

HOLY WEEK

at Revival Life Church

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

March 29 – April 5, 2025

Leading up to Easter Sunday we are preparing our hearts with a full week of prayer and fasting. Fasting is the act of setting aside food so that we become hungry for God.

SUNDAY, MARCH 29 / Palm Sunday — 10:00 AM

We kick off our week of prayer and fasting as we celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

MONDAY, MARCH 30 / Sunrise Prayer — Online, 6:30 AM

Join us live on Zoom as we open this holy week together.

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MON – SAT / Daily Devotionals

A prayer focus and video devotional posted daily on Instagram and YouTube.

THURSDAY, APRIL 2 / Community Intercession — 7:00 PM

We gather to pray and intercede on behalf of our community.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3 / Good Friday Communion — 7:00 PM

Come reflect on the cross. We share communion and honor the sacrifice that made everything possible.

SATURDAY, APRIL 4 / Community Service Day

Just as Christ came to serve, we give a day to bless those around us.

SUNDAY, APRIL 5 / Resurrection Sunday — 10:00 AM

He is risen! This is the day. Bring everyone you know.

We are launching a brand new series on Resurrection Sunday — *Ready for Something New*. Think about who needs to encounter the risen Jesus and invite them.

DAILY DEVOTIONS

Ready for Something New

Use these devotions alongside the daily video devotionals on Instagram and YouTube. Let each day's Scripture, theme, and prayer guide your fasting time.

PALM SUNDAY

The Triumphal Entry — Matt. 21:1–11

SCRIPTURE

“Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them on the road. Now the crowds going ahead of Him, and those who followed, were shouting, ‘Hosanna to the Son of David; Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest!’”

— Matt. 21:8–9 NASB

THEME

The crowd was ready for something new but had the wrong picture of what it would look like. They wanted a new kingdom, not a new heart. Getting ready for something new starts with an honest question: what kind of Jesus have I

actually been following? A Jesus who exists to fix my circumstances, or one who has come to transform me?

PRAYER PROMPT

Pray for genuine surrender — that our worship this week would be more than celebration, it would be reorientation. Intercede for people who are curious about Jesus but haven't yet trusted him, that they would see him clearly and respond.

HOLY MONDAY

The Cleansing of the Temple — Matt. 21:12–13

SCRIPTURE

“Jesus entered the temple area and drove out all those who were selling and buying on the temple grounds, and He overturned the tables of the money changers... ‘It is written: My house will be called a house of prayer; but you are making it a den of robbers.’”

— *Matt. 21:12–13 NASB*

THEME

The temple was the place where heaven and earth met. Jesus walked in and immediately cleared out everything that had crowded out that purpose. We don't have a physical temple, but we have hearts that get cluttered with distraction, hurt, cynicism, and distance. Jesus is still cleansing temples. You can't receive something new in a crowded house.

PRAYER PROMPT

Pray for hearts to be cleansed and made ready. Intercede for people who need to encounter the love of God that clears out the clutter, heals the wounds, and makes room for his presence again.

HOLY TUESDAY

The Day of Questions — Matt. 21:23–22:46

SCRIPTURE

“But Jesus responded and said to them, ‘I will also ask you one question, which, if you tell Me, I will also tell you by what authority I do these things.’”

— Matt. 21:24 NASB

THEME

The religious leaders came with locked minds and loaded questions. They weren't looking for truth — they were defending their framework. Jesus answered every question but they still couldn't receive him. Getting ready for something new requires open hands, not just open questions. You have to be willing to let go of what you thought you knew.

PRAYER PROMPT

Pray for openness in our community — that what people believe about God would lead them into relationship with him, not keep them at a distance. Intercede for those hurt by religion who need to encounter Jesus himself, not just ideas about him.

HOLY WEDNESDAY

The Anointing at Bethany — Matt. 26:6–13

SCRIPTURE

“But the disciples were indignant when they saw this, and said, ‘Why this waste?’... But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, ‘Why do you bother the woman? For she has done a good deed to Me.’”

— *Matt. 26:8–10 NASB*

THEME

Everyone in the room called it waste. She broke open the most valuable thing she owned and poured it out on Jesus, and he said it would be remembered forever. Getting ready for something new sometimes costs you something. What looks like waste to the world is worship to God.

PRAYER PROMPT

Pray for the courage of extravagant surrender. Intercede for those right at the edge of a breakthrough but holding back because the cost feels too high. Ask God to give them the faith to pour it out.

HOLY THURSDAY

The Last Supper & Washing of Feet — John 13; Luke 22

SCRIPTURE

“He got up from supper and laid His outer garments aside; and He took a towel... began washing the disciples’ feet... ‘He who has bathed needs only to wash his feet; otherwise he is completely clean. And you are clean.’”

