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INTRODUCTION

As Easter approaches, store shelves fill with chocolate eggs and festive treats. But as followers of Christ, this season invites us to look beyond the sweets and instead nourish our hearts and minds with a deeper understanding of who Jesus is, what He has done for us, and how His love surpasses all understanding. This 30-day Easter devotional is designed to refocus our hearts on Jesus—the only one who can restore us and bring us into a true relationship with God.



LOVES ALL

The Lord appeared to us in the past, saying: "I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness.

JEREMIAH 31:3, NIV

God's love for Israel (His people) remains steadfast, even when they fall short. This message offers hope, as God promises to restore His people and bring them back to their land. His faithfulness never wavers, and He extends restoration to all who turn to Him. His love is not based on our actions but on His unchanging nature.

ADULTS:

How does knowing that God's love is everlasting and unfailing impact the way you see your relationship with Him, especially in difficult times?

KIDS:

What do you think is the difference between the love that people show one another to the love that God demonstrates?

PRAYER:

Jesus, thank You for **Your love that surrounds us**. Remind me daily that Your love is greater than any other love the world offers, and teach me to surrender the things in my life that show love to more than You. Amen.



ALL KNOWING

But Jesus would not entrust himself to them, for he knew all people. 25 He did not need any testimony about mankind, for he knew what was in each person.

JOHN 2:24-25, NIV

This took place during Jesus' final conversation with His disciples before His crucifixion, where He foretold His death, resurrection, and the trials they would face. His disciples recognised that He knew all things, including their thoughts and what was to come. As believers, we find comfort in knowing that Jesus' knowledge is complete and nothing is beyond His understanding.

ADULTS:

How does knowing that Jesus understands everything—including our struggles, thoughts, and future—change the way we trust and follow Him in our daily lives?

KIDS:

Because Jesus is allknowing, how does this change the way you can come to Him and ask Him when you need help or guidance?

PRAYER:

Jesus, thank You for being **all-knowing** and for understanding everything—our thoughts, struggles, and the future ahead. Just as You prepared Your disciples for what was to come, help us to trust in Your perfect knowledge and wisdom. In times of uncertainty, remind us that nothing is beyond Your understanding. Give us the faith to rest in Your guidance and the courage to follow You, knowing that You see the bigger picture. Amen.



THE FIRST

The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, 'We have found the Messiah' (that is, the Christ).

JOHN 1:41, NIV

Jesus is the promised Messiah, the Anointed One, who came to fulfil God's covenant. He is the long-awaited deliverer for all people. As believers, we can take joy in knowing that Jesus is the fulfilment of the promises given throughout Scripture, and He continues to guide and save us today. We notice here that Andrew could not wait to find his brother to tell him about Jesus.

ADULTS:

How can you make Jesus your first thought in the morning to shape the way you live your faith?

KIDS:

What is the first thing you think of each morning?

PRAYER:

Jesus, thank You for being the **Messiah**, the Anointed One who came to fulfil God's promises. Help us to seek You first, trust in You and find hope in Your Word. Guide us daily as You continue to fulfil Your promises in our lives. Amen.



SON OF GOD

The Father loves the Son and has placed everything in his hands. JOHN 3:35, NIV

Jesus, the Son of God, is fully trusted with the authority of the Father. This relationship between the Father and Son demonstrates the divine unity and perfect love within the Trinity. Reflecting on this, we can trust in Jesus' complete authority over our lives and the universe, knowing He is always working for our good.

ADULTS:

How can you deepen your relationship with God, recognising Jesus as the Son of God with authority over your life?

KIDS:

What does it mean to you that Jesus is the Son of God?

PRAYER:

Father, thank You for sending **Your Son, Jesus**, to reveal Your love and authority. We trust in His guidance and recognise His authority over our lives. Help us to live in complete surrender to Him. Amen.



SON OF MAN

For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.

LUKE 19:10, NIV

Jesus, though divine, took on human flesh to identify with us in our weakness and to bring us salvation. His mission was clear: to seek out those who are lost, just as He sought and saved us. We are called to follow His example by reaching out to others with the same love and compassion He extended to us.

ADULTS:

In what ways can you help seek and save the lost in your community, reflecting Jesus' mission?

KIDS:

What does the title "The Son of Man" mean?

PRAYER:

Lord, thank You for becoming the **Son of Man**, identifying with us in our struggles. Help us to follow Your example of seeking the lost and sharing Your love with those in need. Amen.



And every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the

glory of God the Father.

PHILIPPIANS 2:11, NIV

Recognising Jesus as Lord is not merely acknowledging His authority; it's surrendering to His rule in every area of our lives. When we call Jesus Lord, we are declaring that He is our King, worthy of our worship, obedience, and trust.

LORD

ADULTS:

How can you make Jesus more Lord of your life in practical ways today?

KIDS:

What does it mean to you to say that Jesus is your Lord?

