

DAILY READINGS

Sunday	Luke 22:14-23
Monday	Matthew 26:21-25; Psalm 49:1-8; Proverbs 8:11-13
Tuesday	Mark 14:18-31; Psalm 49:9-20; Proverbs 8:14-16
Wednesday	John 13:1-20; Psalm 50:1-6; Proverbs 8:17-20
Thursday	John 13:21-30; Psalm 50:7-13; Proverbs 8:21-24
Friday	Exodus 24:1-8; Psalm 50:14-23; Proverbs 8:25-27
Saturday	Luke 22:24-38; Psalm 51:1-8; Proverbs 8:28-30

DEVOTIONAL: READ LUKE 22:14-23

The night before Jesus was to be crucified, He sat down for the Passover meal with His disciples. This traditional meal, full of Jewish symbolism, was something they would have all been familiar with, but that night, Jesus took an ancient tradition and brought new meaning to it. We now commonly call the practice of remembering Jesus, through the taking of bread and juice (or wine), “communion.” He knew that this final message, this final meal, was going to leave an imprint that He did not want them to forget.

He said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer” (Luke 22:15). Jesus craved this unique time with those closest to Him. It was a meal of closure. It was a message

of meaning. It was designed to make a point and to be celebrated forever.

Though they would not understand the full implications until later, the disciples must have been amazed to see how this practice that they had taken part in for centuries had always pointed to Jesus. He instructed them to continue the practice together in remembrance of Him.

As Jesus’ disciples, we still remember Him in this way today. Jesus is the One who saves us and gives us life. It was His body that was broken and His blood that was shed on the cross for us! Every time we share the bread and cup, it’s an opportunity to remember and celebrate the finished work of Christ.

REFLECTION

In your own words, what does the practice of communion help us remember?

What are other things in life or creation that help you remember Jesus?

How are you making it a consistent practice to remember with other believers? Who can you invite this week to join you in remembering Jesus?

DISCUSSION

What is a day in your life that you will always remember?

PRAYER

Loving Father, it is staggering to ponder the incarnation—that You sent Your only Son to take on human flesh and bear my sin in death, so that I may be forgiven and have life. Jesus, I am amazed that You willingly gave Your body to be broken that I may be healed; Your blood was spilled out so I could have life eternal. Thank You for Your sacrifice, Jesus. May my life be marked by thanksgiving and praise in response.

Thank You for inviting me to Your table. You call me out to receive the bread of life and drink from the fountain that won't run dry. You call me out of darkness, hiddenness, and doubt. You beckon me to repent in light of the beauty of Your gospel. May my life be marked by repentance and faith, and may I learn to love the way You do. Amen.