### **Study Guide**

### April 5, 2020

Sunday, April 5th (I took time to pray today  $\Box$ )

**Read: Matthew 21:1-11** This is the Scripture of Jesus telling two of his Disciples to go and find a donkey with a colt and to bring them to Jesus. It is where Jesus enters Jerusalem on the donkey and the crowds were raising palm branches.

**Questions:** Have you ever thought about what Jesus wants of you? Are you willing to find out if you don't already know? Have you ever thought it might be something as simple as spending time with you?

Monday, April 6th (I took time to pray today  $\Box$ )

**Read: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29** "Blessed are those whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the law of the Lord. Blessed are those who keep his statutes and seek him with all their heart....."

**Questions:** Can you see some of the things we are called to do as followers? How hard are they for you? If you consider them hard, are you at least willing to try?

**Tuesday, April 7th** (I took time to pray today □)

**Read:** Isaiah 50:4-9a Scripture that shows what Isaiah saw the Lord do in his life.

**Questions:** What have you seen the Lord do in your life? Is it enough to stay connected to Him? Is it enough to trust Him? Is it enough to be in His word often?

Wednesday, April 8th (I took time to pray today  $\Box$ )

**Read: Psalm 31: 9-16** David lists all of the things that are happening in his life that are causing anguish, distress and other negatives emotions. But after he lists these, he says he will trust the Lord.

**Questions:** I know I have asked this before, but how are you at trusting the Lord in times of trouble? In this time? What do you need to do to walk trusting God's got this right now?

Thursday, April 9th

(I took time to pray today  $\Box$ )

**Read:** Philippians 2:5-11 This Scripture is about all of us having the mindset of Christ, listing Christ's ways.

**Questions:** How well do you do at being a servant? How well do you do at humbling yourself? How well do you do at worshiping Christ by bowing down and confessing Jesus Christ as Lord?

Friday, April 10th (I took time to pray today 
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**Read: Matthew 26:14-27:66** This Scripture tells the story from Judas agreeing to betray Jesus to talking about the guard at Jesus' tomb.

**Questions:** Do you realize that this is Good Friday and what that means for you as a Christian? Are you willing to reflect on that now and throughout the day as a reminder of Christ's love for you?

Saturday, April 11th

(I took time to pray today  $\square$ )

**Read:** Matthew 27:11-54 A repeat of some of yesterday's Scripture beginning with Jesus before Pilate and ending with the earthquake.

**Questions:** Does it take something big like an earthquake or a pandemic to believe and relate to God? Why isn't this an every-day occurrence? If you aren't making this an everyday occurrence, are you willing to do that beginning today?

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Through God's love for us we can't help but want to serve others and show that love to them. Let us help you explore the best way for you to show love and serve in your Christian path. See Pastor Bob or Deacon Maryanne who are willing to help you in your faith walk.

# Notes: today I pray

### He Has Risen

NEXT WEEK



Bring a friend to Sunday School and worship on Sunday! Check in on Facebook when you are here.

# Grow, Pray, and Study Guide. Prayers For The Week

What the Lord Needs



**Sunday:** Jesus, I think of the celebration we are reminded of today and how some of those people might also have been in the crowd shouting to crucify You. Forgive us when we go back and forth as to how we feel about You. Draw us so that I can be convinced of Your love for me. Amen.

**Monday:** Lord, I desire to be a follower of You with my whole heart, soul, mind and strength tuned to You. Help me with this Lord, I cannot do it alone. Amen.

**Tuesday:** God, remind me daily of the ways I have seen You get me through trials. Let these reminders convince me that You are here even now. Amen.

**Wednesday**: Lord God, thank You for Your word and its life-giving promises. Show me how to stand on these promises so that it will draw me closer to You. Amen.

**Thursday:** Jesus, You came to earth to model for us how we are to act with others. Make me a servant Lord, and a person who humbles myself. Amen.

**Friday:** Father, Your love for each of us was so powerful that You were willing to watch the suffering of Your Son. Allow the Scriptures I read today help me to move into tomorrow with a peace and joy I may have never known before. Amen.

**Saturday:** God, I don't want to only focus on You when there are things like earthquakes and pandemics. I want to feel connected to you 24/7. Draw me to Your throne room each day so I may be assured of Your presence. Amen.