

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS - Week of April 6, 2025

### "Gave His Life"

#### SACRIFICIAL DEATH

**Sunday..... Read Mark 10:36-45**

*"For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many."* The overriding theme of the Old Testament is God's promise to have the King of Israel rule the world. He was very specific in the covenant He made with David in II Samuel 7:16: *"And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever."* The coming of the Messiah is the fundamental hope of the Jewish people, and rightfully so. God, however, being a holy God, had to first deal with the sin problem. So Jesus, before taking the throne of David in Jerusalem, had come to be the Savior. That was how the angel referred to Him in the message to the shepherds in Luke 2:11: *"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."* That is the point Jesus was making in the Bible reading for today from Mark 10. Jesus served others.

#### GOD'S LAW

**Monday..... Read Leviticus 17:3-11**

*"For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul."* The law of God is the basic law for all humanity. The nations of the world establish laws for the welfare of their people, such as the Constitution for the United States of America. God's law supersedes all the laws of all the nations. Every human is held responsible to live according to God's law, and they will be judged by their compliance to His law. That is why He gave us the Holy Scriptures. This provision of God's law in today's Bible reading is vital for all to know, because it states the only way to have God's forgiveness for sin: the shed blood. The first coming of Jesus was to fulfill God's law.

#### PASSOVER

**Tuesday ..... Read Exodus 12:20-24**

*"For the Lord will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the LORD will pass over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite you."* It is interesting to see how God would deliver His people, the Israelites, from their bondage in Egypt. God had to do something to convince the Egyptian pharaoh to release the Jews under the leadership of Moses, God's chosen servant. God had sent multiple plagues over the land of Egypt, but the Pharaoh refused to let the people of God free. The final plague convinced the pharaoh to let them go. God sent a death angel to kill the oldest son in every home. God ordered Moses to advise the Israelites of the coming of the death angel. If the angel saw the blood of a sacrificial lamb on

the door posts and lintel of the house, he would pass over that home. That great deliverance became the focus of the Jewish people in an annual holiday! A Passover Feast is celebrated every year!

### **GOD'S LOVE**

**Wednesday.....Read John 3:16-18**

*"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."* God's love for the people on His earth compelled Him to do something about the sin problem. Satan, God's arch enemy, had enticed humans to go against God and His supreme law, resulting in death. Since people have an eternal soul, that means eternal death: hell rather than heaven. God's love made Him find a way to forgive sinners and maintain His perfect holiness. His plan was to have his Son become a sinless human sacrifice by shedding His blood. God gave His Son to satisfy that law by suffering the penalty for sin.

### **LAMB OF GOD**

**Thursday.....Read John 1:29-34**

*"The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world."* The first introduction of Jesus as an adult was this one given by John, when Jesus came on the scene. He referred to Him as the Lamb of God. That summarized the purpose of Jesus in His first public appearance as an adult. To fulfill the angel's introduction at His birth, as the Savior of the world, He had to be a sacrificial lamb. Throughout the days of the Old Testament, the Jewish people had to offer the blood of a lamb on the altar to have God's forgiveness. Jesus took on a body of flesh and blood to be the ultimate and final sacrificial Lamb!

### **INSEPARABLE LOVE**

**Friday .....Read Romans 8:30-35**

*"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?"* The love God has for humanity is inseparable! All those who respond to the love of God by receiving Jesus as personal Savior, are forever in the family of God. Nothing can separate them from that love; God will never disown one of His family. God will chasten a sinful child with appropriate discipline, but only to draw them back into fellowship. We have that promise in I John 1:9: *"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."* Believers are cleansed from the stain of sin with their confession. God's forgiveness is based on that sacrifice of Jesus on the cross of Calvary. What a wonderful Savior! He truly is the greatest evidence of God's love.

## **SINLESS LIFE**

**Saturday ..... Read Hebrews 4:13-16**

*"For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin."* In order to be the sacrificial Lamb to take away the sin of the world, Jesus had to live a perfect, sinless life. Born of a virgin, He did not have a sinful nature as all people born by natural means, but He had to live a sinless life to be the Savior. It is interesting to note by today's Bible reading that Jesus was able to remain sinless despite being tempted in every way. Never did He yield to temptation! Satan tried hard, but failed to entice Jesus into sin!