



Meditations for the Easter Season: 2024

EASTER WEEK:

During Easter week this year, the meditations will focus on the death of the Lord as a victory. He humbled himself and became obedient even to death, and God his Father exalted him to be Lord of all.

Sun 3/31 | 1 Cor. 5:7b-8

An exhortation to celebrate in a fitting way the festival which celebrates the death and resurrection of Christ.

Mon 4/1 | Rom. 10:8-13

In order for us to be saved in the day of God's wrath, we need to call upon the name of the Lord. Jesus, as Son of God, is the source of our salvation.

Tue. 4/2 | Ac. 2:32-36

The resurrection of Christ puts him in the position—as Lord of all and anointed King of Israel—to redeem us, especially through the sending of the Spirit.

Wed. 4/3 | 1 Cor. 15:20-25

The resurrection of Christ puts him in a position to give us life and to complete the defeat of Satan.

Thu. 4/4 | Ac. 3:11-16

The resurrection of Christ is the glorification of God's servant, and it leads to life and healing for the human race.

Fri. 4/5 | Heb. 9:24; 10:12-14

The resurrection of Christ puts him in the position to complete the sacrifice on the cross by presenting his blood (his life offered in sacrifice) to the Father and by interceding for us.

Sat. 4/6 | Ac. 4:24-30

During a time of persecution, the apostles pray that the opposition of the kings of this world to the work of Christ be defeated by the preaching of the gospel.

DURING THE MIDDLE PART OF THE FIFTY DAYS, THE MEDITATIONS WILL BE FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS. WE WANT TO CONSIDER THE BOOK OF ACTS AS A DESCRIPTION OF THE RESULTS OF THE RESURRECTION AND THE OUTPOURING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE BODY OF PEOPLE REDEEMED BY CHRIST.

WHAT FOLLOWS IS A FLEXIBLE APPROACH TO GOING THROUGH THE BOOK OF ACTS. THERE ARE SPECIFIC MEDITATIONS FOR EASTER WEEK AND THE PERIOD BETWEEN ASCENSION AND PENTECOST, BUT THE REMAINDER OF THE TIME, CHAPTERS WILL BE ASSIGNED TO EACH DAY, AND YOU CAN DECIDE HOW TO CONDUCT THE MEDITATIONS. NO READING IS ASSIGNED TO SUNDAY.

WEEK TWO (4/8 – 4/13):

Ac. 1

Ac. 2

Ac. 3

Ac. 4

Ac. 5

Ac. 6-7

WEEK FOUR (4/22 – 4/27):

Ac. 15:1-35

Ac. 15:36 – 16:10

Ac. 16:11-40

Ac. 17

Ac. 18

Ac. 19

WEEK THREE (4/15 – 4/20):

Ac. 8

Ac. 9

Ac. 10 – 11:18

Ac. 11:19 – 12:25

Ac. 13

Ac. 14

WEEK FIVE (4/29 – 5/4):

Ac. 20

Ac. 21

Ac. 22

Ac. 23

Ac. 24

Ac. 25:1-22

WEEK SIX (5/6 – 5/8):

Ac. 25:23 – 26:32

Ac. 27:1 – 28:10

Ac. 28:11-31

ASCENSION – PENTECOST:

The concluding meditations for the Fifty Days go from Ascension Thursday to Pentecost. They focus on our union with God in Christ through the Holy Spirit, and on the reign of Christ over us and over the whole world.

Thu. 5/9 | Lk. 24:45-51

As Christ ascends to the Father for the last time, he promises to send his disciples the Holy Spirit, the promised blessing of the new age.

Fri. 5/10 | Heb. 7:26

The Lord is exalted as the high priest who intercedes for us.

Sat. 5/11 | Ac. 10:40-42

The risen and ascended Lord is to be proclaimed as the one who will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Sun. 5/12 | Rev. 22:11-17

Those filled with the Spirit pray for the coming of the Lord when he will give them the full inheritance of the kingdom.

Mon. 5/13 | Ac. 5:32

God gives the Holy Spirit to those who obey him.

Tue. 5/14 | 1 Cor. 12:4-7

God the Father, the Lord Jesus, and the Holy Spirit work in us through the charismatic gifts that equip us for service.

Wed. 5/15 | 1 Cor. 12:13

The Holy Spirit unites us to Christ by joining us with the Christian people and in so doing makes it possible for us to be filled with himself.

Thu. 5/16 | Rom. 8:15-17

The Holy Spirit gives us experiential knowledge of our relationship with God as sons.

Fri. 5/17 | Gal. 5:16, 22-23

The Holy Spirit makes it possible for us to live in a way which is pleasing to God.

Sat. 5/18 | Rom. 8:23

We do not yet have the full redemption or inheritance, but in the Holy Spirit we have received the firstfruits of the harvest to come.

Sun. 5/19 (Pentecost) | Rev. 21:5-7

God will make all things new, including ourselves, if we conquer in him.