



Jesus is Central Everyone matters



Bible Readings



The time before Easter is usually called Holy week – it reminds us of all that happened to our friend Jesus during that week.

This wee booklet is to help us learn more about what Jesus did and said as well as how he was treated.

Each day has a Bible verse, something to think about, a song and a prayer.

It's up to you how you use the notes. It could be

- On your own
- With someone else or in a group
- At church.



If you would like to listen to the notes being read, please go to the Prospects Across Scotland YouTube channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOg9-eCaPFIsZyDu45G2eFA>



Please let us know how you got on with using the daily notes. We always love to hear from you.

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Day 1 Palm Sunday



People welcome Jesus as a king

Dorothy Daldry



In front of Jesus and behind him, people went along shouting, "Hooray! God bless the one who comes in the name of the Lord!"

Mark chapter 11, verse 9



Jesus is the King



Jesus was coming into Jerusalem city. He was riding on the back of a donkey. This was just a few days before he died on the cross. Many people joined Jesus as he got there. They were happy and shouted out praise to him. They waved branches of palm trees to show their joy. They welcomed him as a king.



God sent Jesus to be king for every one of us and we are so happy about this.



Thank you, God, for sending Jesus to be our king. Help us to tell other people what a wonderful king he is.



Day 2 Easter Monday



Jesus Clears the Temple

Penny Shackleton



My house will be called a house of prayer

Matthew chapter 21, verse 13



Be still and know that I am God



Jesus went into the temple to worship God. It was full of noisy people shopping and making money.

He was angry because the temple was 'His Father's House', not a supermarket.

He kicked over their tables and the sellers and buyers ran away. There was now a quiet place where everyone could pray.

Jesus was pleased.



Jesus wants all people to pray to God, his Father.



Dear God, thank you for listening to our prayers. Sorry I sometimes forget to pray. Help me remember to talk to you every day. Amen.

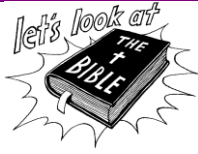


Day 3 Tuesday



Jesus teaches in the temple

Rachel Meek



Each day Jesus was teaching in the temple and all the people came early in the morning to hear him at the temple.

Luke chapter 21, verses 37-38



Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so



Although Jesus knew he did not have much time left in this world, he was determined to go on teaching people that God wanted them to trust Jesus and believe that God had sent him into the world. Lots of people got up early to go to God's house – the temple – and listen to Jesus telling stories about God's kingdom.



Are we as eager to listen to God speaking to us at church or in the Bible and to tell others about God's love?



Dear Lord, thank you that Jesus never stopped telling others that he loved them. Help us to follow Jesus and to be like him. Amen.



Day 4 Wednesday



Nothing can stop God's plans!

Linda Sharp



God works out everything to fit His plan and purpose.

Ephesians chapter 1, verse 11b



Song Our God is a great big God



What happened on Holy Wednesday? On that day Jesus' enemies made a wicked plan. They paid Judas to tell where Jesus would be so they could arrest and kill Him.

What a dreadful thing to do. Was this the end for Jesus? No way! Jesus knew GODS's plan was much bigger than any man-made plans, and not even death could stop it! Our great big God works out everything to fit His plan and purpose.



Whenever we get bad news or go through hard times, remember God has a plan and nothing can stop His plan to love and save us.



Father God, thank you that your plan is bigger than any of the world's plans. Help me trust you and your plan for my life just like Jesus did. Amen



Day 5 Maundy Thursday



An Important Meal

Tom Wilson



I have set you an example that you should do what I have done for you.
John chapter 13, verse 15



The Servant King



Jesus and his friends had a meal. He told them that he would be put to death and rise again. During the meal, Jesus washed his friends feet. He then gave them bread and wine to eat and drink. These two things showed that at Easter Jesus came to serve others so that we might know how much he loves us.



Jesus asks us to help others because He helped us at Easter.



Lord, we thank you for the meal Jesus had with his friends. Help us to love others as Jesus loves us. Amen



Day 6 Good Friday



Jesus dies on a cross

Aileen Robb



God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him would not be lost but have eternal life.

John chapter 3, verse 16



Such love



Good Friday is the day when Jesus died. He was mocked and beaten by his enemies because he said he was God's son. They nailed him to a wooden cross and left him there to die. When Jesus died he took the punishment for all the wrong things we have done so we can be forgiven for sins.



God loves us so much that he gave his only son, Jesus, to die on a cross for us so that we can be forgiven for our sins and live forever as part of God's family.



Loving God, thank you that you love us so much that you sent Jesus to die on a cross and set us free from our sins. Amen.

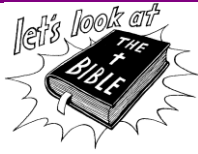


Day 7 Holy Saturday – day before Easter



Be still and know the Lord

Ann MacFarlane



Be still and know that I am God'.
Psalm 46, part of verse 10



Be still for the presence of the Lord



Holy Saturday is the day between Jesus' crucifixion (Good Friday) and Jesus rising from the dead (Easter Sunday). On Holy Saturday, Jesus' body lay in the tomb. The Roman Governor posted guards there to prevent Jesus' disciples from stealing Jesus' body, to claim Jesus had risen from the dead. The disciples were shocked and sad. That is why, on Holy Saturday, we pause and think about Jesus and look forward to Easter when He rose again.



On Holy Saturday, be still and spend time resting in Jesus' presence in prayer and reading the bible.



Lord Jesus, Thank you for dying on the Cross to save us and rising from the tomb at Easter to give us new life in You. Amen



Day 8 Easter Sunday



He is risen! Jesus is alive!

Helen Eckford



The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said.”

Matthew chapter 28, verses 5 and 6



He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!



Early on Easter Sunday, two ladies, both called Mary, went to the tomb where Jesus' body was. They got a surprise because the huge stone had been rolled away. An angel was in the tomb and told the women that Jesus was alive. The women went and told the disciples what had happened. Jesus was alive just as had promised!



On Easter Sunday we celebrate that Jesus is alive and if we love Jesus, we will live forever too.



Father God, thank you that you gave us a wonderful gift. You gave us your son, Jesus, who died and rose again to save us.



What happened next?

Easter Sunday was not the end of the story!

Over the next 40 days, many people saw Jesus. He showed them he was alive again.



He even helped his friends to get a huge catch of fish. Then he cooked breakfast for them!

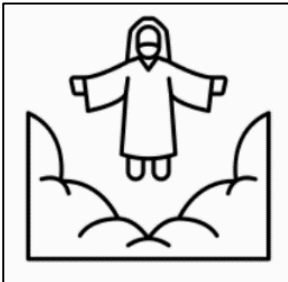
Jesus told them:

“Wait for the gift my Father promised. In a few days you will be filled with the Holy Spirit.”



Later, Jesus met his friends on a mountain. He gave them a very important job to do. He said:

“Tell people about me, from one end of the earth to the other. Help them to follow and obey me. Baptise them with water. I will be with you forever.”



Then Jesus went up into heaven. He disappeared. They did not see him again. The Bible says that Jesus is alive in heaven.



Ten days later, his friends were praying. Suddenly, there was a loud noise like a strong wind. It filled the whole house! Something like fire rested on each person. Everyone was filled with the Holy Spirit! They remembered Jesus' promise to them:

“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you. Then you will tell people about me”.



And so, the Good News started to spread! The church began to grow. Jesus is with us today and forever. He gives us his Holy Spirit to help us live for him.

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