PRAYER:

Jesus, You are **Lord of all**. We surrender every area of our lives to You and ask You to rule and reign in our hearts. Help us to worship You in spirit and truth, obey Your commands, and trust Your leadership. Amen.



KING

Jesus said, 'My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place.

JOHN 18:36, NIV

Jesus' kingship transcends earthly powers and systems. His kingdom is eternal and spiritual, established in the hearts of those who trust Him. As citizens of this kingdom, we are called to live according to its values, seeking justice, peace, and love, not the fleeting comforts of this world.

ADULTS:

How does living as a citizen of God's kingdom challenge you to live differently in this world?

KIDS:

What kingdom do you think Jesus is talking about?

PRAYER:

Jesus, You are the **King** of an eternal kingdom. Help us to live as citizens of Your kingdom, reflecting its values of justice, peace, and love. May we seek Your will above all else. Amen.



TEACHER

You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am.

JOHN 13:13, NIV

Jesus, as our Teacher, imparts wisdom and truth that transform our lives. He doesn't just teach with words but with actions, demonstrating a life of humility, service, and love. We must be willing to learn from Him, allowing His teachings to shape our hearts and actions.

ADULTS:

How can you actively learn from Jesus as your Teacher each day?

KIDS:

What is one thing Jesus teaches us that you want to follow?

PRAYER:

Jesus, thank You for being our **Teacher**. We open our hearts to Your wisdom and ask that You transform us with Your words and example. Help us to live out Your teachings in every area of our lives. Amen.



HEALER

Aware of this, Jesus withdrew from that place. Many followed him, and he healed all their sick.

MATTHEW 12:15, NIV

Jesus' healing power wasn't just physical; it was also spiritual and emotional. He came to restore wholeness to the brokenness of humanity. In Him, we find healing not only for our bodies but also for our hearts and minds. Let us bring our pain and brokenness to Him, knowing He can heal and restore.

ADULTS:

What areas of your life do you need Jesus' healing touch?

KIDS:

Is there anything we can pray for you or a friend who needs healing?

PRAYER:

Jesus, thank You for being our **Healer**. We bring our brokenness to You, trusting in Your power to heal our bodies, hearts, and minds. Restore us with Your love and bring peace to our souls. Amen.



PROPHET

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

MATTHEW 21:11, NIV

Jesus spoke the very words of God, revealing the heart of the Father to the world. He was the ultimate prophet, calling people to repentance and obedience, showing them the way to life. As we listen to His words, may we respond with open hearts, eager to live out His teachings.

ADULTS:

How can you listen more closely to the words of Jesus in your everyday life?

KIDS:

How is a prophet different to someone who says that they are a fortune teller?

PRAYER:

Jesus, thank You for being our **Prophet**, bringing us the Word of God. Open our hearts to Your teachings and help us to walk in obedience to Your will. Amen.



BREAD OF LIFE

Then Jesus declared, '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, NIV

Jesus is the Bread of Life, the source of spiritual nourishment. Just as bread sustains the body, Jesus sustains the soul. In a world where we often seek fulfillment in temporary things, Jesus offers the eternal satisfaction that only He can provide. Let us feed on Him daily through His Word and presence.

ADULTS:

What are some ways you can nourish your soul through Jesus' Word and presence?

KIDS:

What does it mean to you that Jesus is the Bread of Life?

PRAYER:

Jesus, thank You for being the **Bread of Life**. You satisfy our souls in a way nothing else can. Help us to seek You every day for nourishment and to trust in the fullness You provide. Amen.



TRUE VINE

I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener.

JOHN 15:1, NIV

As the True Vine, Jesus provides the essential life-giving connection we need to bear fruit. Apart from Him, we can do nothing. By staying connected to Him through prayer, His Word, and obedience, we find our strength and purpose. Let's remain in Him and bear fruit that glorifies God.

ADULTS:

How do you stay connected to Jesus, the True Vine, in your daily life?

KIDS:

What does it mean to you to stay close to Jesus like a vine?

PRAYER:

Jesus, thank You for being the **True Vine**. We want to stay connected to You and bear good fruit for Your glory. Help us to remain in You each day and grow in our relationship with You. Amen.



ALPHA AND OMEGA

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

REVELATION 22:13, NIV

Jesus is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. He is eternal and sovereign over all creation. From the first moment of creation to the final days of eternity, He holds everything together. Our lives, too, are in His hands from beginning to end. This truth gives us hope and assurance that He is always in control.

ADULTS:

How can you trust Jesus with both the beginning and end of your life, knowing He holds all things in His hands?

KIDS:

What do you think it means that Jesus is the beginning and the end?

PRAYER:

Jesus, You are the **Alpha and Omega**, the eternal one. Thank You for holding our lives in Your hands. Help us to trust You in every season, knowing that You are always with us from beginning to end. Amen.



