

## **CJH NOTES – SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR HOLY WEEK**

**Source: Quest Study Bible (2003)**

### **MONDAY**

ISAIAH 42:1-9 *p.1039*

God names Jesus as his servant and will help Him serve the people and carry out God's wishes for them.

PSALM 36:5-11 *p.788*

Written by David for the Lord. Speaks of finding refuge and light in the Lord. Hopes he is not persecuted by others for his devotion.

HEBREWS 9:11-15 *p.1733*

They sought to understand how the blood of Christ would cleanse them of sin and protect them so that they may serve Him.

JOHN 12:1-11 *p.1543*

A dinner was held in Jesus' honor at Bethany, where he had raised Lazarus from the dead. Lazarus was at the table with them. Mary poured perfume on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. Judas raised objection to this, for it was expensive perfume. It was not an uncommon ritual of the day to use perfume to mask the odor of a decaying body. Knowing His death was to come, Jesus saw it as a pre-annointing for burial and a sign of her love and devotion. Some showed up at the dinner looking for Lazarus because they wanted to kill him for attracting attention to Jesus' power and the resultant wishes of more people to follow the Lord.

### **TUESDAY**

ISAIAH 49:1-7 *p.1052*

The speaker of this verse seems to be commissioned with the task of restoring Israel to God. The person could also be seen as the future Servant-Messiah, who identifies with Israel. The Messianic tone is strong in this passage and in the following chapters. This passage is setting the tone for the duty which will be called upon to serve as a light for the Gentiles (person of a non-Jewish nation) and to represent the power and love of the Lord.

PSALM 71:1-14 *p.820*

This is a great Psalm. It speaks to the Lord, asking Him to be a rock, refuge, and savior and speaks of true devotion to Him. It is filled with hope.

1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-31 *p.1633*

This book was written by Paul, the apostle. The passage serves to humble those who consider themselves the "intellectual and spiritual elites", citing that knowledge does not make them superior and does not bring them closer to God.

JOHN 12:20-36 p.1544

In this passage, Jesus predicts – but does not lament – his upcoming death. He says “Father, glorify your name!” God spoke to him (some present think an angel spoke, some thought it was lightening) and said “I have glorified it. I will glorify it again.” Jesus said hearing the voice of God was for the benefit of the people. Jesus told them to put their trust in, and walk in, the light, for “The man who walks in the dark does not know where he is going.” Jesus then went into seclusion.

**WEDNESDAY**

ISAIAH 50:4-9 p.1055

While Isaiah speaks of physical abuse in this passage, there is no evidence to suggest that he was abused. Rather, this passage seems to be symbolic; he is stating that if he were to suffer due to his devotion to the Lord, he would “turn the other cheek” and persevere in his faith.

PSALM 70 p.820

In this Psalm, David asks for the Lord's help because he was “spiritually poor”.

HEBREWS 12:1-3 p.1738

God tells his followers to think of Jesus' strength when he faced opposition and not to lose heart. Jesus responded to opposition by: 1) confronting evil with good; 2) shrewdly answering questions; and 3) applying the Scriptures.

JOHN 13:21-32 p.1546

Jesus predicts his betrayal in this passage. They ask him who will be the one to betray him. He says “It is the one to whom I will give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish.” He dips the bread, and hands it to Judas Iscariot. Judas takes the bread and leaves. It is said that when he took the bread, Satan entered into him.

**THURSDAY**

EXODUS 12:1-4, 11-14 p.94

The Lord instructs Moses and Aaron in Egypt to tell the community that each man is to sacrifice a lamb (if a family cannot afford it, the neighbor is to share) and smear blood on their doors to show a sign that they are His followers. The Lord will pass through and strike down every firstborn in the houses without blood on the door and bring judgment on the Gods of Egypt.

PSALM 116:1-2, 16-19 p.867

A Psalm of devotion and claims of service to the Lord.

1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-26 p.1644

This passage is about communion – the symbolism of drinking and eating bread in remembrance of the Lord.

JOHN 13:1-17, 31b-35 p.1546-7

Jesus washes the feet of his followers, to set an example to take care of each other. He tells them that where he is going, they cannot come. He says, "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

**GOOD FRIDAY**

ISAIAH 52:13-53:12 p.1058

"The Suffering and Glory of the Servant." This passage describes how Jesus – though he had done no wrong - suffered for our sins and was "led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, he did not open his mouth."

PSALM 22 p.775

A Psalm of David. He asks the Lord for strength in the midst of persecution. Claims he will praise the name of the Lord to others. Speaks of his faith, "you made me trust in you even at my Mother's breast."

HEBREWS 10:16-25 p.1735

Jesus wipes the slate clean for mankind, absolving us of our sins. "Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more." A call is made to wash away their guilty consciences and move forth with hope and faith. "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds."

JOHN 18:1-19:42(40?) p.1553-4

Jesus is arrested. Judas came with soldiers, some officials from the chief priests and Pharisees. Jesus went without a fight, asking that no one else be harmed (though Simon Peter did cut off the ear of the servant Malchus).

**HOLY SATURDAY**

JOB 14:1-14 p.721

Job is depressed and beyond consolation. He is asking for relief from his suffering.

PSALM 31:1-4, 15-16 p.783

A Psalm of David, expressing faith and looking to the Lord for strength.

1 PETER 4:1-8 p.1753

"Living for God". Asks followers to pray and live their lives according to God's will, not doing what they want to do (sinfully) as they had in the past.

MATTHEW 27:57-66 p.1432

Jesus is buried. Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body. He wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and placed it in its own new tomb that he had cut out of rock. He rolled a large stone in front of the entrance. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary sat opposite the tomb. Pilate's guards kept watch over the tomb for three days to make sure that Jesus' disciples did not remove his body and declare he had risen from the dead.