



LENT

CHRIST'S JOURNEY
TO THE CROSS

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As the Advent season prepares our hearts for Christmas, Lent prompts us to ponder the significance of the resurrection of Christ. Lent (from Latin, meaning fortieth) is the forty days from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday. In this season, early Christians stepped out of their normal routines to spend time considering Christ's journey to the cross. How can you prepare your heart to celebrate our risen Lord? This seven-week study is meant to do just that.

Jesus professed to be the Son of God. Is He? The life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ can be both perplexing and amazing. Did Jesus Christ really rise from the grave? Perhaps Christianity hinges on this one question. He either accomplished this or He did not. He also claimed to forgive sin, something only God can do. The weight of this alone warrants further examination.

"I place You under oath by the living God, to tell us whether You are the Christ, the Son of God. Jesus said to him, 'You have said it yourself'" (Matthew 26:63b-64a, NASB).

Come and witness the last week of Jesus' life. Notice the accusers, the innocent bystanders, and the hopeful followers. During these seven weeks, *imagine yourself* in Jesus' final conversations. Watch the soldiers fall to the ground when He declares, "I am He." Hear the crowd shouting, "Crucify Him!" Feel the emotion at the tomb the morning Jesus rose from the grave. Observe the Scripture, interpret the meaning, and apply it to your own life. Gain new insight into Jesus' resounding victory over sin and death. Develop a new sense of gratitude as you witness His final week on earth.

The Lamb of God is with us! His name is Jesus. As you may discover for yourself, He conquered sin and He conquered the grave.

HALLELUJAH!

CHRIST IS RISEN!



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SUGGESTED SCRIPTURES

Week 1: Luke 22:7-20

Week 2: John 18:1-11

Week 3: Mark 15:1-15

Week 4: Matthew 27:27-44

Week 5: Matthew 27:45-61

Week 6: John 20:1-18

Week 7: Luke 24:36-53

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STUDY GUIDE



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WEEK: _____ **SCRIPTURE:** _____

Each day: **read** the Scripture, **pray** for understanding, and **answer** the questions.

DAY
1

What do you learn about Jesus in this passage?

How does Jesus respond to people around him?

What do you find most interesting?

DAY
2

Who are the people in this passage?

How do they respond to Jesus? What do their actions demonstrate?

How would you respond?

DAY 3

Imagine yourself witnessing this moment with Jesus. Describe the setting (sights, smells, and what you might hear).

How would you feel in this situation?

If you could go back in time, would you want to be there for these moments? Why or why not?

DAY 4

Read the passage out loud (perhaps from an additional Bible translation). Take time to listen and reflect.

What hope does this passage offer?

Where do you need hope right now?

What hope does this passage offer you?

Take time to write out a prayer expressing gratitude for the hope Christ has given you.

DAY 5

How does your view of Christ change through this study?

What would you like to remember from the study of these passages?

With whom would you like to share what you have learned?