



## March 1, 2026, Jesus Washes Feet John 13:1-17

*Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.*



**Pray:** Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

Holy God, you have all power, such as to create all that is, yet in Jesus, you humbled yourself and became a finite human and a servant of all. Give us the humility both to recognize our limitations, and to joyfully serve others without expectation of return. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



**Read:** Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

*So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. (John 13:14-15)*



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

**Jesus, knowing of Judas's betrayal, still washes the feet of the disciples and entrusts them with the servant life he has lived for them.**



**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- Are there parts of yourself you don't like, that you don't want others to find out about? Do you believe Jesus loves you even though he knows those things?
- How can you show love to those in your life who are deeply flawed? How can you show love to yourself knowing that all human beings are flawed?
- For the littles: Do you like having your feet washed?



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God reverse your role. Amen.



**Do:** By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

**Think and write carefully about whatever aspect of yourself you don't like or wish you could change. Have a talk with your pastor about it, and ask for whatever guidance they might provide.**



**Go Deeper:** Go to [clergystuff.com/daily-devotions](http://clergystuff.com/daily-devotions) for devotions on the Narrative Lectionary daily readings.

Monday: *The Unbelief of the People*, John 12:36-43  
Tuesday: *Summary of Jesus' Teaching*, John 12:44-50  
Wednesday: *Jesus Foretells His Betrayal*, John 13:18-30  
Thursday: *The New Commandment*, John 13:31-35  
Friday: *Jesus Foretells Peter's Denial*, John 13:36-38  
Saturday: *Jesus the Way to the Father*, John 14:1-14



## March 8, 2026, Peter's Denial John 18:12-27

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



**Pray:** Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

Holy God, you are faithful to us even when we act faithlessly. You call us and claim us even when we live as though we do not know you. Restore us to wholeness, and renew in us a commitment to follow in the way of Jesus each day of our lives. In his name we pray. Amen.



**Read:** Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

*One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?" Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.  
(John 18:26-27)*



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

**Peter denies Jesus three times, fulfilling the prophecy that he would do so before dawn on the night Jesus was arrested.**



**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- What lies are being told that are so subtle that our culture accepts them as truth? How might you uncover some of those lies for yourself? How might you change your mind about what you believe?
- How did Peter feel when he realized what he had done? How would you feel?
- For the littles: Who or what reminds you to do the things you're supposed to do?



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

**May God walk with you, even in your darkest moments. Amen.**



**Do:** By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

**Make a list of people you avoid because you owe them an apology. Pick one person on the list and ask for their forgiveness.**



**Go Deeper:** Go to [clergystuff.com/daily-devotions-for-devotions-on-the-Narrative-Lectionary-daily-readings](http://clergystuff.com/daily-devotions-for-devotions-on-the-Narrative-Lectionary-daily-readings).

Monday: *The Promise of the Holy Spirit*, John 14:15-31

Tuesday: *Jesus the True Vine*, John 15:1-17

Wednesday: *The World's Hatred*, John 15:18-16:4a

Thursday: *The Work of the Spirit*, John 16:4b-15

Friday: *Sorrow Will Turn into Joy*, John 16:16-24

Saturday: *Peace for the Disciples*, John 16:25-33



## March 15, 2026, Jesus and Pilate John 18:28-40

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**Pray:** Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

Holy God, only you know what is absolute truth. Remind us that we can only see things from our own limited perspective, and help us to extend compassion and grace to those we might otherwise be quick to judge. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



**Read:** Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

*Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.'* (John 18:36)



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

**Jesus stands trial before Pilate and challenges his assumptions concerning why he came and what his purpose in this world is.**



**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- Tell of a time you weren't sure what you were hearing was the truth or lies. How did you discern the truth?
- Did Pilate believe Jesus was a king? Do you?
- For the little: How do you know when someone is telling the truth?



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

**May God speak truth to you. Amen.**



**Do:** By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Play the "Find the Fake" quiz on your own or with your family to see how good you are at recognizing false news stories and disinformation. <https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/fake-news-and-misinformation-advice-hub/find-the-fake>



**Go Deeper:** Go to [clergystuff.com/daily-devotions](http://clergystuff.com/daily-devotions) for devotions on the Narrative Lectionary daily readings.

Monday: *All God's Works Give Thanks*, Psalm 145:10-13

Tuesday: *Lord Speaks the Truth*, Isaiah 45:18-19

Wednesday: *Hate for the One Who Speaks Truth*, Amos 5:6-13

Thursday: *Jesus Prays for His Disciples*, John 17:1-19

Friday: *Jesus Prays for His Disciples*, John 17:20-26

Saturday: *The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus*, John 18:1-11



## March 22, 2026, Jesus Condemned John 19:1-16a

*Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.*



**Pray:** Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

God of love, in this season of Lent, we remember how you walked willingly into the arms of death on a cross. Help us to put our entire lives into your hands in complete surrender, trusting that you will carry us through whatever trials we face. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



**Read:** Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

*They cried out, "Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!" Pilate asked them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but the emperor. Then he handed him over to them to be crucified. (John 19:15-16)*



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

**Jesus is condemned to die by Pilate at the insistence of the crowd, who will have no king but the emperor.**



**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- Tell of a time you were in a crowd when tension started to build. What is it that makes certain behaviors unacceptable when alone or in small groups, but more acceptable in large crowds? Did you keep your head when the crowd started to turn, or did you follow the crowd?
- For the littles: How does it feel when someone lets you down?



