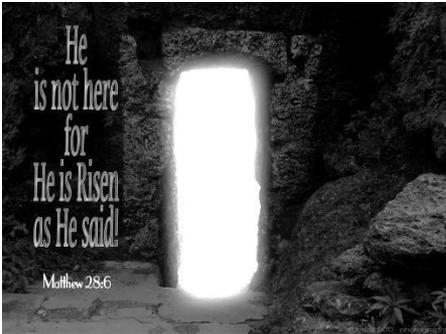


Sunday's Coming!

—Forty days of preparation.



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“Sounds like Lent to me.”

“I didn’t think we did Lent in our church.”

“What is Lent anyway?”

So glad you asked. Lent is NOT a biblical event. It was created by the church in the fourth century, and that is why most fundamental/evangelical churches do not recognize it.

However, just like Christmas, we need not throw the baby out with the bath water. Here are some thoughts:

- Would a 40 day study of the Bible be a good thing?
- Could it help us focus on the events of Jesus’ last week before His crucifixion and resurrection?
- Do we have to call it “Lent” if we choose to do something different in the weeks leading up to Resurrection Sunday?

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- Yes, yes, no. For that reason, we’d like to invite you to join us for a 40 day Bible study/devotional guide. This little booklet will include:
 - A Bible verses to read each day and think about in preparation for...
 - Wednesday night Bible Study. For six weeks, each lesson will deal with the weekly topic which the daily Bible verses is centered around.
 - Wednesdays will also include prayer time and will still coincide with Master Club

Thank you for joining us, because...

...Sunday’s coming!!

It's Friday

--Ken Weliever, The Preacherman

It's Friday. Jesus is praying. Peter's a sleeping.

Judas is betraying.
But Sunday's comin'.

It's Friday. Pilate's struggling.
The council is conspiring. The crowd is vilifying.
They don't even know that Sunday's comin'.

It's Friday. The disciples are running
Like sheep without a shepherd.
Mary's crying. Peter is denying.
But they don't know that Sunday's a comin'.

It's Friday. The Romans beat my Jesus.
They robe him in scarlet. They crown him with thorns.
But they don't know that Sunday's comin'.

It's Friday. See Jesus walking to Calvary.
His blood dripping. His body stumbling.
And his spirit's burdened.
But you see, it's only Friday. Sunday's comin'.

It's Friday. The world's winning.
People are sinning. And evil's grinning.

It's Friday. The soldiers nail my Savior's hands to the
cross. They nail my Savior's feet to the cross.
And then they raise him up Next to criminals.

It's Friday. But let me tell you something,
Sunday's comin'.

It's Friday. The disciples are questioning.
What has happened to their King.

And the Pharisees are celebrating
that their scheming has been achieved.
But they don't know It's only Friday. Sunday's comin'.

It's Friday. He's hanging on the cross.
Feeling forsaken by his Father. Left alone and dying.
Can nobody save him?

Ooooh It's Friday.
But Sunday's comin'.

It's Friday. The earth trembles.
The sky grows dark.
My King yields his spirit.

It's Friday. Hope is lost. Death has won.
Sin has conquered and Satan's just a laughin'.
It's Friday. Jesus is buried. A soldier stands guard.
And a rock is rolled into place. But it's Friday.

It is only Friday.
Sunday is a comin'!

March 6, Wednesday—Introduction

Many churches label this day as Ash Wednesday and symbolize its significance in various ways. In keeping with my biblical view, I do not recognize that day because it has no biblical foundation and try to stay away from ‘man-made’ religious dogma as much as possible.

That said, this devotional is 46 days out from Resurrection Sunday which is often referred to as Lent (explained above). While any time and every day is a great time to study the Bible, this little devotional is meant to help you to focus on Jesus and His last days on earth. I’ve organized it but the thoughts will be all yours! Blessings to you as you study God’s Word.

Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand. Revelation 1:3

Jesus said several “I am” statements. Look up each verse and consider what it tells you about Who Jesus is. For this next week, look up the daily verse and write your thoughts about...

...WHO IS JESUS?

March 7—John 4:26 (You may need to read the passage to find out the answer.) Jesus is [the] M_____.

Thoughts: _____

March 8—John 6:35 Jesus is the _____

Thoughts: _____

March 9—John 8:23 Jesus is from _____

Thoughts: _____

March 10—SUNDAY

Write down your thoughts about today's Sunday School lesson and today's sermon. This may sound childish, but really, isn't that one of the reasons we go to church—to learn the Bible? Writing it down will do more than just help you to LEARN, it will encourage you to apply it to your life.

