

Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard. It was an expensive perfume. She poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the sweet smell of the perfume.
—John 12:3

Day 308



No gift is too expensive to give to Jesus.

While Jesus was visiting, Mary did something special. She wanted to show Jesus just how special he was. Mary took some expensive perfume. She poured it on Jesus' feet. She dried Jesus' feet with her hair!



How can I show you my love, God?

“Why wasn’t this perfume sold? Why wasn’t the money given to poor people? It was worth a year’s pay.”

—John 12:5

Day 309

One of Jesus’ helpers saw Mary pour perfume on Jesus’ feet. The helper was upset! He wanted to know why she had wasted so much money. It could have gone to the poor. But Jesus told him why. He said Mary did the right thing. She was giving Jesus honor.

I want to show others how much I love God. Help me teach others about you.



Help me give you honor every chance I get, Lord.

“If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them. The owner will send them right away.”

—Matthew 21:3

Day 310

Because Jesus is God, he knows about things before they happen.

It was a special time of year called Passover. Jesus and his helpers were on their way to Jerusalem. Jesus told two of his helpers to go ahead. He wanted a donkey. He told the helpers exactly where they would find one.



Help me remember you always know what is going to happen, God.

“Say to the city of Zion, ‘See, your king comes to you. He is gentle and riding on a donkey. He is riding on a donkey’s colt.’”

—Matthew 21:5

Day 311

Usually kings rode donkeys. Jesus rode a donkey into Jerusalem. The people welcomed Jesus like a king! They waved and smiled. Jesus waved and smiled back. He blessed the people as he passed.

Jesus deserves to be treated like a king.



You are the one true King!

A very large crowd spread their coats on the road. Others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

—Matthew 21:8

Day 312

From the time of his birth, Jesus was the one true King of Glory.

Jesus rode into the city. The people cheered. They cried out in praise to God. They shouted, “Hosanna!” Palm branches were waved in the air. People put branches and cloaks on the ground in front of Jesus and the donkey.



Jesus, you are the King of Glory!

The crowds answered, "This is Jesus. He is the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

—Matthew 21:11

Day 313

Jesus was in the city of Jerusalem. Some leaders in Jerusalem were not happy. They did not like Jesus. They did not believe he was the King. They saw how the people loved Jesus. The leaders were jealous. They wanted to stop Jesus.

Some people do not like the idea of Jesus being the one true king.



Jesus, I know that you are the King!

Jesus sat down across from the place where people put their temple offerings. He watched the crowd putting their money into the offering boxes. Many rich people threw large amounts into them.

—Matthew 12:41

Day 314



**Jesus sees
what is inside
our hearts.**

Jesus and his helpers went to the temple. Jesus watched people putting money in a box. Some were rich. Some were poor. Rich people gave lots of money. But they were not really making a sacrifice. They still had lots more money.



Help me understand what it means to sacrifice, God.

Jesus asked his disciples to come to him. He said, "What I'm about to tell you is true. That poor widow has put more into the offering box than all the others. They all gave a lot because they're rich. But she gave even though she is poor: She put in everything she had. She gave all she had to live on." —Mark 12:43–44

Day 315

Jesus told his helpers to watch a poor widow. She had two small coins. She put them in the box for the temple. It was all the money she had! Jesus said she put in more than all the other people did. She gave everything she had. It was a true sacrifice.

**Jesus knows
when we
sacrifice a lot.
He knows what
is in our hearts.**



Help me to be more like the poor widow, God.

*... Jesus loved his disciples who were in the world.
So he now loved them to the very end.
—John 13:1*

Day 316



**Jesus was God,
but he was willing
to serve others.**

It was time for a special celebration called Passover. Jesus and his disciples would share a meal. Jesus knew he had to leave soon. So before they ate, Jesus did something special for his friends. He got towels and water. He wanted to wash his friends' feet!



God, help me to be a good friend like Jesus.

*“I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet.
So you also should wash one another’s feet. I have given you
an example. You should do as I have done for you.”*

—John 13:14–15

Day 317

Even though he was God, Jesus washed each of the disciples’ feet. His friend Peter wanted Jesus to stop. But Jesus said he had to do it. Jesus wanted them to understand what it means to love and serve other people.

