

## HOLY WEEK DEVOTIONAL: *The Way Back*: Walking with Jesus from Palms to Resurrection

### Palm / Passion Sunday

**Read:** Matthew 21:1–11; 26:14–35

**Focus:** Celebration and coming failure

The crowd shouts “Hosanna—save us!” But Jesus knows what is coming.

He says plainly:

“You *will* fall away.”

“You *will* deny me.”

Jesus is not giving commands—He is revealing the truth about the human heart.

**Reflection:** Where am I confident in myself... instead of honest about my need for Christ?

**Prayer:** Lord, help me to see myself clearly—and to trust You more than I trust myself.

### Holy Monday - Jesus Clears the Temple

**Read:** Matthew 26:36–46 (Gethsemane)

**Focus:** Watching and praying

Jesus asks His disciples to stay awake with Him—but they cannot. The spirit is willing. The flesh is weak.

**Reflection:** Where am I spiritually asleep when I should be attentive?

**Prayer:** Lord, wake my heart. Help me to stay with You in both comfort and struggle.

### Holy Tuesday - Jesus Goes to the Mount of Olives

**Read:** Luke 22:54–62 (Peter’s denial)

**Focus:** Failure under pressure

Peter said, “I never will.” But under pressure—he does. And then he remembers... and weeps.

**Reflection:** When have I failed in ways I never thought I would?

**Prayer:** Lord, when I fall short, do not let me run away—draw me back to You.

### Holy Wednesday

**Read:** Matthew 27:3–5 (Judas’ remorse)

**Focus:** Remorse vs. repentance

Judas says, “I have sinned.” But he turns to the wrong place for mercy.

He felt remorse... but did not return to Jesus.

**Reflection:** Where do I go with my guilt—away from Christ, or toward Him?

**Prayer:** Lord, teach me true repentance. Lead me back to You, not away from You.

### Maundy Thursday - Passover and Last Supper

**Read:** John 13:1–17; Luke 22:31–34

**Focus:** Grace at the table

Jesus washes feet.

Jesus breaks bread.

Jesus says, “When you have turned back...”

He knows they will fail—and still offers Himself.

**Reflection:** Can I receive grace, even knowing my weakness?

**Prayer:** Lord, thank You for loving me fully and still inviting me to Your table.

### Good Friday - Trial, Crucifixion, Death, and Burial

**Read:** Luke 23:32–43

**Focus:** The cross and the choice

Two criminals hang beside Jesus.

One to his left turns away.

One to his right turns toward Him. “Today you will be with me in paradise.”

**Reflection:** What does it look like for me to turn to Jesus—even now?

**Prayer:** Jesus, remember me. Even at my worst, draw me into Your mercy.

### Holy Saturday - Jesus body lay in its tomb

**Read:** John 19:38–42

**Focus:** Waiting in silence

Jesus is in the tomb. The world is quiet. Hope feels distant.

This is the space between what was... and what will be.

**Reflection:** Where am I waiting, unsure, or holding onto hope in the dark?

**Prayer:** Lord, help me trust You even when I cannot yet see what You are doing.