



A 22-Day Easter Devotional Journey

March 15 – April 5, 2026

Introduction

Welcome, friend, to this special journey toward Easter. Over the next 22 days, you're invited to walk alongside Jesus—from His resolute steps toward Jerusalem, through His sacrificial love on the cross, to the glorious moment when death could not hold Him. Each daily reading includes a Scripture passage, a brief reflection, and a simple prayer. Some days will comfort your heart. Others will challenge your faith. A few might even bring a smile. But every single day will point you back to Jesus—the One who gave everything so we could have life.

Whether you read these devotions in the quiet of morning, during a lunch break, or before bed, know this: God meets you right where you are. His love is personal, His grace is abundant, and His resurrection power is available to you today.

Let's make this journey together.

Sunday, March 15 – **"Set Your Face Toward Jerusalem"**

Luke 9:51 (NIV) – *"As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem."*

Jesus didn't drift toward the cross; He moved there with purpose. This season reminds us to realign our hearts with that same intentionality—living with eternal direction rather than daily distraction. The road to redemption began with a firm step toward suffering, proving His love was deliberate. When we follow Christ, we're called to the same kind of resolve—choosing His way even when it costs us something.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, thank You for walking toward the cross for me. Give me courage to live with Your determination and to follow where You lead, even when the path is hard. Amen.

My reflections:

Monday, March 16 – **"A Servant's Heart"**

Mark 10:45 (NIV) – *"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."*

Jesus flipped every human expectation of greatness on its head. He showed that leadership begins with a towel, not a throne. True greatness is not in how many people serve us, but in how many people we serve out of love. It's counter cultural, uncomfortable, and completely Christlike. When we pick up the towel, we pick up His heart.

Prayer: Lord, give me a servant's heart like Yours. Teach me to find joy in putting others first and to serve humbly, even when it costs me. Amen.

My reflections:

Tuesday, March 17 – **"Holy Interruptions"**

John 4:7 (NIV) – *"When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Will you give me a drink?'"*

Jesus' ministry was filled with what others saw as interruptions. Yet, He turned them into divine appointments. Today's distractions might just be heaven's way of getting your attention. The inconvenient conversation, the unexpected phone call, the person who "just happened" to cross your path—God is often at work in what we didn't plan. (Besides, even the Creator of the universe once paused for a water break!)

Prayer: Lord, help me see Your hand in life's interruptions. When my plans change, let me look for the purpose You've placed in the moment. Amen.

My reflections:

Wednesday, March 18 – **"The Light That Never Fails"**

John 8:12 (NIV) – "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

The world offers artificial light that flickers and fades, but Christ's light never dims. He shines most brightly in our shadows, turning confusion into clarity and fear into faith. Following Him means walking with steady confidence even when the path isn't clear. His light doesn't just illuminate the way forward—it transforms the darkness within us.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, guide me with Your unfailing light today. Chase away my fears and remind me that in You, no night is too dark. Amen.

My reflections:

Thursday, March 19 – **"The Power of Little Things"**

Matthew 17:20 (NIV) – *"If you have faith as small as a mustard seed... nothing will be impossible for you."*

Jesus isn't asking for mountain-sized faith—just faith the size of something that might get stuck in your teeth. Small faith in a big God still moves mountains. What matters isn't the size of your faith; it's the size of the One you place it in. So stop apologizing for your small faith and start celebrating the enormous God who receives it.

Prayer: Lord, strengthen my flickering faith. Remind me that You can do great things even through my smallest acts of trust. Amen.

My reflections:

Friday, March 20 – **"Come and Rest"**

Matthew 11:28 (NIV) – *"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."*

Sometimes the most spiritual thing you can do is take a nap in Jesus' name. His rest isn't just physical—it's peace for the soul. In a world shouting "Go faster," Christ whispers, "Come closer." Rest isn't a reward for the finished; it's an invitation for the weary. Let Him carry what you were never meant to hold.

Prayer: Lord, I bring You my burdens. Help me lay down striving and learn to rest in Your presence. Amen.

My reflections:

Saturday, March 21 – **"Saying Yes to God"**

Luke 1:38 (NIV) – *"'I am the Lord's servant,' Mary answered. 'May your word to me be fulfilled.'"*

Mary's "yes" to God changed the world. Your yes" will do the same. Every time we surrender to His will—big or small—God writes a new story through our obedience. Saying "yes" may not be easy, but it's always miraculous. Her willingness made room for the impossible, and ours can too.

