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Throughout the Bible, there are many names and titles for Jesus. Each one helps us to understand more about Jesus' character and his purpose. As we lead into Easter, we remember the sacrifice of Jesus (Saviour/Lamb of God) and celebrate him rising back to life (the Resurrection and the Life). We also have an opportunity at Easter to reflect on Jesus' other attributes — such as the peace he gives us in challenging times as the Prince of Peace.

In this 8-day devotional, through Bible verses and reflection, you're invited to discover Jesus as:

- Prince of Peace
- Saviour
- King of Kings
- Man of Sorrows
- Bread of Life
- Lamb of God
- The Good Shepherd
- The Resurrection and the Life

DAY 1

PRINCE OF PEACE

“YOUR KING IS COMING! A GOOD KING WHO MAKES ALL THINGS RIGHT, A HUMBLE KING RIDING A DONKEY, A MERE COLT OF A DONKEY ... HE WILL OFFER PEACE TO THE NATIONS, A PEACEFUL RULE WORLDWIDE...”

(ZECHARIAH 9:9-10, THE MESSAGE)

Every year, on the Sunday before Easter, people all around the world celebrate Palm Sunday. It's a day to remember the story of Jesus riding on a donkey into the busy town of Jerusalem for a major Jewish festival. The crowds who Jesus had taught and helped for the past several years praised him as their king by waving palm branches.

Unlike many conquering kings who chose to ride on a warhorse, Jesus rode a donkey. It was an action of humility and peace — as predicted by the prophet Zechariah 500 years earlier (see verse of the day).

Another prophet, Isaiah, called Jesus 'the Prince of Peace' (see [Isaiah 9:6](#)). Isaiah recognised Jesus' way of ruling and governance would be through peace. And it would be first displayed in a setting of Roman occupation and oppression.

Today, with a still-difficult world, Jesus offers us peace with God — which is complete and perfect peace that enters our hearts and minds. It is the type of peace that can calm and strengthen us in difficult times. Jesus explained that to his followers when he said, “I am leaving you with a gift — peace of mind and heart! And the peace I give isn't fragile like the peace the world gives. So don't be troubled or afraid” (John 14:27, TLB).



REFLECTION QUESTION:

How does Jesus' choice of transportation into Jerusalem (riding on a donkey) speak to you about the nature of his kingship and the peace he brings?

PRAYER:

“Lord Jesus, Prince of Peace, thank you that you give me peace of mind and heart. Please help me know you and your peace in the midst of life's challenges. Please help me to not feel troubled or afraid. Amen.”



DAY 2

SAVIOUR

“WE HAVE WATCHED WHAT GOD HAS DONE, AND WE STAND READY TO PROVIDE EYEWITNESS TESTIMONIES TO THE REALITY THAT THE FATHER SENT THE SON TO BE THE SAVIOUR OF THE WORLD.”

(1 JOHN 4:14, THE VOICE)

Before his death and resurrection, Jesus taught his followers that he is the Saviour and the only way to salvation. In the beginning, humans enjoyed a perfect relationship with their Creator and Father, God. Evil (sin) broke that relationship. To repair the relationship, humans needed a saviour, because nothing we could do in our own strength would ever be enough. Jesus is our Saviour and the only way we can have a perfect relationship with God.



REFLECTION QUESTION:

If you know Jesus as Saviour, how does this impact your life? If you don't know Jesus as Saviour yet, find out more **today**.

PRAYER:

Lord Jesus, Saviour, please help me to accept the salvation you offer and live each day in gratitude for your gift of salvation. Please give me the opportunities, wisdom and courage to share your offer of salvation with others. Amen.

DAY 3 KING OF KINGS

“ON HIS ROBE AND ON HIS THIGH HE HAS A NAME WRITTEN, KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.”

(REVELATION 19:16, ESV)

In Jerusalem, in the lead-up to the [Passover](#) (a traditional Jewish festival that celebrated God’s rescue of his people from slavery in Egypt), many people were hoping for a king or deliverer to come immediately to rescue them from Roman occupation. But — as examined on Day 1 and 2 — Jesus taught his followers that, although he *is* King, he had first come as a peaceful king, to save all people from their sins and enable them to experience lives of goodness and wholeness. As King, Jesus calls us to have a change in our behaviours and actions, turning away from sin and turning to his way of living so that we can see his Kingdom lived out here on Earth.



REFLECTION QUESTION:

Jesus wants us to live lives of hope, purpose and peace. What areas of your life could benefit from turning to Jesus’ way of life?

PRAYER:

Lord Jesus, King of Kings, I surrender every aspect of my life to your reign. Please rule in my heart as King, now and forever. Amen.





DAY 4

MAN OF SORROWS

“HE WAS DESPISED AND REJECTED AND FORSAKEN BY MEN, A MAN OF SORROWS AND PAINS, AND ACQUAINTED WITH GRIEF AND SICKNESS; AND LIKE ONE FROM WHOM MEN HIDE THEIR FACES HE WAS DESPISED, AND WE DID NOT APPRECIATE HIS WORTH OR HAVE ANY ESTEEM FOR HIM.”

