

Passion Week Daily Devotion

The Avenue Church

Monday, April 14: Read John 12:1-11. In pouring out her perfume, Mary challenges both consumption and frugality, which are both rooted in selfishness. Today set aside your agenda and generously celebrate a loved one. Example: tell your wife/husband why you love them so much or tell your local coffee barista what a fantastic job they are doing! Don't forget to share the love with someone from your local church family here at The AC.

Tuesday, April 15: Read John 13:21-38. Jesus predicts Judas' betrayal and Peter's denial. Spend time on your knees confessing your own faltering loyalty today: people you've wounded, promises you've broken, ways you have not believed Jesus was enough. Ask him to forgive you. Repent and turn back to Jesus as your great prize and portion. And thank him for forgiving you and being your great treasure!

Wednesday, April 16: Read Jesus' prayers in John 17. We will fast today as a Church. Follow Jesus' example: pray for troubles you are facing, pray for those close to you, and pray for believers globally. Finally, ask God to help the church in our region to pursue His mission together!

Thursday, April 17: Read John 13:1-17. The day before He was crucified, Jesus celebrated Passover with His disciples. Host your own Passover feast tonight. Have a meal with family or friends. Turn off your cell phones/TV/media, and be fully present, thinking about how Jesus is our Passover Lamb!

Friday, April 18: Read Luke 23:26-49. Attend our special Good Friday service, April 18th at 6:30pm, Lakeview Baptist Church Sanctuary. No childcare is available for this event. Consider watching "The Passion of the Christ." Spend some time listening to worship music that focuses on the cross of Christ, as you worship Jesus for his ultimate sacrifice. (ie, *Nothing But the Blood, Jesus Paid it All, Man of Sorrows, How Deep the Father's Love for Us, Revelation Song, There is a Fountain...*)

Saturday, April 19: Read Luke 23:50-56. Join us for Beach Baptisms on Saturday, April 19th at 9am, at Anchor Park in Delray Beach! Reflect on the pattern of Jesus dying then rising--while there is victory to come, our suffering in the now means something and so does our response. Journal about things you are "waiting" for, anything from unresolved areas in your life, to hopes and desires that only God can bring to life. Worship JESUS with loud music at home to remind yourself Sunday is coming!

Sunday, April 20: Read Luke 24. Easter Sunday! He is Risen! Attend our Easter services, April 20th, at 9:00am or 10:30am. Invite your family and friends, and let's spend the day together celebrating Jesus! Sing your hearts out! Enjoy an Easter egg hunt! (after the 10:30 am service) Remind yourself why today is a day that changes everything!