Prayer: Father, give me the courage to say "yes" when You call. Help me trust that Your plans are always for my good and Your glory. Amen.

My reflections:

Sunday, March 22 – **"Faith in the Storm"**

Mark 4:39–40 (NIV) – *"He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, 'Quiet! Be still!' Then the wind died down and it was completely calm."*

When the disciples panicked in the storm, Jesus was asleep in perfect peace. That boat ride reminds us that storms don't scare God, and they shouldn't steal our faith. Sometimes, He calms the storm; other times, He calms the sailor. Either way, His presence is always stronger than the waves crashing around us.

Prayer: Lord, when storms rise in my life, help me rest in Your calm. Teach me to trust that You are always in control—even when I can't see how. Amen.

My reflections:

Monday, March 23 – **"Open Hands"**

John 6:9–11 (NIV) – *"Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?"*

The boy's lunch looked laughably small, but in Jesus' hands, little became more than enough. God isn't limited by what we lack—He multiplies what we're willing to surrender. When we release what we have, He releases what only He can do. Open hands receive miracles that clenched fists never will.

Prayer: Lord, help me live with open hands today. Use what seems small in my life to accomplish something bigger than I can imagine. Amen.

My reflections:

Tuesday, March 24 – **"The Gift of Tears"**

John 11:35 (NIV) – *"Jesus wept."*

The shortest verse in the Bible reveals one of the most beautiful truths: God understands our pain. Jesus didn't just heal the sick; He entered our suffering. When you cry, remember—Jesus doesn't stand apart from your tears; He shares them, and in time, He will wipe them all away. Your sorrow matters to Him.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, thank You for being near to the brokenhearted. Let my tears become prayers that draw me closer to You. Amen.

My reflections:

Wednesday, March 25 – **"Kingdom Greatness"**

Matthew 18:4 (NIV) – *"Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven."*

Jesus didn't measure greatness by position or power but by humility and faith. It's easy to chase recognition, but Jesus invites us to rest in being known by Him. The greatest in the kingdom are often those the world overlooks—those whose faith is simple, trusting, and joyful, like a child's.

Prayer: Father, teach me to find joy in humility. Strip away my pride and help me to trust You with a child's heart. Amen.

My reflections:

Thursday, March 26 – **"The Cost of Following"**

Luke 9:23 (NIV) – *"Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me."*

Following Jesus isn't comfortable—it's costly. It means exchanging convenience for calling. But the amazing truth is that every sacrifice we make for Christ opens the door to deeper freedom and joy. The cross we carry today leads to the crown He promises tomorrow. What we give up for Him is never truly lost.

Prayer: Lord, help me count the cost and still say yes. Remind me that whatever I give up for You is never lost. Amen.

My reflections:

Friday, March 27 – **"When the Cup Feels Heavy"**

Matthew 26:39 (NIV) – *"My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."*

Even Jesus wrestled in prayer before obeying in full surrender. His honesty with the Father gives us permission to be honest too. Sometimes obedience begins with "I don't want to"—but love finishes the sentence with "yet not my will." God doesn't need our perfection; He invites our surrender.

Prayer: Father, give me courage to follow Your will, even when it's hard. Help me trust that Your plan is always loving and good. Amen.

My reflections:

Saturday, March 28 – **"Love That Stoops"**

John 13:5 (NIV) – *"After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet."*

The King of heaven washed dirty feet. That single act redefined love forever. No crown, no title, no authority makes us too important to serve. In His kingdom, the humble leave the biggest footprints. Jesus shows us that true power is found not in rising above others but in kneeling before them.

Prayer: Jesus, thank You for loving with humility. Teach me to serve in ways that look like You—quietly, faithfully, and joyfully. Amen.

My reflections:

Sunday, March 29 – "The Triumphal Entry"

Matthew 21:9 (NIV) – *"The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, 'Hosanna to the Son of David!'"*

The same crowds that shouted "Hosanna" would soon cry "Crucify." Their praise was loud, but their faith was shallow. True worship lasts beyond the parade—it stands firm when the road leads to the cross. Let your "Hosanna" echo even when the cheering stops. Devotion isn't measured in the mountaintop moments but in the valleys.

Prayer: Lord, keep my praise sincere. Help me love You not just in moments of joy, but in seasons of challenge and testing. Amen.