Write down:

WHAT (was the point):

HOW will I apply it to make my life shine this week:

March 11—John 9:5 Jesus is the _____

Thoughts: _____

March 12—John 10:9 Jesus is the _____

Thoughts: _____

March 13—John 15:1 Jesus is the _____

Thoughts: _____

For more “I am”s look at: John 10:7; John 10:36; John 11:25;
John 13:13; Rev. 1:17

NOTES: _____

March 13, Wednesday—**Who is Jesus**

Conclusion for the week of study:

LAST WEEK PARABLES

March 14—Matt. 21:28-32 Parable of the Two Sons

Thoughts: _____

March 15—Matt.21:33-41 Parable of the Vineyard

Thoughts: _____

March 16—Matt.22:1-14 Parable of the Marriage Supper

Thoughts: _____

March 17—SUNDAY

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Write down:

WHAT (was the point):

HOW will I apply it to make my life shine this week:

Thoughts: _____

March 22—Ps. 41:9/Mark 14:10 Betrayed by a Friend

Thoughts: _____

March 23—Zech. 11:12/Matt. 26:15 Sold for 30 Pieces

Thoughts: _____

March 24—SUNDAY

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Write down:

WHAT (was the point):

HOW will I apply it to make my life shine this week:

March 24—SUNDAY

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learn the Bible? Writing it down will do more than just help you to LEARN, it will encourage you to apply it to your life.

Write down:

WHAT (was the point):

HOW will I apply it to make my life shine this week:

March 25—Isaiah 53:7/Matt. 26:62,63 Silent When Accused
Thoughts: _____

March 26—Isaiah. 53:4,5/Matt. 8:16,17 Suffering Vicariously
Thoughts: _____

March 27—Zech. 12:10/John 19:34 His Side Pierced
Thoughts: _____

March 25—Isaiah 53:7/Matt. 26:62,63 Silent When Accused
Thoughts: _____

March 26—Isaiah. 53:4,5/Matt. 8:16,17 Suffering Vicariously

Thoughts: _____

March 27—Zech. 12:10/John 19:34 His Side Pierced

Thoughts: _____

March 27, Wednesday— **Prophecies Concerning Jesus’
Death**

Conclusion for the week of study:

LAST MONTH’S MIRACLES

March 28—John 11:1-46 Raising Lazarus

Thoughts: _____

March 29—Luke 13:10-17 The Woman Healed of Infirmity

Thoughts: _____

March 30—Luke 18:35-43 The Two Blind Men

Thoughts: _____

March 31—SUNDAY

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Write down:

WHAT (was the point):

HOW will I apply it to make my life shine this week:

March 31—SUNDAY

Write down your thoughts about today's Sunday School lesson and today's sermon. This may sound childish, but really, isn't that one of the reasons we go to church—to learn the Bible? Writing it down will do more than just help you to LEARN, it will encourage you to apply it to your life.

Write down:

WHAT (was the point):

HOW will I apply it to make my life shine this week:

April 1—Mark 11:12-14, 20-21 Cursing the Fig Tree

Thoughts: _____

April 2—Luke 22:50-51 Malchus' Ear

Thoughts: _____

April 3—Matt. 27:51-53 Graves Opened

Thoughts: _____

April 3, Wednesday—**Last Month's Miracles**

Conclusion for the week of study:

PASSOVER/LAST SUPPER

April 4—Matt. 26:17-20 Preparation for the Passover

Thoughts: _____

April 5—Luke.22:24-30; John 13:1-17 Strife Among Disciples

Thoughts: _____

April 6—John 13:21-30 Traitor Revealed

Thoughts: _____

April 7—SUNDAY

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Write down:

WHAT (was the point):

HOW will I apply it to make my life shine this week:

April 8—Matt.26:26-29 The Lord's Supper

Thoughts: _____

April 9—John 15:1-11 Jesus' Parting Words

Thoughts: _____

April 10—Luke 22:39-46 The Betrayal

Thoughts: _____

April 10 Wednesday— **Passover/Last Supper**

Conclusion for the week of study:

FINAL WEEK

April 11—Matt. 21:1-11 Triumphal Entry

Thoughts: _____

April 12—Matt. 21:12-14 Cleansing the Temple

Thoughts: _____

April 13—Matt. 21:23-27 Jesus' Authority Questioned

Thoughts: _____

April 14—**PALM SUNDAY**

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Write down:

WHAT (was the point):

HOW will I apply it to make my life shine this week:

April 19—Luke 23:39-43, 47 Confessions of Belief

Thoughts: _____

April 20—Matt. 27:59-61 The Burial

Thoughts: _____

April 21—**RESURRECTION SUNDAY**

It's Sunday! Hallelujah!!!—the day we celebrate our Savior's victory over death and hell. In preparation for this glorious day, read about Jesus' Resurrection: Matt. 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; John 20 Take a moment to:

1. Write down your salvation testimony

2. Write down several praises. Take a moment to thank our Savior for His amazing sacrifice and victory!

I hope this devotional has been a blessing and that perhaps you have developed some new good habits that will encourage your walk with Jesus.