(ISAIAH 53:3 AMPC)

Throughout Jesus’ life, he experienced rejection and abuse. He told his followers many times that he had to die, but they didn’t understand. One betrayed him, and many others abandoned him when he was arrested. Jesus suffered emotionally and physically before experiencing a cruel death, taking the most terrible burden of all the world’s sin—through all of time — onto his own shoulders.



REFLECTION QUESTION:

How does Jesus’ experience and understanding of sorrow, pain and grief, bring comfort to your heart?

PRAYER:

Lord Jesus, Man of Sorrows, thank you for suffering so that I could be saved from my sin and have eternal life with you. Thank you also that you deeply understand my sorrow, suffering, pain, grief, rejection, betrayal and loneliness, because you have experienced it all. Amen.

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DAY 5 **BREAD OF LIFE**

“JESUS REPLIED, ‘I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE. NO ONE COMING TO ME WILL EVER BE HUNGRY AGAIN. THOSE BELIEVING IN ME WILL NEVER THIRST.’”

(JOHN 6:35, TLB)

As Jesus celebrated his last Jewish Passover meal with his closest followers (now known by Christians as the ‘Last Supper’), he broke bread and poured wine telling them to remember his body, blood and sacrifice as they physically ate and drank. He also taught that all should ‘feed on him’ for spiritual sustenance and strengthening. As we believe in him, spend time with him, pray and read God’s Word (the Bible), Jesus satisfies our spiritual ‘hunger’.



REFLECTION QUESTION:

As we remember the Last Supper, what does it mean to you that Jesus is the Bread of Life? How can you ‘feed’ on this bread?

PRAYER:

Lord Jesus, Bread of Life, thank you that you sustain and strengthen me. Please teach me how to most effectively ‘feed on you’. Please help me to hunger and thirst for you above everything else in this world and trust you to supply for my other needs. Amen.



DAY 6 LAMB OF GOD

“THE NEXT DAY JOHN SAW JESUS COMING TOWARD HIM AND SAID, ‘LOOK! THERE IS THE LAMB OF GOD WHO TAKES AWAY THE WORLD’S SIN!’”

(JOHN 1:29, TLB)

John the Baptist declared that Jesus was the Lamb of God – the innocent and spotless Lamb, who willingly laid down his life to take away the sins of the world. This name comes from the Jewish practice of sacrificing lambs as a way to seek God’s forgiveness for sin and repair the broken relationship between us and God (see Day 2). Jesus is the spotless Lamb who — through his sacrifice on the cross — takes away the whole world’s sin, forever. No animal sacrifice required ever again.



REFLECTION QUESTION:

How does understanding Jesus as the Lamb of God deepen your appreciation of his sacrifice on the cross?

PRAYER:

Lord Jesus, Lamb of God, thank you that your sacrifice on the cross has paid for my sins. As I confess to you my sins and seek your forgiveness, thank you that your blood protects me from spiritual death. Lord, please help me to more fully understand all you endured, and all that you achieved through the sacrifice of your life. Amen.

DAY 7

THE GOOD SHEPHERD

“I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD. THE GOOD SHEPHERD LAYS DOWN HIS LIFE FOR THE SHEEP.”

(JOHN 10:11, TLB)

Jesus describes himself as the Good Shepherd, emphasising his deep care and sacrificial love for us, his followers. A good shepherd knows each sheep by name, protects them from harm, and guides them to safety. Jesus, our Good Shepherd, laid down his life to ensure our eternal safety (salvation from sin and life in Heaven after we die).



REFLECTION QUESTION:

How does Jesus' role as the Good Shepherd provide comfort and assurance in your life's journey?

PRAYER:

Lord Jesus, Good Shepherd, thank you for laying down your life for me. I know that you are now watching over me with love and care and guiding me through even the darkest times of my life. Please help me to completely trust in your guidance and protection, knowing that you are the very best shepherd of all. May I follow you faithfully all the days of my life. Amen.



DAY 8


THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE

**“JESUS SAID TO HER, ‘I AM THE RESURRECTION
AND THE LIFE. WHOEVER BELIEVES IN
(ADHERES TO, TRUSTS IN, RELIES ON) ME
[AS SAVIOUR] WILL LIVE EVEN IF HE DIES.’”**

(JOHN 11:25, AMP)

On Easter Sunday, we celebrate Jesus coming back to life (resurrection). Jesus is the King of Kings — which means he is King over all darkness and death. Jesus died as the sinless Lamb of God, but he overcame the hold of death. Jesus promises eternal life to all who believe in him, acknowledge their weaknesses and give their lives to his leadership as their Good Shepherd. Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life — from the beginning and into eternity.

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REFLECTION QUESTION:

How does Jesus being the Resurrection and the Life bring hope to your life?

PRAYER:

Lord Jesus, Resurrection and the Life, again, I cannot imagine what a heavy price you paid, suffering a brutal death on the cross so I can have a restored relationship with God. I now ask your forgiveness for my sins. I commit my life to you and ask that you fill me with your Holy Spirit, and strengthen me to follow, honour and obey you. Thank you that I can have everlasting peace, wholeness and eternal life with you. Amen.