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HOLY WEEK FAMILY
WORSHIP GUIDE
2017

FRIDAY

- **JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS**
- **PRAY**
 - Lord, there is nothing more important than understanding the sacrifice you made on the cross. As we read Scripture, sing, and discuss the death of Jesus, may you stir our hearts to greater affection for You. Change us, Father. Make us tender to your Spirit, obedient to your commands, and compassionate towards others. We pray this in Jesus name. Amen.
- **WORSHIP**
 - Jesus Paid It All
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9d9a13YUP8>
- **SCRIPTURE**
 - Read Luke 23:32-56
- **DISCUSS**
 - It must have been awful for Jesus as he endured the mockery of people – people he had created. They said awful things about him. And yet, he responded by praying, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do” (v. 34). Take a second and discuss how we need to forgive those who wrong us. How can we be more like Jesus in our forgiveness of others?
 - A centurion was a Roman soldier. Typically, those who handled crucifixions were professionals at that. They had probably seen many criminals die. This centurion saw Jesus die and praised God, saying, “Certainly this man was innocent” (v. 47). Why is it important for us to know that Jesus was sinless? What would his death mean if he was a sinner? Take a second and discuss this.
 - We read that Joseph of Arimathea took the body of Jesus and placed it in a tomb. This act was an incredible kindness. He didn’t want Jesus’ body to be exposed through the entire weekend (it was Passover). We can’t honor the death of Jesus by burying him, that has already been done. Come up with a list of 7 ways you can honor Jesus today.
- **PRAY**
 - Today we are focusing on praying for people who don’t know Jesus – the lost. Take a few minutes to write down names of classmates, coworkers, relatives, or neighbors who either don’t know Jesus or are not actively serving Him. Pray for them by name today. You may want to keep their names on your refrigerator for the next couple of weeks to be prompted to pray for their salvation in the days ahead.

THURSDAY

- **MAUNDY THURSDAY - THE LAST SUPPER**

- **PRAY**

- Lord God, thank you for all you have done and continue to do for us. Thank you for sending your Son, the perfect example of a sinless life, who by example served and loved others exactly as you ask us to do. Thank you for the commands you have placed on our lives to love and serve one another. Help us to love and serve others well. Thank you for all you have done for us. Help us to love you more. Amen.

- **WORSHIP**

- In Christ Alone
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KaQH-UjLSJ4&list=RDKaQH-UjLSJ4>

- **SCRIPTURE**

- Read John 13:1-17

- **DISCUSS**

- Before going any further, discuss it with your family and answer this question: “What is your purpose in life?”
- The word ‘Maundy’ comes from the Latin word ‘Mandatum’ which means “command,” and has to do with God’s command for us to love and serve one another. Jesus showed His disciples how to love one another and in doing so, demonstrated our purpose in life; *love God. love Others. serve the World.* This was Jesus’ last night with the disciples and this was the message he left them with... Wow! At Crossroads we believe that scripture is clear and that this is our command as we make disciples. Was this the purpose you gave for your life just a minute ago? Discuss with your family how our actions throughout the day/week/year fulfill or contradict our purpose?
- Take minute to think about how you are loving and serving the people in your house. Now discuss ways that you can love and serve one another better. Finally, individually and privately, come up with one act of loving service and to give/do to everyone in the family. Make sure you keep this to yourself until you give/do it and make sure it is done before this time tomorrow.

- **PRAY**

- Along with your other prayer concerns, please pray for your family’s purpose and our church’s mission partners as they fulfill their purpose in different parts of the world.
- Our Church’s Mission Partners:
 - Davor and Sandra Kukec and their family ministries in Croatia
 - Nate & Erin Brady, and Brett & Lia Lamberth with Chosen People International, church planters and pastor trainers in Guatemala.
 - Mission Hope for Kids
 - Clarity Solutions for Women

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MONDAY

- **THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY**

- **PRAY**

- Father God, You are truly the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. As we look back in history and think about how your entrance into the city was celebrated, move in our hearts so that we always give you the throne of our lives. Lord you deserve so much more than we can offer. Please accept our worship and praise. Thank you for all you have done for us. Help us to love you more. Amen.