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

**May God guide your thoughts and actions. Amen.**



**Do:** By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

**Attend a protest and stand up for something you believe in. Keep your head, even if the crowd begins to turn.**



**Go Deeper:** Go to [clergystuff.com/daily-devotions](http://clergystuff.com/daily-devotions) for devotions on the Narrative Lectionary daily readings.

Monday: *Praise for God's Help*, Psalm 146

Tuesday: *Holy Lord*, Isaiah 6:1-5

Wednesday: *Spirit of Justice*, Isaiah 28:5-6

Thursday: *King of Righteousness*, Isaiah 32:1-6

Friday: *Suffering Servant*, Isaiah 42:1-4

Saturday: *Branch of David*, Jeremiah 23:5-6



## March 29, 2026, The Crucified Messiah John 19:16b-22

*Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.*



**Pray:** Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

**Eternal and holy God, you reign in our hearts and in all the earth, and creation gives testimony to your glory and power. Yet you are a ruler like none we have experienced, and gave all of yourself for the sake of the world. Teach us the kind of sacrificial love that can transform all things, for the sake of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.**



**Read:** Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

*Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written." (John 19:21-22)*



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

**Jesus is crucified while those responsible argue with one another over the significance of his death, whether he was killed for being a king or for claiming to be one.**



**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point? Who are treated as royalty in our world? What have they done to earn the title? What does it take for them to fall from grace? How can we shift our loyalties so we praise and emulate Jesus more than our celebrities?
- For the littles: What is a ruler like? How is Jesus like a ruler?



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

**May God guide you to walk in the ways of the king. Amen.**



**Do:** By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

**Take home a palm frond. Fold it into the shape of a cross. (Go here to learn how: <http://www.wikihow.com/Make-a-Palm-Frond-Cross>). Hang it in your house somewhere you will see it regularly. Think of Jesus every time you see it.**



**Go Deeper:** Go to [clergystuff.com/daily-devotions](http://clergystuff.com/daily-devotions) for devotions on the Narrative Lectionary daily readings.

Monday: *Entrance Into the Temple*, Psalm 24

Tuesday: *Lord Is My Rock*, 2 Samuel 22:2-8

Wednesday: *God Delivers*, Isaiah 43:8-12

Thursday: *Jesus' Last Words*, John 19:23-30

Friday: *Jesus the Passover Lamb*, John 19:31-37

Saturday: *Passover Lamb*, John 19:38-42



## April 2, 2026, Jesus' Last Words John 19:23-30

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**Pray:** Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

**God of grace and mercy, on this night, you gave us a new commandment—that we love one another as you have loved us. Help us to see the depth and breadth of this love, and strengthen us to carry even the small fraction of it we are able to carry into the suffering world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**



**Read:** Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

*When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. (John 19:30)*



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

**While the soldiers divided Jesus' clothing, Jesus himself sought to unify people, even with his final breaths.**



**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- How do you care for one another in your family? Who would care for your family if you weren't able to anymore?
- What emotions come up for you when you think about Jesus' last words and actions before his death?
- For the littles: Why do you think people take communion at church?



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

**May God bring light to your darkness. Amen.**



**Do:** By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

**If you haven't already, consider making a will, paying special attention to who will care for your family after you are gone.**



**Go Deeper:** Go to [clergystuff.com/daily-devotions](http://clergystuff.com/daily-devotions) for devotions on the Narrative Lectionary daily readings.

Friday: *Jesus the Passover Lamb*, John 19:31-37

Saturday: *Passover Lamb*, John 19:38-42



## April 3, 2026, Jesus the Passover Lamb John 19:31-42

*Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.*



**Pray:** Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

Passover Lamb, you loved creation so much that you willingly endured death that we might not taste its sting. Do not let your death leave us wallowing in grief, but instead let it stand as the ultimate example of the power of sacrificial love to transform the world, and inspire us by that power to love our neighbors as ourselves. In your holy name we pray. Amen.



**Read:** Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

*And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there. (John 19:42)*



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

There were many who witnessed the fulfillment of the Jews' ancient prophecies in the death of Jesus. People from all walks of life were involved in honoring the man who had given so much to this world and would continue to do so even centuries later.



**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- What is the greatest sacrifice you have made in service to other people? Are there ways you can or ought to give more? How much sacrifice is too much?
- For the littles: People get sad on Good Friday. They are sad that Jesus died. It's ok to be sad when sad things happen. Who can you talk to when you are sad?



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God bring hope in a time of hopelessness. Amen.



**Do:** By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Be thoughtful today and tomorrow about something in your life you might give up in order to grow spiritually. Talk with a trusted advisor about your ideas and get feedback about how to go about making that kind of change.



**Go Deeper:** Go to [clergystuff.com/daily-devotions](http://clergystuff.com/daily-devotions) for devotions on the Narrative Lectionary daily readings.

