

**Holy Week 2010**

**Monday, 3/29/10 – Read John 14:15-31**

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A Question to Answer: This is Holy Week, when we remember Jesus' last week and prepare for Easter. This week we'll read through much of the story of Jesus' last week from John's gospel. The focus this week is more on the Bible reading itself. If you want to focus your attention simply on reading meditatively through the Bible passages and not worry about the questions, that's fine. You may even want to give yourself the time to read through all of the story in John's gospel, chapters 13 through 21. ... We begin with Jesus' promise of the Holy Spirit. Read these verses slowly and meditatively. Hear Jesus say to you, "I will not leave you orphaned" (verse 18). How do you think it felt to Jesus to know that God would continue to be with his followers as the Holy Spirit? ... Look at verse 27. Jesus' parting gift is peace. He says that his peace is different from the world's peace. How is Jesus' peace different?

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**Tuesday, 3/30/10 – Read John 17:1-26**

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A Question to Answer: Look at verse 20. On that last night Jesus prayed for you. Sit with that a moment and let it sink in. Right before the horror of crucifixion, Jesus prayed for you. What feelings does that call up within you?

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**Wednesday, 3/31/10 – Read John 18:1-27**

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A Question to Answer: Peter denied that he knew Jesus. Why do you think he did that? How do you think he felt? ... Do you ever deny what's most important to you? Your faith, your Lord? When has that happened in your life? How did it feel?

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**Thursday, 4/1/10 – Read John 18:28-19:15**

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A Question to Answer: Pilate is an intriguing character in this drama of Jesus' last hours. He seems attracted to Jesus -- but also ambivalent. Maybe he reveals a typical and very human response to God: we're attracted to the beauty and the nobility of God's Presence, but we're also ambivalent. ... When have you been both attracted and ambivalent?

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**Friday, 4/2/10 – Read John 19:16-37**

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A Question to Answer: Sometimes the very worst thing happens. And when it does, most people run and hide. Almost all of Jesus' disciples ran away and hid. Only a handful stayed near. What is it about us that so often we run away?

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Good Grief #6:  
***Sometimes Only the Tears***

**What do I hear God saying to me today?**

**What do I intend to do this week to experience Holy Week and Easter more deeply?**

*Each day this week, take a few minutes. Begin with PRAYER. Then READ through the Bible passage indicated on the inside of this guide. WRITE down your own thoughts, reactions, observations. ANSWER THE QUESTION to begin connecting the Bible with your life. Use additional paper or your own notebook if you need more space to write.*

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**Saturday, 4/3/10 – Read **John 19:38-42****

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A Question to Answer: After all the tension and conflict of Jesus' last week, the burial scene is a moment of terrible stillness. Can you sense the stillness, the emptiness? ... Has there ever been such a moment in your life? What was that like for you?

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**Sunday, 4/4/10 – Read **John 20:1-18****

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A Question to Answer: For today, simply feel into Mary's startled ecstasy: "I have seen the Lord!" ... Sometimes the worst thing happens, and yet God is not defeated or limited by our human "worst." Hope is not optimism or a feeling that everything is going to work out. Hope is trusting that somehow, beyond all our expectation or imagination, God is going to raise up LIFE out of death. Write down your thoughts and feelings.

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