# 倫敦中華基督教會 Chinese Church in London

## **LENT Devotional Journey 2024**

....a journey to follow Jesus through the Bible

# As you begin.....

Jesus calls us to 'COME, worship me with all your soul, heart, mind & strength, and you will experience your life in all its fullness.....'

This is a journey to draw you closer to God; you would be reminded of the reality of your broken humanity; but as you journey on, you would experience with greater abundance the reality of God's redeeming grace.

As you seek the presence of our Father, be prepared to receive Jesus's words & truth and ministered by the Holy Spirit....

## Introduction

This devotional was originally created by Redeemer Presbyterian Church New York for daily devotion during the 40 days of Lent. Daily readings begin in Genesis and journey through the entire Scriptures, from the law to the prophets to the New Testament, showing that all Scripture is about Jesus and culminates in his life, death and resurrection.

Our church invites you to embark on this journey together. Through the daily devotional we hope to provide you with timely refreshment & renewed hope, and takes you on a path to focus on Father God throughout Lent.

### Week 6 Overview:

Day 29: The Lamb | 18 Mar. Mon. John 1: 29-34

Day 30: The Fast | 19 Mar. Tues. Matthew 4: 1-11

Day 31: The Leper | 20 Mar. Wed. Mark 1: 40-45

Day 32: The Adulteress 21 Mar. Thurs. | John 8:1-11

Day 33: The Call | 22 Mar. Fri. Luke 9: 18-27

Day 34: The Prediction | 23 Mar. Sat. John 12: 20-33

Sunday: Rest | 24 Mar.

# Guide to your devotional journey...

WORSHIP: Prepare your Posture encounter with God surrender your everything ....Wait for God to speak....

CONFESS: Open your Heart let Father search us inside out ask for forgiveness & healing .... What do you hear?

REFLECT: Engage with the Word ask Jesus to reveal the meaning of His Word consider your present life situations ....What are your thoughts?

RESPONSE: Receive Strength allow Holy Spirit to minister to you apply the truth into your life ....What is your prayer?

DAY 29: THE LAMB | 18 Mar. Mon. Scripture Reading: John 1: 29-34

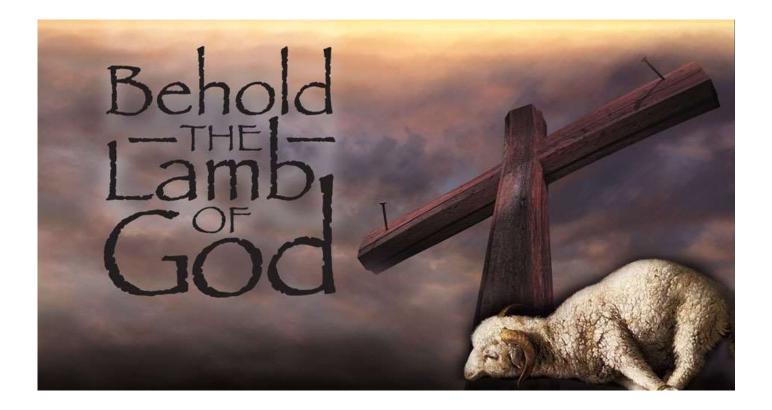
The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.' I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John bore witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."

#### **Prayer**

God, our Father, we thank you that we are your beloved sons with whom you are well pleased. We pray that you will work deep into our being the truth that we no longer have to labor for our salvation, but we can find rest knowing our identity is in the Lamb of God. Give us an understanding of the depth of the sacrifice that was made to atone for our sin so we may fall more in love with you to grasp who we are and who we shall become. In Christ's Name, Amen.

Worship song - Behold the Lamb of God

YouTube Link: https://youtu.be/ZFEK68ncZ7o?si=To2v 9ZN7ZDgC6nz



DAY 30: THE FAST | 19 Mar. Tues. Scripture Reading: Matthew 4: 1-11

"Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread."

But he answered, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.""

Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone."

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test." Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve."

Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

#### **Prayer**

Gracious God, we praise you that you know what it is like to be tempted in every way, as we are.

Thank you for showing us how to resist temptation and thank you for enduring the cross and for fulfilling the law, for our sakes, on our behalf. In Christ's Name, Amen.

Worship song – Purify my Heart

YouTube Link: https://youtu.be/RNCkYP OchO?si=8whKwMWYoSO9mORZ



DAY 31: THE LEPER | 20 Mar. Wed. Scripture Reading : Mark 1: 40-45

And a leper came to him, imploring him, and kneeling said to him, "If you will, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand and touched him and said to him, "I will; be clean." And immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. And Jesus sternly charged him and sent him away at once, and said to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, for a proof to them." But he went out and began to talk freely about it, and to spread the news, so that Jesus could no longer openly enter a town, but was out in desolate places, and people were coming to him from every quarter.

#### **Prayer**

Heavenly Father, we thank you for your Son who makes clean everything he touches. By his grace may our hearts and our actions be touched by him this day and everyday. In Christ's Name, Amen.

Worship Song: It's Your Blood YouTube link: <a href="https://youtu.be/MgltHupCLB4?si=mmrgZgjpGfsoCjWZ">https://youtu.be/MgltHupCLB4?si=mmrgZgjpGfsoCjWZ</a>



# DAY 32: THE ADULTERESS | 21 Mar. Thurs. Scripture Reading: John 8:1-11

... but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him, and he sat down and taught them. The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and placing her in the midst they said to him, "Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. Now in the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?" This they said to test him, that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, "Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her." And once more he bent down and wrote on the ground. But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. Jesus stood up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more."

#### **Prayer**

Lord, We exalt the name of Jesus because his righteousness has been imputed to us through grace alone! Therefore, even as we seek to sin no more, let us long for holiness and righteousness out of a deep recognition that we have been saved by grace. In Christ's Name, Amen.

Worship Song: Amazing Grace, my Chains are gone

YouTube link: https://youtu.be/ YFGzY 8li8?si= A5Tg1S3-hP7pu6u



DAY 33: THE CALL | 22 Mar. Fri. Scripture Reading: Luke 9: 18-27

Now it happened that as he was praying alone, the disciples were with him. And he asked them, "Who do the crowds say that I am?" And they answered, "John the Baptist. But others say, Elijah, and others, that one of the prophets of old has risen." Then he said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" And Peter answered, "The Christ of God." And he strictly charged and commanded them to tell this to no one, saying, "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised."

And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels. But I tell you truly, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God."

#### **Prayer**

Gracious God, we thank you that you have revealed your Son to us, that Jesus is the Christ, the deliverer we all need. Please give us the grace we need to follow you. You alone are worthy and we want to give you our lives, but need your help to do so. In Christ's Name, Amen.

Worship Song: Christ is Enough

YouTube link: https://youtu.be/dEGT8lrNyvw?si=Tkh5-9Ks0tGuGKn9



DAY 34: THE PREDICTION | 23 Mar. Sat. Scripture Reading: John 12: 20-33

Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him. "Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die.

#### **Prayer**

Risen Lord, you loved us so much that you died to save us from sin. We pray that this reality gives us humility, leads us to praise you always, and gives us a boldness to live fully abandoned to your loving will. In your mercy make these things so, for we pray them in your name. Amen.

Worship Song: What a Beautiful Name

YouTube link: https://youtu.be/r5L6QlAH3L4?si= hrukfNaTjycbCHE