Saturday: *Passover Lamb*, John 19:38-42



April 5, 2026, Resurrection  
John 20:1-18

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**Pray:** Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

Risen God, you call us by name, and the dawning truth of your resurrection breaks through the darkness of our grieving. Slow us down to savor this moment of unexpected wonder, that we might prepare our hearts to carry the good news to the world. In your holy name we pray. Amen.



**Read:** Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

*Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). (John 20:15-16)*



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

While the other disciples came, saw, and left, Mary remained to be still and grieve. It was into this stillness that the angels came, and then Jesus himself appeared.



**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- What traditions will you celebrate today? What do they mean for you and your family and friends?
- How has Jesus shocked or surprised you? If you need a surprise or miracle, ask God for one. Be open to God's response.
- For the littles: What's the best thing about Easter?



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

May the God of resurrection bring you new life. Amen.



**Do:** By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Carry your traditions throughout the entire week. If you eat deviled eggs on Easter, eat them all week long. If you hunt for Easter eggs, look for eggs all week. If you sit down to a family meal, have family meals all week.



**Go Deeper:** Go to [clergystuff.com/daily-devotions-fordevotions](http://clergystuff.com/daily-devotions-fordevotions) on the Narrative Lectionary daily readings.

Monday: *Jesus Appears to Seven Disciples*, John 21:1-14  
Tuesday: *Jesus and Peter*, John 21:15-19  
Wednesday: *Jesus and the Beloved Disciple*, John 21:20-25  
Thursday: *Ananias and Sapphira*, Acts 5:1-11  
Friday: *The Apostles Heal Many*, Acts 5:12-16  
Saturday: *The Apostles Are Persecuted*, Acts 5:17-42



April 12, 2026, Thomas  
John 20:19-31

*Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.*



**Pray:** Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

**Risen God, you come into our midst and breathe on us your Holy Spirit. Empower us to believe at depth that you are with us, no matter how we experience you in our lives, and make us witnesses to one another of your very real presence among us. In your name we pray. Amen.**



**Read:** Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

*Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" (John 20:27-28)*



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

**Thomas was not with the other disciples when they witnessed the risen Jesus. But just a week later, he was blessed to see. Jesus' invitation was to all: proclaim what you have seen to whoever will listen.**



**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- Tell of a time you doubted something about your faith. Give yourself permission to doubt—doubt leads to wondering, which leads to an even deeper faith. What would you have done in Thomas' position?
- For the littles: Is it easier to believe in something you can see?



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

**May God grant you doubt and faith. Amen.**



**Do:** By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

**Take a long walk. (If you cannot take a long walk, find time to meditate.) Take with you a doubt or a challenge that has been haunting you. Work it over as you walk or meditate. Look at it from every angle. Consider all your options. Look at it from God's perspective. Ask God for guidance. See if you can come to greater clarity by the end of your walk or meditation.**



**Go Deeper:** Go to [clergystuff.com/daily-devotions](http://clergystuff.com/daily-devotions) for devotions on the Narrative Lectionary daily readings.

Monday: *Seven Chosen to Serve*, Acts 6:1-7  
Tuesday: *The Arrest of Stephen*, Acts 6:8-15  
Wednesday: *Stephen's Speech to the Council*, Acts 7:1-22  
Thursday: *Stephen's Speech to the Council*, Acts 7:23-43  
Friday: *Stephen's Speech to the Council*, Acts 7:44-53  
Saturday: *The Stoning of Stephen*, Acts 7:54-8:1



April 19, 2026, Paul's Conversion

Acts 9:1-19a

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**Pray:** Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

God of mystery, you come to us in obvious and subtle ways, calling us into your work of love and service to you and our neighbors near and far. Help us to recognize you in all those we encounter, that we might know you are near, guiding and equipping us for the work ahead. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



**Read:** Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

*He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. (Acts 9:4-5)*



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

Saul, the vicious persecutor of Jesus' followers, is struck blind on the road to Damascus by Jesus himself, who tells Saul to wait for further instruction. God then sends Ananias, one of said followers, to confront his persecutor head on, and even worse, to accept that this man has been chosen by Jesus to spread the gospel!



**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- Tell of a time you thought you were headed in one direction, and then life threw you a curveball, and you found yourself headed in an entirely different direction.
- What would you have done if you had been Ananias, called help a man known to arrest and kill Christians?
- For the littles: What scares you?



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God give you courage to face scary things. Amen.



**Do:** By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

**Write a love letter to a person or people you hate or fear the most. Consider how God feels about them.**



**Go Deeper:** Go to [clergystuff.com/daily-devotions](http://clergystuff.com/daily-devotions) for devotions on the Narrative Lectionary daily readings.

Monday: *Saul Preaches in Damascus*, Acts 9:19b-22

Tuesday: *Saul Escapes from the Jews*, Acts 9:23-31

Wednesday: *Peter in Lydda and Joppa*, Acts 9:36-43

Thursday: *Peter and Cornelius*, Acts 10:1-16

Friday: *Peter and Cornelius*, Acts 10:17-23a

Saturday: *Peter and Cornelius*, Acts 10:23b-33