Jesus taught that when we love and respect others, we show God how much we love him.



I want to be a servant for you, God.

*... He dipped the piece of bread. Then he gave it to Judas, son of Simon Iscariot. As soon as Judas took the bread, Satan entered into him. So Jesus told him, "Do quickly what you are going to do."
—John 13:26–27*

Day 318

**Jesus always
knows what is
hidden in
our hearts.**

Jesus knew one of his helpers was not nice. One of his helpers was against him. This helper did not want Jesus to keep helping people. He wanted to get Jesus in trouble. Jesus knew who it was! He even shared his bread with the helper, a man named Judas.



Then Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry. And whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

—John 6:35

Day 319

Jesus shared the Passover meal with his best friends. But this Passover meal was extra special. It was Jesus' last supper with his friends. Jesus held up the bread and told his friends that he was the bread that came down from heaven.

We need bread to live. Jesus is the Bread of Life!



Jesus, help me remember that you are the Bread of Life!

*Then he took the cup. He gave thanks and handed it to them. He said, "All of you drink from it. This is my blood of the covenant. It is poured out to forgive the sins of many people."
—Matthew 26:27–28*

Day 320



**Jesus' life
was poured
out for us.**

Jesus held up a cup of wine. He wanted his best friends to remember something important. He was giving up his life so people could have their sins forgiven and live with him in heaven. He told his friends to let the wine remind them of that.



You are the greatest gift, Lord.

Simon Peter asked him, “Lord, where are you going?” Jesus replied, “Where I am going you can’t follow now. But you will follow me later.”
—John 13:36

Day 321

Jesus told his disciples he would be leaving. He needed to go to heaven. He needed to prepare a wonderful new home in heaven for God’s people. The disciples didn’t want Jesus to leave. But Jesus promised he would come back.

God’s Son was here on earth for a special reason. Then he went to heaven to prepare a place for us.



Thank you, Jesus, for preparing a place for me in heaven!

*“Do not let your hearts be troubled.
You believe in God. Believe in me also.”
—John 14:1*

Day 322



**Jesus wants
us to be
joyful.**

Jesus said he was leaving. The disciples could not go with him. But Jesus did not want them to be sad. He did not want them to be scared. He wanted them to be happy. He said, “Soon you will understand, and you will be filled with joy.”



Fill me with joy, Jesus.

*So Judas came to the garden ...
—John 18:3*

Day 323

Judas was part of God's big plan. Judas was greedy. He went to leaders in Jerusalem. He knew they did not like Jesus. Judas knew how to get Jesus for them. He wanted them to pay for the information. The evil leaders gave Judas thirty pieces of silver.

**God knows there
are evil people
in the world.**



Help me to not be greedy, God!

He went a little farther. Then he fell with his face to the ground. He prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, take this cup of suffering away from me. But let what you want be done, not what I want."

—Matthew 26:39

Day 324

Jesus wanted his heavenly Father's will to be done more than his own will.

Jesus went to a garden. He talked to his heavenly Father. Jesus promised to do what God wanted, even though it would be very hard. Jesus prayed for strength. He loved all people. He wanted them to know God and to be able to go to heaven someday.



I want to be brave like Jesus!

“Do you think I can’t ask my Father for help? He would send an army of more than 70,000 angels right away. But then how would the Scriptures come true? They say it must happen in this way.”

—Matthew 26:53–54

Day 325

Judas took some soldiers to the garden. The soldiers arrested Jesus. Jesus’ helpers were very upset! They wanted to save Jesus. But Jesus stopped them. He knew he had to go with the soldiers. It was part of his heavenly Father’s plan.

Jesus followed his heavenly Father’s plans even though he could have stopped them.



Help me follow your plans, God.

Then the high priest stood up. He asked Jesus, “Aren’t you going to answer? What are these charges that these men are bringing against you?” But Jesus remained silent.

—Matthew 26:62–63

Day 326

**Jesus trusted God,
even when the
soldiers and
leaders were
mean to him.**

The soldiers took Jesus to the leaders. The leaders were looking for something to use against Jesus. So they made up false charges against him. Jesus could have defended himself. But he didn't. He trusted God.



