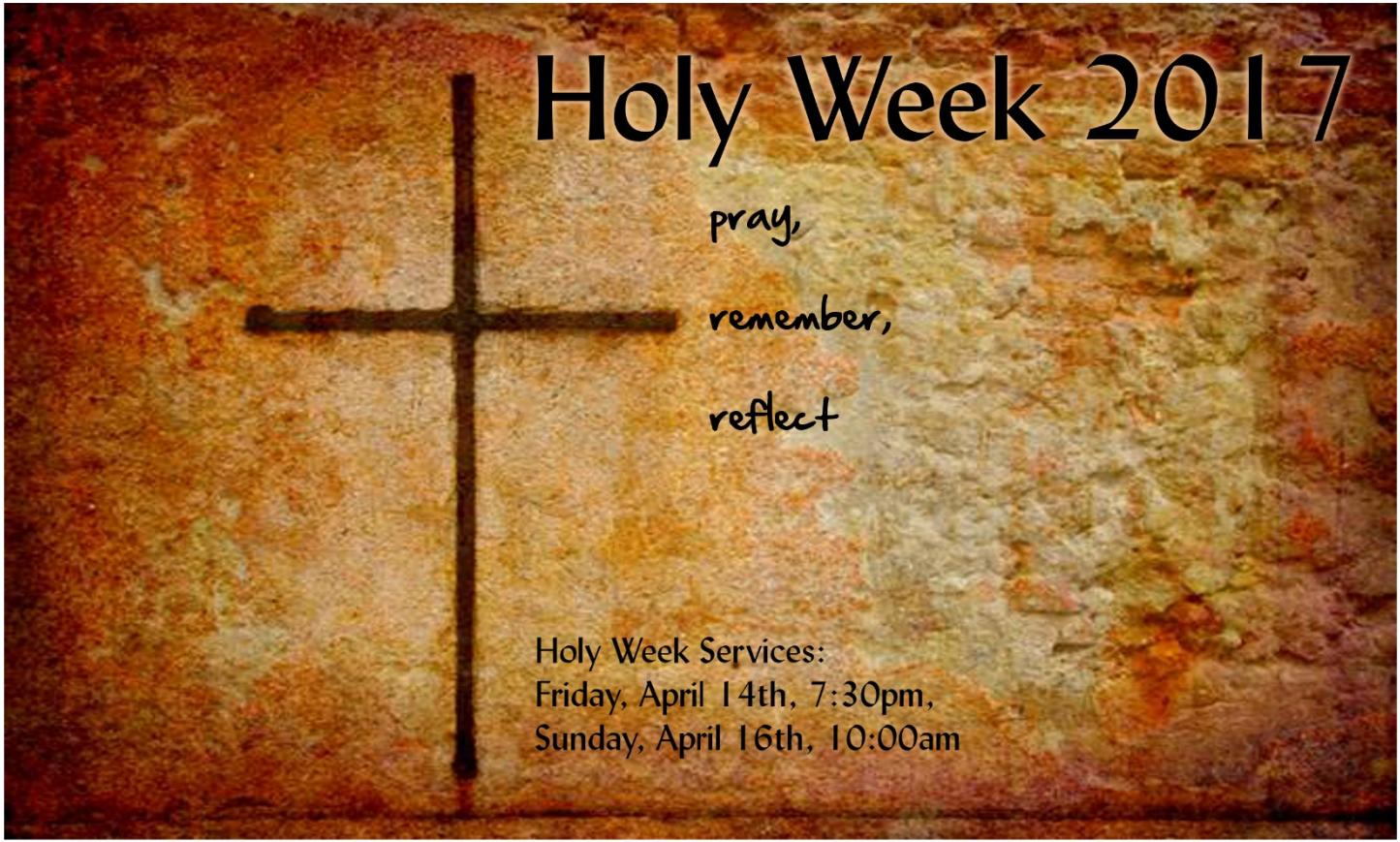
Holy Week 2017
pray,
remember,
reflect
Holy Week Services:
Friday, April 14th, 7:30pm,
Sunday, April 16th, 10:00am

Holy Week 2017

I believe that Holy Week can afford us the opportunity to take the time to reflect on the some of the questions that Jesus asked His disciples and others concerning everyday life situations. Many of the questions were intended to open their hearts and minds to discover the power, love and healing that was available to all those who would put their trust in Him.
As you consider these questions allow the Holy Spirit to give you insight and revelation as you respond to His moving in your heart.

- Each study will take about 20 minutes
- During this week consider fasting as suggested below
    1. One meal a day, or perhaps one whole day
    2. Media fast (Facebook, twitter, etc.) for the week
    3. A Daniel fast (fruits, vegetables, and grains)
- Come and invite someone to come with you to the Friday night prayer and remembrance service

Day 1 Sunday
Jesus exhorts His followers not to worry
Read the following verses of scripture:
Matthew 6:27-28; Matthew 10:17-19; Luke 12:27-31

- Worry does not solve any of our problems
- Worry takes our focus off the Lord as our provider
- The Holy Spirit is our helper and will give us what we need at the right moment
- Your heavenly Father knows everything that you need
- When we seek His kingdom first He will add everything that is lacking

What is the number one thing that comes to mind that is cause for you to worry about?

