Lord Jesus, You are the true King. Teach me to welcome You as You are, not as I imagine You to be. Humble my heart, align my expectations, and help me follow You with joy and surrender. Hosanna—save me, shape me, and reign in me. Amen.

Day 2 — The Lamb Who Cleanses (Monday–Wednesday)

Theme: Jesus confronts sin, hypocrisy, and fruitlessness.

Scriptures

- Matthew 21:12–17 (Cleansing the Temple)

- Matthew 21:18–22 (The Fig Tree)
- Matthew 23 (Woes to the Pharisees)
- Psalm 139:23–24

Reflection

Before the cross, Jesus cleanses the temple. Before resurrection, He confronts corruption. Before glory, He exposes what is false.

Holy Week reminds us that **Jesus doesn't just save us—He sanctifies us.**

He overturns tables in our hearts.

He calls out fruitlessness.

He invites repentance that leads to life.

This is not condemnation—it is mercy.

Jesus purifies because He loves.

Application

- Ask the Spirit to reveal any “tables” in your life that need overturning—habits, attitudes, hidden sins, or misplaced priorities.
- Write down one area where God is calling you to bear more fruit.
- Take one concrete step of obedience this week.

Prayer

Search me, O God. Reveal anything in me that dishonors You. Cleanse my heart, purify my motives, and make me fruitful in every good work. I welcome Your correction and Your grace. Amen.

Day 3 — The Lamb Who Is Betrayed (Maundy Thursday)

Theme: Jesus loves to the end—washing feet, serving, and giving a new commandment.

Scriptures

- John 13:1–17 (Foot washing)
- John 13:34–35 (The New Commandment)
- Luke 22:14–20 (The Last Supper)

Reflection

On the night He was betrayed, Jesus washed feet.

He served the unworthy.

He loved the unlovely.

He fed the one who would deny Him and the one who would betray Him.

Holy Week reminds us that **love is not a feeling—it is a choice to serve.**

Jesus calls His disciples to a love that is sacrificial, humble, and persistent.

The Lord's Supper also reminds us that His body and blood are our life. We are sustained not by our strength but by His sacrifice.

Application

- Serve someone this week in a way that costs you time, comfort, or convenience.
- Forgive someone who has hurt you—just as Jesus washed Judas' feet.
- Reflect on the Lord's Supper: What does His sacrifice mean for your daily walk?

Prayer

Jesus, thank You for loving me to the end. Make me a servant like You. Teach me to love when it's hard, to forgive when it's painful, and to serve with humility. Let Your sacrifice shape my life. Amen.

Day 4 — The Lamb Who Was Slain (Good Friday)

Theme: Jesus willingly suffers, dies, and bears the sin of the world.

Scriptures

- Isaiah 53
- John 19
- 2 Corinthians 5:21

Reflection

Good Friday is the darkest day—and the most beautiful.

The sinless One becomes sin for us.

The innocent One is condemned.

The Shepherd becomes the Lamb.

The Creator is crucified by His creation.

This is not tragedy—it is triumph.

Jesus is not a victim—He is a willing sacrifice.

The cross is not defeat—it is victory.

Good Friday confronts us with the cost of our salvation and the depth of God's love.

Application

- Spend time in silence reflecting on the cross.
- Confess specific sins Jesus bore for you.
- Write a short prayer of gratitude for His sacrifice.

Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank You for the cross. Thank You for bearing my sin, my shame, and my judgment. Let the weight of Your love break my pride and awaken my worship. I glory in Your cross. Amen.

Day 5 — The Risen King (Resurrection Sunday)

Theme: Jesus rises in power, defeats death, and brings new life.

Scriptures

- Matthew 28:1–10
- John 20:19–29
- Romans 6:4–11
- 1 Corinthians 15:20–26

Reflection

The tomb is empty.

Death has lost its sting.

Hope is alive.

Jesus is risen—and everything changes.

Resurrection is not just an event; it is a new way of living.

We walk in newness of life.

We live with resurrection power.

We serve a living King who reigns forever.

Holy Week ends with victory—but it launches a lifetime of mission.

Application

- Identify one area where you need resurrection hope—fear, discouragement, sin, or weariness.
- Declare Scripture over that area daily this week.
- Share the hope of the resurrection with someone who needs encouragement.

Prayer

Risen Lord, thank You for conquering death and giving me new life. Fill me with resurrection power, hope, and joy. Help me live boldly for You and proclaim Your victory to others. Amen.