My reflections:

Monday, March 30 – **"The Father's Approval"**

Matthew 3:17 (NIV) – *"And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.'"*

Jesus began His ministry with His Father's affirmation, not His achievements. Our identity rests not in what we do but in whose we are. Before Jesus ever performed a miracle, the Father said, "I'm pleased." That same love welcomes you before you've proved a thing. You are loved because you are His.

Prayer: Father, thank You that Your love isn't earned. Let me serve from acceptance, not for it. Amen.

My reflections:

Tuesday, March 31 – **"Betrayed but Not Broken"**

Luke 22:48 (NIV) – *"But Jesus asked him, 'Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?'"*

Few wounds cut deeper than betrayal, yet Jesus faced His without bitterness. He didn't retaliate; He redeemed. You may not be able to avoid being hurt, but you can choose not to let it harden your heart. Christ shows us a better way—the way of mercy. Even in His deepest pain, He remained faithful.

Prayer: Lord, when others disappoint me, help me respond with grace. Keep my heart tender and teach me to forgive as You forgave. Amen.

My reflections:

Wednesday, April 1 – **"When Words Fail"**

Matthew 26:75 (NIV) – *"Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken... And he went outside and wept bitterly."*

Peter's failure was loud—but so was Jesus' forgiveness. The rooster's crow marked the end of Peter's self-reliance and the beginning of redemption. Our lowest moments can become launching points for God's greatest restoration. When we fall, Jesus doesn't walk away—He walks closer.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for second chances. Help me rise again through Your grace and use my failure as testimony to Your mercy. Amen.

My reflections:

Thursday, April 2 – **"The Table of Grace"**

Luke 22:19 (NIV) – *"And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, 'This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.'"*

At that last supper, Jesus broke bread knowing betrayal was already in the room. Still, He gave thanks. Grace doesn't look for who deserves it—it flows freely from Him who offers grace to all. Every time we come to His table, we remember love that gave everything to invite us in. The table is always set for sinners.

My reflections:

Friday, April 3 – "The Cross and the Crown"

John 19:30 (NIV) – *"Jesus said, 'It is finished.' With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit."*

On that dark hill, Jesus didn't cry out in defeat but in triumph. "It is finished" meant sin's grip was broken and the door to heaven swung open. The crown of thorns crowned the King of glory—and your salvation was sealed. This wasn't the end; it was the beginning of everything.

Prayer: Savior, thank You for completing the work I could never do. Let the cross remind me daily of love that paid it all. Amen.

My reflections:

Saturday, April 4 – **"Hope in the Waiting"**

Matthew 27:59–61 (NIV) – *"Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and placed it in his own new tomb."*

Saturday was silent—but God was still at work. Between the cross and the empty tomb, hope wasn't lost, just hidden. When your prayers seem unanswered and your faith feels quiet, remember: resurrection often begins in the waiting. Don't mistake God's silence for His absence.

Prayer: Lord, help me trust You in the silence. Teach me that Your delays are not Your denials, and that hope is never buried when You are near. Amen.

My reflections:

Sunday, April 5 – **"He Is Risen!"**

Matthew 28:6 (NIV) – *"He is not here; he has risen, just as he said."*

The stone rolled away not so Jesus could get out, but so we could look in. Death bowed, sin shattered, and hope walked out of the grave. The empty tomb isn't just a moment in history—it's the invitation to live resurrected every day. Because He lives, we can face tomorrow. Because He conquered death, we can live without fear.

Prayer: Jesus, You are alive! Let resurrection joy fill my heart today. May my life tell the story that You still roll stones away. Amen.

My reflections:

Closing Reflection

You've journeyed the road to Jerusalem, through the shadow of the cross, and into the radiant light of the empty tomb. The message of Easter isn't just that Jesus died—it's that death could not hold Him. And because of that, nothing can hold you either.

Whatever you're facing today—fear, doubt, guilt, grief—the resurrection declares that God's power is greater. The same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead lives in you. You are not defined by your past. You are not stuck in your present. You are not limited by your vision of the future. You are advanced by Him who holds all authority and held by the One who conquered the grave.

As you walk forward from this Easter season, carry this truth with you: *Death could not hold Him.* And nothing can hold you back from His love.

Final Prayer:

Father, thank You for the journey You've walked with me these past 22 days. Thank You for the cross that paid my debt and the empty tomb that proves Your power. Help us live every day as a resurrection people—full of hope, faith, and love. May my life be a testimony that Jesus is alive and His love changes everything. In the mighty name of the Risen Savior, Amen.