PALM SUNDAY 4/13

The 33-year-old Jesus knows scripture well and fulfills the Old Testament prophecy found in **Zechariah 9:9.** It states, "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

After Reading Mark 11:1-11, how does the fulfillment of prophecies strengthen your faith and trust in God?

Praise Song we are singing to today: <u>Shout Hosanna</u> - Passion Music

HOLY MONDAY 4/14

We remember that Jesus' death and resurrection represent the ultimate act of grace, offering us salvation. **Ephesians 2:8-9** says "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast." This passage reminds us of our deep need for Jesus.

Reflecting on the beautiful hymn "Amazing Grace," which speaks about being lost and then found, as well as being blind and then able to see, think of a time in your life when you deeply experienced God's grace saving you—not because of anything you did, but purely as His gift. Your personal experience of God's grace is unique and deeply valued by Him, take time to share it with someone today.

Praise Song we are singing to today: <u>Amazing Grace (My Chains</u> <u>Are Gone)</u> - Chris Tomlin

HOLY TUESDAY 4/15

Read <u>John 17:6-26</u>, which contains the prayer that Jesus offered up for his disciples and for all of us. Take some time to reflect on this prayer, in which Jesus prays for our protection and calls us to be continuously connected in unity to Him and to other believers. Then, ask yourself, who is God prompting me to pray for? Consider reaching out to that person and letting them know that you have prayed for them.

Praise Song we are singing to today: <u>Make Us One</u> - feat. Chris Tomlin and Matt Maher) - Gather Worship

SPY WEDNESDAY 4/16

Read Matthew 7:1-5, 2 Peter 3:9, John 8:36, Acts 3:19, Proverbs 28:13, 1 John 1:9, John 8:36. Although we are called not to judge others, it is easy to look at Judas and think how he could betray Jesus. Yet, if we look carefully at ourselves, we will likely find a time or two when we turned away from Jesus and did what we wanted, saying, "My will be done instead of Thy Will be done. Thankfully, we follow a God who is gracious, loving, patient, and full of forgiveness. Today, take some time to ask yourself if there is an area in your life you need to surrender to God. Or is there something heavy on your heart that you should repent and ask forgiveness for? This is precisely why Jesus came. God is waiting to take the burden away, remove it, and remind you that you have been washed clean. He is ready to help and guide you through any and every situation in your life. I invite you to Pause & Pray with your hands open and out. Carry everything to the LORD and place it at His feet, asking for forgiveness. Then, enjoy the freedom that only Christ can give.

Praise Song we are singing to today: <u>Who You Say I Am</u> - Hillsong Worship

MAUNDY THURSDAY 4/17

Read the scripture describing the Last Supper in <u>Luke 22:14–20</u> Think about what it must have been like to sit with Jesus and have him say the words we hear each time we take communion. Ponder these words and describe or journal what they mean to you. Praise Songs we are singing to today: <u>Communion Song</u> -Jonathan Stockstill and Bethany Worship and <u>Come To The Table</u> -Sidewalk Prophets

GOOD FRIDAY 4/18

On Good Friday, Jesus knowingly and willingly suffered and died from crucifixion as the ultimate sacrifice for our sin.

Psalms 27:12 & 35:11 - He will be falsely accused of crimes he did not commit

Isaiah 50:6 - He will be spat on

Micah 5:1 - He will be beaten

<u>Psalms 22:18</u> - He will be stripped, and soldiers will throw dice for his clothing

<u>Psalms 22:16</u>, <u>Numbers 9:12</u>, <u>Psalms 34:20</u>, <u>Exodus 12:46</u> - He will be crucified with nails driven through his hands and feet - yet no a single bone will be broken

Zechariah 12:10 - They will mourn for him and will be unable to stop the agony

Isaiah 53:5 - He will endure suffering on our behalf

(Some of the above was taken from the book, Killing Jesus by Bill O'Reilly)

How can we reconcile the suffering of Jesus with God's love?

Praise Song we are singing to today: <u>Sunday is Coming</u> - Phil Wickham and <u>Thank You Jesus for the blood</u> -Charity Gayle

HOLY SATURDAY 4/19

Romans 8:18 "I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us." Holy Saturday is a day for quiet reflection and waiting. Today, let us join those who witnessed the death of Christ, their teacher and friend. Imagine the sorrow and loss they felt during this time. Take a moment to recognize that many people in this world remain trapped in darkness, without a source of hope; they do not yet know the Good News that tomorrow brings. Reflect on who you were before you established a relationship with Christ, and offer a prayer of gratitude for the grace and mercy you have received through the cross. Additionally, pray for those who are lost and without hope.

Praise Song we are singing today: <u>In Christ Alone</u> - Shane & Shane

EASTER SUNDAY 4/20

1 Corinthians 15:3-4 "For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures."

Easter is a time for celebration, joy, and spiritual renewal. It reminds us that after every Good Friday, there comes Easter Sunday. We all face dark and frightening times., but we are called to rely on God to carry us through.

Have you ever experienced a moment when you completely trusted God during a time of fear? How did that experience change you? Spend time praising God for the gift of his Son, the one who tore the veil and restored our relationship with our Heavenly Father, the one who gives us strength, hope, and the promise of eternity in paradise with Him. Enjoy this day celebrating our RISEN LORD!

Praise Songs we are singing today: <u>Because He Lives</u> - Matt Maher and <u>Resurrecting</u> - Elevation Worship