— John 13:4–5, 10 NASB

THEME

Hours before the cross, Jesus took a towel and washed the disciples’ feet — including Judas, including Peter who was about to deny him. Then he said “you are clean.” You cannot walk into resurrection life still defined by your worst moments. The table and the towel say the same thing: you are loved and you are clean.

PRAYER PROMPT

Pray for a deep settling of identity — that people would receive the word “clean” over their lives tonight. Intercede for those carrying shame that has kept them from believing a new chapter is possible. Pray for those who feel disqualified — that they would discover they are invited to the table.

GOOD FRIDAY

The Cross — John 19:16–30

SCRIPTURE

“Therefore when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, ‘It is finished!’ And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.”

— John 19:30 NASB

THEME

Tetelestai — “It is finished” — was the word stamped on paid-in-full debt receipts in the ancient world. Jesus wasn’t announcing defeat; he was declaring completion. Something new can only come after a burial. This is the day we name what needs to die — guilt, regret, patterns we feel stuck in. You can’t carry the old thing into the new season.

PRAYER PROMPT

Create space to name specifically what you are placing at the cross. Intercede for those still living under a weight Jesus already carried. Ask God to make “it is finished” land not just as doctrine but as lived reality.

HOLY SATURDAY

The Day Between — Matt. 27:57–66

SCRIPTURE

“And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and laid it in his own new tomb... and he rolled a large stone against the entrance of the tomb and went away.”

— *Matt. 27:59–60 NASB*

THEME

The disciples didn't know Sunday was coming. The promise was dead, the dream was buried, and God was silent. Most of us live here — in the in-between, after the loss and before the breakthrough. But Saturday is not abandonment. It is gestation. You are not forgotten. You are on the threshold.

PRAYER PROMPT

Pray for everyone in a Saturday season — a diagnosis, a prodigal, a broken marriage, a dream that looks dead. Ask God to sustain faith at the threshold. Declare together: Sunday is coming.

EASTER SUNDAY

The Resurrection — John 20:1–18

SCRIPTURE

“Jesus said to her, ‘Mary!’ She turned and said to Him in Hebrew, ‘Rabboni!’ ... Jesus said to her, ‘Stop clinging to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to My brethren.’”

— John 20:16–17 NASB

THEME

The resurrection is not just proof that Jesus is alive. It is the beginning of a new creation. Everything that has been cleared, surrendered, buried, and waited on throughout the week now gives way to new life. Jesus does not bring people back to where they were. He brings them into something entirely new. This is what we have been getting ready for.

PRAYER PROMPT

Pray for new life to break out across our community. Intercede for those who feel stuck, defeated, or beyond change — that they would encounter the risen Jesus and step into the new life he offers. Pray that everyone who walked through this week would leave different than they came.

PRACTICAL FASTING GUIDE

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Throughout Scripture, fasting refers to abstaining from food in a designated period for a spiritual purpose. Jesus assumes and teaches regular fasting (Matt. 6:16–17; 9:15). It is practiced by the early church (Acts 13:2) and has been a discipline of believers throughout church history.

PREPARING TO FAST

- Humble yourself before God; pray for the enabling, guidance, and protection of the Holy Spirit (Ps. 35:13; John 16:5–15).
- Determine the type of fast:
 - **Liquid-only** — water or juice.
 - **Partial** — abstain from certain foods.
 - **Absolute** — no water or food (not for beginners).
- Decide and commit to a duration. Scripture examples range from one day to forty days.
- Keep it to yourself (Matt. 6:16–18). Consider asking someone to fast with you for accountability.
- Prepare your body; start slowly. Don't overeat before or after.

- Seek medical advice before any extended fast. We do not advise minors, diabetics, those with chronic health challenges, those prone to eating disorders, or pregnant and nursing women to participate in food-related fasting.

DURING THE FAST

Fasting is not just about what we give up — it's about how we spend the time we would normally use for meals to pray and seek the Lord. Expect spiritual warfare (Matt. 4:1–11). Put on the armour of God (Eph. 6:10–20).

- Set aside specific time and location to worship and seek God.
- Use normal meal times for a prayer walk.
- Follow a Bible reading plan or devotional.
- Keep a journal of what the Lord is showing you.
- Drink plenty of water. Get regular sleep and exercise.

BREAKING THE FAST

Breaking a fast requires as much care as beginning it. Do not plan a big feast.

- Do not break extended fasts abruptly. Start with small portions of fruit, vegetables, and liquids.
- After a one- or two-day fast, begin with fruit juice, then yogurt, soup, and fresh fruit.

- After a longer fast, stay with liquids for a day before adding more substantial foods. Stop as soon as you feel full.

REMEMBER

God is more interested in your attitude and walk with Him than in how long you fast. Deliberately abstaining from food is one concrete way to show your sincerity in seeking God.

“When you fasted and mourned in the fifth and seventh months these seventy years, was it actually for Me that you fasted?”

— Zech. 7:5 NASB