



ENTER God's presence

Psalm 2:1-6 (NIV)

- ¹ Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain?
- ² The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the Lord and against his anointed, saying,
- ³ "Let us break their chains and throw off their shackles."
- ⁴ The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them.
- ⁵ He rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying,
- ⁶ "I have installed my king on Zion, my holy mountain."

Pray: Lord Jesus, you have conquered all our greatest enemies through your death on the cross. Everything you did, you did for me, for us. May we each be made more aware of your deep and abiding love for us as we engage with, and recall, the events of your death and resurrection throughout this week and every other day of our lives. Amen



SHARE life together

1. **Share your highs and lows since last time you met.**
2. **What part of Holy Week (from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday) do you find most grabs your attention? Why?**
3. **Apart from Jesus death and resurrection, what is the most impressive thing anyone has ever done for you?**

Week beginning:
Sunday 2nd April 2023

Worship series:
Crossroad Choices
#2 YOU



VERSE for the week

Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Matthew 28:10



REMEMBER this week

Go home... there you will see Jesus.



LISTEN attentively

Read Matthew 26:14-35 in your own Bible or online at Bible Gateway [HERE](#)

- 4. What verse/concept/teaching in these readings caught your attention and what was challenging/confronting/comforting/revealing about it for you?**
- 5. Jesus shares his last meal and his final moments among his closest friends, all who end up deserting him in some way before the end of the night. How do you see your allegiance to Jesus reflected in the actions of the disciples?**
- 6. When have you felt most abandoned and alone in your life? How did you feel towards those who abandoned you?**



GROW deeper

Now read Matthew 27:31-28:10 in your own Bible or online at Bible Gateway [HERE](#)

Throughout the account of Jesus' trial, crucifixion, and resurrection, Jesus makes many deliberate choices. He is challenged by the crowds to save himself yet chooses to remain on the cross. He is mocked with the title "King of the Jews", a title which was absolutely his to claim, but instead he chose to be the suffering servant for the Jews – and the rest of the world. Jesus' crucifixion was not something unavoidable that just happened to Jesus, he chose to go through all of this because *HE CHOSE YOU*, despite your sin and rebellion.

- 7. How does the thought that Jesus chose to go to the cross out of love for you make you feel?**
- 8. Just before his death, Jesus cries out, "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?" What do you imagine Jesus was experiencing at that moment?**
- 9. In those final moments Jesus experienced two universal human experiences, separation from God and death. Where do you see Jesus' humanity most clearly expressed in these events?**
- 10. Among the darkness and earthquake of Jesus' death, those guarding him stated, "Surely this man was the son of God." What is it about God's character that you see most clearly in the crucified Jesus?**



LIVE purposefully

Jesus came to earth with a mission. In Matthew 20:28 Jesus said, "the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." In Luke 19:10, Jesus said, "the Son of Man came to seek and save the lost". That mission was always a choice though. Like a Mission Impossible story, the mission begins with the words, "your mission, should you choose to accept it..." Jesus chose to accept and complete His mission because you were at stake, he chose to die to save you. Now he invites you and sends you on a similar mission, to give your life to the purpose of seeking and saving others with His life transforming grace and love.

- 11. Jesus' choice to die on the cross and his choice to save you are one in the same. How does that reality change the way you view your salvation?**
- 12. The new life that you now have, you have only in Jesus. How has sharing in Jesus' life also led you to share in Jesus' mission and purpose?**

MAKE IT REAL:

Jesus chose to lay down his life in order that you may have life with him forever. The question now is simple...

13. **What are you going to do with the new life you now have in Jesus?**

a. _____

14. **Who are two of the people God has placed in your life who you could pray for and share your new life with?**

1.

2.

Plan your weekly devotions or [download the Church Central app](#) for the daily [LifeWay Devotions](#)



PRAY intentionally

WE PRAY ...

- Praise God for his gift of life and hope in Jesus. Thank Jesus for moving in your life to give you a living hope that does not fade, spoil or pass away. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you move with resurrection hope as a witness to the life he gives.
- Pray for eyes to see the presence of the risen Jesus in ordinary everyday life.
- Pray for the Church that is may be a living witness to the risen Jesus in everything that it does.
- Pray for all those preparing to come to Church this Holy Week, that in the midst of the turmoil of their lives, whatever it may be, that they will meet the risen Jesus.
- for all who travel this Easter week that God may watch over and protect them.
- for those in this community who need our prayers especially Barry Golledge, Ruth Mataitis, Wally Partridge, Jan Mackenzie Jenny Schneider, Inge Moore, Ingrid Potkura, Boris Lees, Tina Fohrman, Bruce Cleaves, (Naomi Moss' father), Patsy Lewis, Clifford and Joan Highfold.



BLESS one another

You might like to address one person in your group and make the sign of the cross on their forehead or on the palm of their hand as you say...

[Name], Jesus is alive in you. Amen.