

DISCIPLESHIP RESOURCES

DAILY DEVOTIONALS

TUESDAY - SATURDAY
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Tuesday, March 24th Day 1: The Rightful King



Reading: Matthew 1:1-17; 2 Samuel 7:8-16

Devotional: Jesus didn't stumble into kingship—He was born into it. Matthew opens his Gospel by tracing Jesus' genealogy directly to King David, establishing His legitimate claim to Israel's throne. God's covenant with David promised an eternal kingdom through his lineage, and Jesus is the fulfillment of that promise.

Yet here's the profound mystery: the King worthy of every crown chose to lay it down. Before we rush to Easter's triumph, we must pause at this staggering reality. Jesus possessed divine authority, performed miracles confirming His identity, and had every right to reign—but He chose the path of suffering instead.

Today, ask yourself: Do I recognize Jesus as King, or merely as a helpful addition to my life? True worship begins when we acknowledge His rightful place on the throne of our hearts, not just as Savior, but as Lord and King of all.

Wednesday, March 25th Day 2: The Rejected Messiah

Reading: Matthew 12:22-32; Isaiah 53:1-3

Devotional: The Pharisees witnessed undeniable miracles yet attributed Jesus' power to Satan. This wasn't mere skepticism—it was willful rejection of the Messiah standing before them. In that moment, everything changed. The offered kingdom was postponed, and the cross became inevitable.

Consider the weight of rejection Jesus endured. His own people, whom He came to save, stiff-armed their King. If you've ever experienced rejection, you know it stings. Jesus felt it deeply, yet didn't retaliate or force His reign upon them.

This rejection wasn't failure—it was the pathway to our redemption. Had Jesus claimed His throne then, there would be no salvation for us today. His rejection became our acceptance. His suffering purchased our peace.

Where have you rejected Jesus' lordship in your life? What areas remain under your control rather than His? His patient love invites you to surrender what you've withheld.

Thursday, March 26th

Day 3: The Cup of Suffering

Reading: Matthew 20:20-28; Matthew 26:36-39

Devotional: "Are you able to drink the cup I am about to drink?" Jesus' question to James and John reveals the ongoing nature of His suffering. Every single day, Jesus drank from the cup of perfect obedience. One unkind word, one moment of impatience, one slip—and the perfect sacrifice would be defiled.

We often think of Good Friday as Jesus' suffering, and it was the fulfillment of the cup of suffering, but His entire life was a continual drinking from this cup. The weight of being humanity's only hope, the pressure of perfection, the loneliness of being misunderstood—all while knowing the cross awaited.

This wasn't autopilot. In Gethsemane, Jesus prayed for the cup to pass, revealing His genuine human struggle. Yet He chose the Father's will over His own comfort. He chose you over His ease.

Today, when you face trials, remember: Jesus understands suffering. He's not a distant king but one who drank deeply from the cup of pain—and He did it willingly for you.

Friday, March 27th

Day 4: Beholding His Glory

Reading: Matthew 17:1-9; 2 Corinthians 3:18

Devotional: On the Mount of Transfiguration, Peter, James, and John witnessed what Jesus had veiled since His birth—His divine glory. His face shone like the sun, His clothes became brilliant white, and the disciples encountered God in His radiant majesty. They were never the same. Jesus could have revealed this glory at any moment. He could have brought every skeptic to their knees, forced worship from every tongue. Instead, He concealed His glory and endured mockery, spitting, and treatment as a criminal.

Here's the transformative truth: the primary key to spiritual growth isn't just Bible reading or prayer—it's beholding Jesus in His glory. When we truly see Him, we're changed. When we grasp what He laid down for us, our love deepens.

Spend time today not asking Jesus for things, but simply gazing at who He is. Read the Gospels looking for His character, His compassion, His sacrifice. Let beholding Him transform you from the inside out.

Saturday, March 28th

Day 5: The Prize, Not the Means

Reading: Philippians 3:7-14; Revelation 21:1-7

Devotional: Imagine a perfect heaven—no pain, no sorrow, perfect bodies, all your loved ones present—but Jesus isn't there. Would you take it? If we're honest, many of us have treated Jesus exactly this way: as a means to heaven rather than heaven itself.

Jesus is not just our provider; He is the provision. He's not simply the way to eternal life; He is eternal life. The goal of salvation isn't merely escaping hell or gaining heaven's benefits—it's knowing, loving, and worshiping Jesus forever.

Paul counted everything as loss compared to knowing Christ. Not compared to what Christ could give him, but knowing Christ Himself. This is the heart transformation we desperately need—from a transactional religion to a passionate relationship.

As Easter approaches, examine your heart honestly. Is Jesus your prize, or just your ticket? Have you left your first love? Return to Him today. Not to religion, not to church activities, but to the person of Jesus Christ. He is worthy of far more than our occasional attention—He deserves our wholehearted devotion.