

A Journey to the Resurrection: Preparing the Lamb 5-Day Devotional Guide

Day 1: Secure in Your Identity

Reading: Matthew 4:1-11; Luke 3:21-22

Devotional

After Jesus' baptism, the Father affirmed Him: "This is My beloved Son." Immediately, the Spirit led Him into the wilderness where Satan questioned that very identity: "If You are the Son of God..." The enemy's strategy hasn't changed—he attacks your identity in Christ. But notice: Jesus didn't need to prove who He was. He was secure in the Father's word. Before you face your wilderness, you need to know whose you are. The temptations you face aren't random; they're designed to make you question what God has already declared over you. Stand firm in the Word. Your identity isn't determined by your circumstances but by your Father's affirmation. When you're secure in who God says you are, the enemy's accusations lose their power.

Reflection Question

What has God declared over your life that the enemy is trying to make you question?

Day 2: Setting Your Face Toward Purpose

Reading: Luke 9:51-56; Isaiah 50:7

Devotional

"He set His face toward Jerusalem." Jesus knew what awaited Him—betrayal, suffering, the cross—yet He went anyway. This wasn't passive resignation; this was determined obedience. There's a difference between drifting through life and deliberately walking toward your God-given purpose. Jesus understood that His journey wasn't just about Him; it was a mission for humanity's redemption. Your journey has purpose too. God may be calling you toward something difficult, something that requires sacrifice. The question isn't whether the path will be easy, but whether you'll set your face toward obedience. When you know your assignment, opposition doesn't stop you—it confirms you're on the right path. Purpose requires intentionality. What has God called you to that requires you to set your face like flint?

Reflection Question

What difficult obedience is God asking you to walk toward with determination?

Day 3: Spiritual Sensitivity Over Understanding

Reading: John 12:1-8; 1 Corinthians 2:9-16

Devotional

Mary saw what everyone else missed. In a room full of people who had walked with Jesus, only she discerned the season. She didn't have all the theological answers, but she had spiritual sensitivity. You can know Scripture intellectually and still miss God's movement. The disciples analyzed; Martha served; Lazarus celebrated—but Mary responded. There's a difference between religious activity and spiritual sensitivity. God isn't always looking for people who understand everything; He's looking for people sensitive enough to respond to what He's revealing. Some of the greatest moves of God don't start with those who have all the answers—they start with those who are willing to pour out in obedience. Don't wait for complete understanding before you obey. Sometimes revelation isn't about explanation; it's about response.

Reflection Question

Are you so busy doing church work that you've lost spiritual sensitivity to what God is doing?

Day 4: Costly Worship Fills the Atmosphere

Reading: John 12:3-8; 2 Samuel 24:24; 2 Corinthians 2:14-16

Devotional

Mary poured out a year's wages while others reclined in comfort. What she called worship, Judas called waste. Your response to Jesus is always connected to your revelation of Jesus. If you see Him small, you'll respond small. But when you see Him rightly, nothing is too costly. David declared, "I will not offer to the Lord that which costs me nothing." Worship that costs nothing carries no weight and produces no fragrance. But when you give God something valuable, it fills the room—it shifts atmospheres. The house was filled with fragrance because Mary's worship was sacrificial. You'll always criticize what you fail to recognize. Are you holding back what God is asking you to pour out? Your time, obedience, resources, surrender? Costly worship doesn't just affect you; it changes environments and impacts everyone around you.

Reflection Question

What is God asking you to pour out that you've been protecting because it's too valuable?

Day 5: Preparing the Lamb—Recognizing the Sacrifice

Reading: John 12:1-7; Exodus 12:1-13; Ephesians 5:2; Revelation 5:6-1

Devotional

From Genesis to Revelation, God revealed the Lamb. Abraham said God would provide the lamb. Exodus instituted the Passover lamb. Isaiah prophesied the suffering lamb. John declared, "Behold the Lamb of God." Mary anointed the Lamb six days before Passover—while Israel prepared lambs, she prepared THE Lamb. She wasn't just emotional; she was prophetic. She poured oil; He poured blood. She filled a house with fragrance; He filled the world with salvation. She prepared Him for burial; He secured our resurrection. The same Lamb Mary anointed died for you, took your sin, carried your shame, and secured your salvation. Her perfume filled the house, but His sacrifice fills eternity. Today, the question isn't what Mary did—it's what will you do with the Lamb? Will you recognize Him and respond with everything you have?

Reflection Question

How does recognizing Jesus as the Lamb of God change the way you worship, surrender, and live today?

Closing Prayer

Lord, give me eyes to see what others miss, a heart sensitive to Your Spirit, and the courage to pour out costly worship. Help me recognize Jesus as the Lamb who was slain for me, and may my life be a fragrant offering that fills the atmosphere with Your presence. In Jesus' name, Amen.