

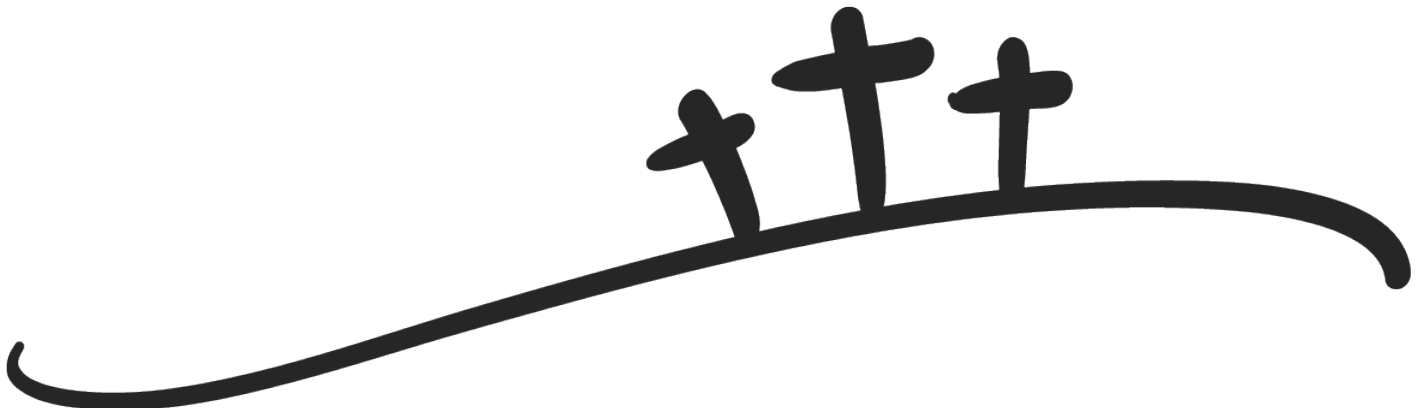
# CALVARY

## BAPTIST CHURCH

### **Passion Week 2024** Scripture Reading Guide

Passion Week refers to Jesus' final week, beginning on Palm Sunday and ending on Easter Sunday. The name comes from the Latin word passion, meaning 'to endure' or 'to suffer.' Jesus' final seven days reveal the anguish He endured and the suffering and death He underwent at the cross to pay the penalty for humanity's sins.

As we reflect upon the suffering, death, and resurrection this week, we invite you to set aside daily time to read the Scriptures, reflect upon the demonstration of God's love for us, and celebrate the work of Jesus to restore us to a right relationship with God.



## **Palm Sunday**

The time had arrived. On the first day of the week, Jesus entered Jerusalem as Israel's King, though He wept for her inability to see and accept Him, receiving the peace of God. Riding on a borrowed donkey, Jesus entered the city that would be the site of His crucifixion, intentionally going to the place to fulfill His mission to seek and save those far from Him (Luke 19:10).

**Scripture Reading | Zechariah 9:9 and Matthew 21:1-11**

## **Holy Monday**

Jesus entered the temple complex, where many were doing business. This place was intended for a holy God to dwell and meet with sinful humanity. Yet the merchants' business dealings littered the way for sinners to enter the presence of God for worship, creating a barrier between them and God. In a display of His kingly authority, Jesus drove them out.

**Scripture Reading | Isaiah 56:1-8 and Luke 19:41-48**

## **Holy Tuesday**

As Jesus taught in the temple, Israel's religious leaders challenged His authority. Envious of His power and authority and jealous of the crowds' delight and devotion toward Jesus, the chief priests, elders, and teachers of the law sought to trap Jesus and dispose of Him once and for all.

**Scripture Reading | Psalm 118:19-27 and Luke 20**

## **Spy Wednesday**

Wednesday of Passion Week has been termed "Spy Wednesday" by those who believe this was the day Judas made a deal with the leaders to betray Jesus. Jesus continued teaching throughout the day, but a spectacular moment came when a woman honored Jesus by anointing His feet with precious, expensive oil. Perhaps this was the straw on Judas' back, for he was angry at the "wasted" ointment, leading him straight to the religious authorities to betray Jesus into their hands.