Jesus, help me trust you like you trust your Father.

The soldiers brought them to the place called The Skull. There they nailed Jesus to the cross ... Jesus said, "Father, forgive them. They don't know what they are doing."

—Luke 23:33–34

Day 327

The leaders were not nice. The soldiers guarding Jesus were mean. They hit Jesus. They made him carry a heavy cross. They nailed Jesus to the cross and Jesus died. Jesus could have stopped it at any time. But he didn't want to. It was all part of God's plan!

Jesus was brave and strong. He was willing to die because he loves us all so much.



Help me live a life worthy of your love, God.

*After Jesus cried out again in a loud voice, he died.
—Matthew 27:50*

Day 328

God's plans are sometimes hard for people who don't understand him.

Jesus was dead. People cried and were so sad. They were not sure what to do. Jesus had taught them about God. He had taught them about love. Jesus said he was going to die. He also said he would be back! But some people forgot what he said.



Help me trust you, God, even when I don't understand.

“So give the order to make the tomb secure until the third day. If you don’t, his disciples might come and steal the body. Then they will tell the people that Jesus has been raised from the dead. This last lie will be worse than the first. —Matthew 27:64

Day 329

Jesus’ body was put in a tomb. Even though he was dead, the leaders were afraid of Jesus. They knew the people loved Jesus. They knew Jesus had said he would be back. They did not want Jesus’ body to disappear! so they had the tomb guarded by soldiers.

No matter how hard people try, they cannot stop God’s plans.



I am glad you are in charge of everything, God.

There was a powerful earthquake. An angel of the Lord came down from heaven. The angel went to the tomb. He rolled back the stone and sat on it. His body shone like lightning. His clothes were as white as snow.

—Matthew 28:2–3

Day 330



**God has
ways of
surprising us!**

Three days after Jesus died, the earth shook. An angel from heaven appeared! He scared the soldiers. They ran off. A big stone blocked the door to the tomb. The angel pushed the stone away. Then he sat on it.



Thank you for angels, God!

The angel said to the women, “Don’t be afraid. I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here! He has risen, just as he said he would! Come and see the place where he was lying.”
—Matthew 28:5–6

Day 331

Some women went to visit the tomb. They were Jesus’ friends. They were very sad. They missed Jesus a lot. But they were in for a surprise! When they got there, they saw the angel. He said, “Jesus is gone. He is risen!” The tomb was empty!

**Jesus rose
from the dead.
He kept his
promise!**



Alleluia! Thank you for rising from the dead, Jesus.

*Suddenly Jesus met them, "Greetings!" he said.
They came to him, took hold of his feet and worshiped him.
—Matthew 28:9*

Day 332

Jesus loved his friends. He wanted to see them too.

The women ran to tell Peter and the other disciples that Jesus was risen from the dead! Then Jesus surprised the women. He was there in the road. The women could see he was alive! They were so happy! They bowed down and praised him.



I cannot wait to see you in person, Jesus!

On the evening of that first day of the week, the disciples were together. They had locked the doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders.
—John 20:19

Day 333

The disciples were scared. They knew the leaders did not like Jesus. They knew the leaders did not like them. It was not safe for the disciples to be outside. So they hid in a little room where they could all be together and pray together.



**It is good to
be with other
believers.**



Thank you for friends that believe in you, God.

Then he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were very happy when they saw the Lord.

—John 20:20

Day 334

What Jesus promised the disciples came true! His promises to us will come true too.

The disciples were hiding together. Suddenly, Jesus appeared! He said, “Peace be with you!” The disciples could not believe their eyes! Jesus was back! He was alive! How could it be? They touched his hands and feet to be sure.



Lord, help me believe.

Again Jesus said, "May peace be with you! The Father has sent me. So now I am sending you."

—John 20:21

Day 335

Jesus had risen from the dead! There was great joy. The disciples were so happy. Now they knew that God loved them. Jesus was happy too. He prayed and blessed the disciples. He had a big job for them to do.



**Jesus has
big plans
for us.**



Jesus, I am ready to do my part.