

HOLY WEEK MORNING REFLECTIONS

MONDAY 6TH APRIL 2020

1. Prayer

My Lord, my Guide,
During Holy Week, I ask You to lead me.
I will listen closely deep within myself
And ask You for strength to change and grow.

2. Opening Hymn: Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear;
Things I would ask Him to tell me if He were here;
Scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,
Stories of Jesus, tell them to me.

First let me hear how the children stood round His knee,
And I shall fancy His blessing resting on me;
Words full of kindness, deeds full of grace,
All in the love light of Jesus' face.

Into the city I'd follow the children's band,
Waving a branch of the palm tree high in my hand.
One of His heralds, yes, I would sing
Loudest hosannas, "Jesus is King!"

Show me that scene in the garden, of bitter pain.
Show me the cross where my Saviour for me was slain.
Sad ones or bright ones, so that they be
Stories of Jesus, tell them to me.

3. Scripture Reading

Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. [John 12:3](#)

4. Message: Anointing the Feet of Jesus

5. Meditate on John 12:1-8

As you listen to the readings, notice words/phrases that catch your attention, or a picture/image that comes to mind. Bring these before God in prayer. Take your time in His presence. Respond to Him as His Spirit leads you. You may want to draw or write or just be creative in your own way.

Six days before the Passover, Jesus arrived at Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. ² Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. ³ Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴ But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, ⁵ "Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages." ⁶ He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it. ⁷ "Leave her alone," Jesus replied. "*It was intended* that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. ⁸ You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me."

6. Prayer

Lord, may I follow the example of this holy woman, Mary. Help me to humble myself before You and honour You with my whole life. Dear Lord, nothing in life is more important than You and my total adoration of You. Draw me in, dear Lord, humble me before Your glory and help me to love and worship You with my whole being. Jesus, I trust in You.

7. Sharing Points [Find a partner to share.]

How has God spoken to you through the Scriptures given? How would you want to respond?

8. Closing Hymn: Lord Jesus, I Love Thee

Lord Jesus, I love Thee,
I know Thou art mine,
My rock and my fortress,
My Surety divine;
My gracious Redeemer,
my song shall be now,
'Tis Thou who art worthy,
Lord Jesus, 'tis Thou!

I love Thee because
Thou hast first loved me,
And purchased my pardon
on Calvary's tree;
I love Thee for wearing
the thorns on Thy brow;
'Tis Thou who art worthy,
Lord Jesus, 'tis Thou!

I would love Thee in life,
I would love Thee in death,
And praise Thee as long
as Thou lendeth me breath,
And sing, should the death-dew
lie cold on my brow,
'Tis Thou who art worthy,
Lord Jesus, 'tis Thou!

And when the bright morn
of Thy glory shall come,
And the children ascend
to the Father's glad home,
I'll shout, with Thy likeness
impressed on my brow,
'Tis Thou who art worthy,
Lord Jesus, 'tis Thou.

9. Closing Prayer

Please, Lord, guide my mind with Your truth. Strengthen my life by the example of Jesus. Help me to be with Jesus in this week as He demonstrates again His total love for me. He died so that I would no longer be separated from You. Help me to feel how close You are and to live in union with You. **Amen.**