- **WORSHIP**

- Sovereign Over Us
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EufaligPigU>

- **SCRIPTURE**

- Read Matthew 21:1-11

- **DISCUSS**

- How amazing is it, that Jesus knew there would be a donkey at the gate? Even more than that, how amazing is it that we see through prophesy that God had planned for Jesus to ride on that donkey from the beginning of time. Even in the midst of all the bad that was about to happen to Christ, God had a plan, a perfect plan for our salvation. Think of 3 hard things that have happened to your family that you have seen God work out for good. If you are going through a hard time right now talk about what God might be working out even now.
- When Jesus entered into Jerusalem he was treated like a hero or a king. Unfortunately, the people were not sincere in wanting to make him king of their lives. Discuss the difference between making Jesus lord of your life and just celebrating his presence at church on Sunday.
- This passage shows us that Jesus was worshiped by the waving of palm branches, shouting Hosanna, and laying coats at the donkey’s feet. What are some ways that your family can worship Jesus throughout the week?

- **PRAY**

- Today we are focusing on praying for the worship and tech ministries at our church. Take a moment to pray for our team’s ability to lead us in authentic worship that brings glory, honor and praise to God.

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TUESDAY

- **JESUS CLEANSSES THE TEMPLE**
- **PRAY**
 - Great God in Heaven, we ask you to show us how to never to confuse the things that seem important for what You say is truly important. Help us to learn from the mistakes of those in the Temple. Help us to see the wonderful things that You do and to respond in worship. Teach us about your greatness today, O Great God.
- **WORSHIP**
 - What a Beautiful Name It Is
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r5L6QIAH3L4>
- **SCRIPTURE**
 - Read Matthew 21:12-17
- **DISCUSS**
 - The temple was packed with visitors from all over Israel. Jesus saw them using it for financial gain so he turned over their tables in a display of righteous anger. We know Jesus never sinned, so his behavior can't be sinful. How can we do a better job of not losing our tempers?
 - Take a second and discuss how important prayer must have been to Jesus ("My house shall be called a house of prayer,"). Discuss how you can make prayer more important in your home. Try to come up with 3 ways you can make prayer more important in your home.
 - We are told in the last few verses that the children understood who Jesus was ("Hosanna to the Son of David!") more than the religious leaders did. Do you sometimes believe the lie that you aren't smart enough to really know God? Take a minute and talk about what child-like faith is. You might even want a child to define "faith" for you! How can we develop a child-like faith?
- **PRAY**
 - Today we are focusing on praying for each other. Take a moment to pray for everyone in your circle. If you are doing this solo, take a moment and pray for people God places on your heart.
 - Some ideas on how to pray for each other: pray for health, for wisdom, for spiritual growth, for salvation, or for God's blessing in your endeavors.

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WEDNESDAY

- **JESUS: WORSHIPED AND BETRAYED**
- **PRAY**
 - Father, thank you for the gift of your son. Move in our hearts so that we will understand the reality and significance of Christ's sacrifice. Help us fall more in love with you. Lord, help us to have hearts like Mary that place our love and devotion for you over our concern for ourselves. As we go through this lesson, help us to learn from Judas' sin. Search our hearts, show us our sin and give us strength and courage to repent. Thank you for all you have done for us. Help us to love you more. Amen.
- **WORSHIP**
 - How Deep The Father's Love
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SKDujmtyAVk>
- **SCRIPTURE**
 - Read Mark 14:1-11 Remember, tradition holds that the woman with the alabaster jar was Mary Magdalene.
- **DISCUSS**
 - Have you ever loved someone so much, that when it came time to give them a gift, it seemed like nothing you could give them would be good enough. I think that is a small picture of the thought behind Mary's gift to Jesus. Nothing was too expensive, too precious, or too important for her Lord. Take a minute to think of the three greatest gifts you have ever given. Share them with your family. How did it feel to give really great gifts?
 - Jesus knew Mary's heart. He knew what she was trying to do by giving him this gift. Have you ever received a gift that was given out of enormous love? Discuss the greatest gift given out of love and sacrifice you have ever received.
 - Judas couldn't understand this gift, because he didn't love Christ the way Mary did. John tells us that Judas kept track of the financial workings of the disciple's ministry. It is obvious that he was more concerned with his job than his Savior. It seems that his disgust over the money that was "wasted" was one of the things that pushed him to betray Christ. How often do we get so concerned with the day-to-day workings of our job and school that we forget to worship our Savior? Unfortunately, when we fail to love our Savior well, we normally fail to love others well and fall into sin. Be honest with yourself and your family. On a scale of 1-10, rate your quiet time with God, your time in His word, and your personal worship of Him. Ask your family to hold you accountable, as you hold them accountable, to reaching a 10 and being more like Mary.
- **PRAY**
 - Along with your other prayer concerns, please pray for your family's time alone with God and the future of our church. When praying for the church, please remember our Elders as they make decisions about our future location and our direction as a whole.

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