

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS - Week of April 5, 2026**  
**FAMILY OF GOD**

**Sunday ..... Read Matthew 28:1-10**

*"Then said Jesus unto them, Be not afraid: go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me."* These words of Jesus where He said, to "tell thy brethren." is another example of God considering believers as His family. Another example is when Jesus responded to His disciples' request to teach them to pray to start the prayer with "Our Father." All true believers are in the family of God as noted in John 1:12: *"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name."* Obviously, local churches can properly be called a church family. Having God as our Father means believers have an eternal home in heaven. The resurrection of Jesus, that we celebrate on Easter assures us of eternal life. Physical death is the doorway to heaven for believers!

**MARY MAGDALENE**

**Monday ..... Read John 20:10-16**

*"Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master."* Mary Magdalene had come to the tomb of Jesus to pay her respects. Upon arrival, she found an empty tomb. She did see two angels, a miracle of God, Jesus the risen Savior, appeared to Mary, and she thought He was the gardener. She asked Him where they took the body of Jesus. Jesus then identified Himself, and she worshiped Him as Savior and Lord. There will be a day in the future in which all those who have accepted Jesus as Savior will see Him face to face. As a matter of fact, the next great event on God's calendar is what we call the rapture of the Church when we will see Jesus in the air.

**PETER & JOHN**

**Tuesday ..... Read John 20:1-4**

*"Peter therefore went forth, and that other disciple, and came to the sepulchre. So they ran both together: and the other disciple did outrun Peter, and came first to the sepulchre."* Upon hearing of the resurrection of Jesus, Peter and John went to the tomb to verify what they heard. They saw all the linens He was wrapped in were very orderly in place. That reminds us of God's instruction to believers in I Corinthians 14:40: *"Let all things be done decently and in order."* Upon His resurrection, Jesus set a good example for us as we serve our God. Having had this experience He and John were in a good position to testify of the resurrection of Jesus. It was not hearsay; they saw the empty tomb. Thomas, one of the disciples, made a statement that he would not believe until he has seen Jesus and the nail prints in His hands. Jesus was good enough to show Himself to Thomas. We are told this in John 20:29: *"Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed."* God is honored today by those who believe without seeing.

## OBEDIENCE

**Wednesday..... Read John 20:13-18**

*" Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken these things unto her." Statement of Jesus from the gospel of John after His resurrection is the key to a meaningful life: do as Jesus commands. To follow the commands of God means it is important to read the Bible which has, among other things, many commands of God for the conduct of our lives. Let us be reminded of the truth of Psalm 1:1-2: "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night." Following that instruction means to have a meaningful life on earth and the possibility of rewards in heaven.*

## RESURRECTION

**Thursday ..... Read John 20:19-20**

*Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you." The resurrection of Jesus began a whole new era on the calendar of God. This would lead to the beginning of the Church Age. The prophet Daniel alluded to this as the interim between the 483 and 490 years before the establishment of the Kingdom of the Messiah. In the Old Testament, the day of the week set aside for worship was the seventh day. In the Church Age, the day of worship would be the first day, as confirmed in I Corinthians 16:2: "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come."*

## JESUS OUR SAVIOR

**Friday ..... Luke 23:40-44**

*"And it was about the sixth hour, and there was a darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour." He had asked His Father to "let this cup pass from me." But the crucifixion and the resurrection were the eternal plan of God. Sin caused the death of His spirit as cautioned by God in His instruction to Adam and Eve. Their sin meant eternal death of the soul as mentioned in Romans 6:23: "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." To forgive sin, the penalty had to be paid by a sinless human. Jesus came to pay that penalty. God forgives those who receive Jesus on the merits of His shed blood, the fulfillment of 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."*

## FORGIVENESS

**Saturday..... Read Luke 23:32-34**

*"Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots." Because Jesus was born of a virgin and lived a sinless life on earth, He qualified to be the Savior of the world. Romans 3:23 says this: "For all*

*have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."* Jesus was the exception of that Biblical truth. One would think that the people who nailed Jesus to the cross would probably have committed the greatest of all sins. But not really, because they were being used of God in His plan for the forgiveness of sin. The penalty for sin is death, and Jesus suffered that penalty. Since Jesus was sinless, His death was a substitutionary death for the sinners in the world. Because He was willing to do that, God is able to forgive sinners who acknowledge their sin and receive Jesus as their personal Savior. Our Holy God grants a pardon to those people who confess their sin and receive Jesus as their Savior, even those who nailed Him to the cross.