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Do you believe if you seek His kingdom first it will alleviate your anxiety and worry?

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Prayer points for today

- Lord remind me of the things that I have worried about that you have taken care of.
- Jesus please allow my confession and belief in you to overcome my tendency to be anxious.

Day 2 Monday

Jesus allows us to find the source and degree of our belief in Him

Read the following verses of Scripture:
Matthew 9:27-29; Mark 9:23-26; John 6:64-68

- Belief is a choice that we can make based on who we believe Jesus to be
- What we believe about Jesus will be challenged by circumstances that we may be experiencing for the first time
- Unbelief is the enemy of our faith because it challenges us with "what if?"
- Often our belief rests upon testimonies of people who have experienced the works of Jesus in their life
- Jesus will allow our belief in Him to be challenged by circumstances we cannot control

When is it hardest for you to believe in Jesus?

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Do you wrestle with your faith being challenged by unbelief because of unanswered prayers?

Prayer points for today

- When we confess our unbelief Jesus will not condemn us
- We will find strength and encourage to believe when we choose to trust the Lord in the midst of difficult circumstances

Day 3 Tuesday

Jesus desires us to declare what we want Him to do for us

Read the following scriptures:
Matthew 20:29-34; Luke 5:12-16; John 5:5-11

- We must not be ashamed to ask the Lord to be merciful in relation to our situation
- We should not allow what other people think to hinder us from seeking the Lord
- When we approach the Lord we are asking for things according to His will not ours
- It is important that we not rely upon excuses and blame others for our failures or problems
- Obedience to the word of the Lord is the key to our receiving healing

When do you find it difficult to ask the Lord for merciful intervention in your situation?

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Are there people that you are blaming and holding offense against that may be hindering your prayers for deliverance?

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Prayer points for today

- Lord Give me the faith to ask boldly for you to supply my needs
- Give me the faith to overcome the fear of disappointment

Day 4 Wednesday
Jesus wants us to have a personal relationship with Him that is not affected by what we are going through
Read the following verses of Scripture:
Luke 8:22-25; John 11:18-37; Mark 8:17-21

- When the Lord tells us to do something He is fully aware of the obstacles that may get in our way
- We must not forget that He is with us not matter what we are going through
- When we are facing what seems impossible we must be faithful to do what He asks of us regardless of what we think may or may not be the results
- We should bring to mind other things that Lord has brought us through that will build our confidence in His care for us

When you are going through a storm what measures can you take to focus on Jesus instead of the circumstances?-
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How do you deal with disappointment as it relates to things that you thought the Lord would meet your expectations regarding a time frame of completion?
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Prayer points for today

- We should never forget that Jesus loves us in the midst of our most desperate situation
- Every miracle that we experience will require faith to believe and receive

Day 5 Thursday
Jesus desires our devotion to Him to be steadfast
Read the following verses of Scripture:
Mark 14:32-38; Luke 6:46-49; John 15:25-33

- We should be willing to wait in prayer on the Lord
- We should desire and develop the discipline to meditate on the word of God without distractions
- If we are calling Him Lord we must be willing to do what He commands us to
- We must be willing to suffer consequences for our faith and belief in Jesus
- We are overcomers by the word of our testimony to those who have yet to believe

When the Lord asks you to devote time alone with Him what is your response?

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What does it mean to you to call Jesus "Lord"?

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Prayer points for today

- Lord direct my heart and thoughts toward the things that will allow me to focus on time spent with you alone
- Since you are the Lord of my life help me to put you first and above everything in my life

Day 6 Friday
Jesus confronts death on the cross for our sins
Read the following verses of Scripture:
John 18:1-23; John 19:28-30;

- Jesus is betrayed by Judas
- Jesus surrenders His life to those who seek to kill Him
- Jesus heals one of those who try to destroy Him
- Jesus confronts Peter's denial that he knows Him
- Jesus dies on the cross for our salvation

What are the things that will cause you to stand up for Jesus when confronted by those who are against Him?

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What is your response when you are confronted for things you have done that are hypocritical?

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Prayer points for today

- Ask the Lord to show areas of your life where you are vulnerable to pressure to deny His workings in your life
- Trust the Holy Spirit to remind you of your death to the flesh and your new life in the Spirit

Day 7 Saturday
Jesus is alive forevermore
Read the following scripture:
John 21:1-19

- Jesus appears to His disciples
- Jesus invites them to come and have breakfast with Him
- Jesus allows Peter to discover the depth of His love for the Lord
- Jesus restores Peter as a follower

- What things need to be restored in your life as a follower of Jesus?

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As a follower of Jesus what things do you need to be aware of that could become stumbling blocks in your walk?

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Prayer points for today

- Lord make me aware of anything that would cause me to put confidence in my flesh
- Jesus help me to restore those who have been deceived by the enemy by putting themselves in compromising positions

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