**Scripture Reading | Psalm 41:9, Mark 14:1-10, and John 13:21-30**

## **Maundy Thursday**

Jesus gathered with His disciples to celebrate the Passover Meal, which marked Israel's deliverance from Egypt by God years prior. Obeying the instructions of God, Israel killed a Lamb, spreading the blood upon the doorposts of the home so that God's judgment would pass over them that night. As the group reflected on the grace and mercy of God to save Israel from Egypt, Jesus explained how the Passover Meal pointed to the killing of one final Lamb--Jesus Himself. The application of His blood over our life delivers the person who trusts in Him by faith from slavery to sin and death. While having the meal together, Jesus took water and a towel to serve His disciples by washing their feet. He then commanded them (maundy is Latin for commandment) to love and serve one another as He had done and was about to do for them.

**Scripture Reading | Matthew 26:17-30 and John 13:1-17**

## **Good Friday**

Jewish leaders and Roman authorities join forces in the greatest travesty of justice to ever occur. The wholly pure and sinless Son of God endured six illegal trials, resulting in a sentence of death, though no one found any wrong in Him. A convicted murderer, Barabbas, was set free while they condemned Jesus to be crucified on a criminal's cross. Jesus' death occurred on the cross meant for humanity to die for their acts of rebellion against God so we might be forgiven and free.

**Scripture Reading | Isaiah 53:1-10 and John 19:1-30**

## Silent Saturday

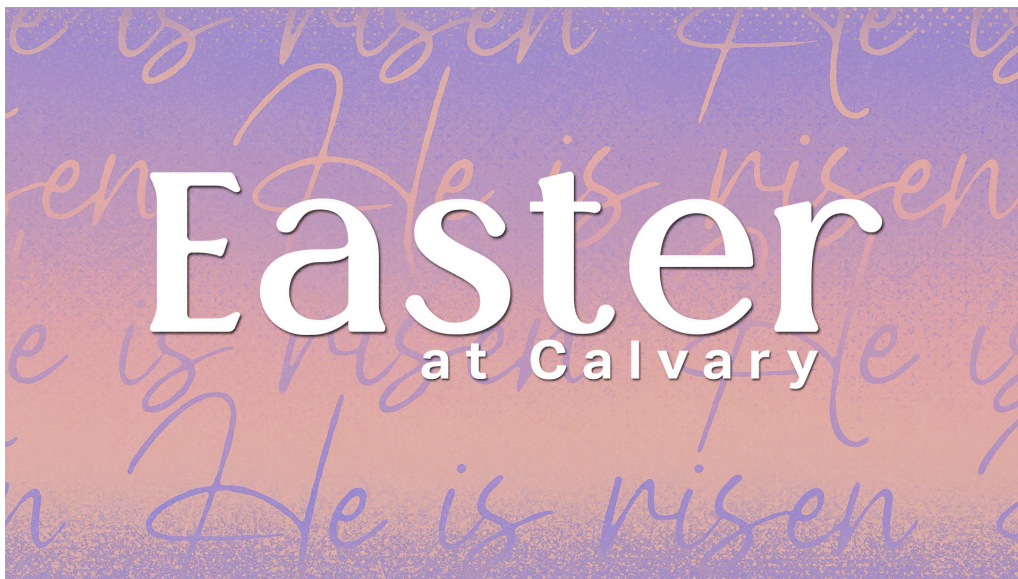
We do not know much about what happened on Saturday between Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Saturday was the Sabbath—the day of rest. The disciples were silent, resting from work and activity. Jesus was silent after they laid Him behind the stone after He completed work on the cross. There was no silence in the sobs of sorrow and wails of grief coming from the disciples as they mourned the death of the One in whom they fixed their hopes. But now He was dead and gone, and some of them waited for Sunday's arrival when they could adequately prepare His body that had been hastily placed in the tomb before sundown Friday and the Sabbath's start.

**Scripture Reading | Luke 23:50-56**

## Resurrection Sunday

With bleary eyes and broken hearts, early Sunday morning, the women traveled to the tomb with spices, expecting to find Jesus' lifeless body within. Yet when they arrived, they found the stone displaced and Jesus' body missing. Angels delivered the remarkable news: "He is not here; He is risen!" Jesus is risen indeed! God the Father raised Jesus the Son from the dead to never die again. Every week, we have provided a reminder of Christ's death on Friday and resurrection on Sunday. Even more, for the person who has trusted Jesus by faith, we daily have the hope of salvation because Jesus, who died for our sins, also rose again to give us a forever life and hope. Praise God our Savior lives!

**Scripture Reading | Luke 24 and 1 Corinthians 15**



**Sunday, March 31**

**9:30 AM**

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395 Fletcher Road

**11:00 AM**

Beaumont Campus  
3650 Dowlen Road

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