

REGROUP, REMEMBER, AND REFLECT

ON THE 2025 APRIL SUNDAY SERMONS

SESSIONS

"This is My body" (Apr 6)

"Who is this?" (Apr 13)

"He is risen!" (Apr 20)

"All authority has been given to Me."
(Apr 27)



APRIL OVERVIEW

Over the next few weeks, we will celebrate the highest holy days of the year in the events leading up to the Passion and resurrection of Christ, and what immediately followed. Because we commemorate these events in the life of Christ every year, the words of stories may blur together or become mundane. In order to refocus our minds and hearts on these culminating acts of the incarnation, quotes have been lifted directly from Scripture to emphasize.

The first Sunday commemorates the institution of communion in the Last Supper. As Jesus breaks the bread and pours the wine, He offers them to His disciples, saying, "**This is My body.**"

The second Sunday brings us into the crowd who accompany Jesus on His entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. This sermon will answer the question of the people - "**Who is this?**" He is our Prophet, Priest, and King.

Standing at the cross on Good Friday, we will uncover the dichotomy of truth revealed in the mocking voices that taunt Jesus. We will bear witness to His suffering, utterly alone and abandoned, expressed in His cry, "**My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?**"

Easter Sunday brings us to the empty tomb, where we hear what the women hear: He is not here! This surprising truth prompts them to go and deliver the message, "**He is risen!**"

And finally, with the disciples encountering the Risen Lord on the mountain, we will hear Him proclaim, "**All authority has been given to Me.**"

The Weight of Words

"This is My body."

Bible verse: Matthew 26:26

Suggested Reading: Matthew 26:17-30, Exodus 12

QUESTIONS:

1. Read and compare Matthew 26:17-20 with Exodus 12.
 - a. How is Jesus the Paschal Lamb?
 - b. What are the parallels between the Exodus story and Jesus' sacrifice?
2. How did the sermon inspire or instruct your understanding of the Bible verse and/or context?
3. How is Holy Communion and eschatological (future-oriented) meal?
4. 1 Corinthians 10:17 says, "For we, though many, are one bread and one body; for we all partake of that one bread." Discuss how Holy Communion is a meal of fellowship.
5. We believe in the sacrament of Holy Communion that we are in the real presence of Christ's sacrifice, as if we are standing at the foot of the cross. How can you focus on this aspect of communion the next time you receive it?
6. What are the weight of these words to you: "This is My body"?
7. If you had to summarize the service in one sentence to someone who was not there, what would it be?

The Weight of Words

"Who is this?"

Bible verse: Matthew 21:10-11

Suggested Reading: Matthew 21:1-11

QUESTIONS:

1. The title *Messiah* means "anointed one" - why is this title appropriately used for Jesus?
2. How did the sermon inspire or instruct your understanding of the Bible verse and/or context?
3. Discuss how Jesus is revealed as the Prophet, Priest, and King.
4. Contemplate how the Holy Spirit keeps these offices of Christ relevant even today. How do you experience Jesus as Prophet, Priest, and King in your life?
5. How would answer the question - "Who is this?" in reference to Jesus Christ?
6. Jesus Christ, as the Priest who *makes* the sacrifice and *is* the sacrifice comes to us at the table of communion. He breaks the bread (His body)... *and gives it for you.* He pours out the wine (His blood)... *and gives it for you.* Thinking of this, how do the words "The body and blood of Jesus given for you" have new meaning?
7. What is the one new thought that you walked away with?