Very truly I tell you," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, I am!

JOHN 8:58, NIV

Jesus' declaration of "I am" ties back to God's name in the Old Testament, showing that He is eternal and divine. Jesus is the "I Am" — the One who has always existed, is present now, and will always be. In every circumstance, He is with us. We can trust in His unchanging presence.

I AM

ADULTS:

How does understanding Jesus as the "I Am" strengthen your trust in His presence and power?

KIDS:

What do you think it means when Jesus says, "I Am"?

PRAYER:

Jesus, You are the "**I Am**," eternal and unchanging. Thank You for being with us in every moment. Help us to trust in Your presence and power, knowing You are always with us. Amen.



FAITHFUL

I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and makes war.

REVELATION 19:11, NIV

Jesus is called "Faithful and True," a reminder that He never fails to fulfill His promises. His faithfulness endures through every trial, and His truth guides us in all things. We can trust Him with our lives, knowing He is always faithful, even when we are not.

ADULTS:

In what ways has Jesus shown His faithfulness to you in difficult times?

KIDS:

What does it mean to you that Jesus is always faithful?

PRAYER:

Jesus, You are **Faithful and True**. Thank You for always keeping Your promises to us. Help us to trust in Your faithfulness in every situation and to live in a way that honours Your truth. Amen.



RISEN LORD

He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.

MATTHEW 28:6, NIV

The resurrection of Jesus is the cornerstone of our faith. His victory over death guarantees our victory over sin and death. Jesus is alive, and because He lives, we can live with hope. His resurrection gives us the assurance that nothing is impossible with Him.

ADULTS:

How does the resurrection of Jesus impact your daily life and perspective on challenges?

KIDS:

What does it mean to you that Jesus is alive?

PRAYER:

Jesus, thank You for **rising from the dead and conquering death**. Your victory gives us hope and assurance. Help us to live with the joy and confidence that comes from knowing You are alive and with us. Amen.



THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE

Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die;'

JOHN 11:25, NIV

Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life. He not only promises eternal life but also gives us life here and now. Through Him, we experience spiritual renewal and hope in the face of death. His resurrection power is at work in us, transforming us into new creations.

ADULTS:

How does knowing that Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life give you hope, especially in difficult times?

KIDS:

What do you think it means that Jesus gives us life?

PRAYER:

Jesus, You are the **Resurrection and the Life**. Thank You for giving us eternal life and transforming us here and now. Help us to live with the hope that comes from You, knowing we have life in You. Amen.



GOOD SHEPHERD

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

JOHN 10:11, NIV

Jesus is our Good Shepherd who lovingly cares for us, protecting, guiding, and nourishing us. He knows each of us by name and is willing to lay down His life for us. As we follow Him, we are safe and secure in His care.

ADULTS:

In what ways do you experience Jesus' care and guidance as your Shepherd?

KIDS:

How do you think good shepherds care for their sheep?

PRAYER:

Jesus, thank You for being our **Good Shepherd**. We are so grateful for Your care, protection, and guidance. Help us to follow You closely and trust in Your love and leadership. Amen.



LAMB OF GOD

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, 'Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!'

JOHN 1:29, NIV

Jesus is the Lamb of God, the ultimate sacrifice for our sins. Just as the lambs in the Old Testament were sacrificed to atone for sin, Jesus, the Lamb, was sacrificed once for all. His blood washes away our sin, offering us forgiveness and reconciliation with God.

ADULTS:

How does recognising Jesus as the Lamb of God change the way you understand forgiveness and grace?

KIDS:

Why do you think Jesus is called the Lamb of God?

PRAYER:

Jesus, thank You for being the **Lamb of God**, whose sacrifice takes away our sin. We are so grateful for Your forgiveness and grace. Help us to live in the freedom You have given us. Amen.



WONDERFUL Counsellor

But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

> JOHN 14:26, NIV (refer to Isaiah 9:6)

Jesus is the Wonderful Counsellor who offers wisdom beyond our understanding. He guides us in the ways of righteousness and peace. In moments of confusion, we can turn to Him for counsel, trusting that His wisdom is perfect and true.

ADULTS:

When you are seeking guidance, how can you turn to Jesus as your Wonderful Counsellor?

KIDS:

What do you think a good counsellor does for you?

PRAYER:

Jesus, You are the **Wonderful Counsellor**. Thank You for the wisdom You provide. Help us to seek Your guidance in every decision and trust in Your perfect counsel. Amen.



OUR PASSOVER LAMB

Get rid of the old yeast, so that you may be a new unleavened batch as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.

1 CORINTHIANS 5:7, NIV

Jesus, our Passover Lamb, was sacrificed to set us free from the bondage of sin. Just as the lamb's blood protected the Israelites during the Passover, Jesus' blood protects us from the consequences of sin. Through His sacrifice, we are made new.

ADULTS:

What does it mean for you personally that Jesus is your Passover Lamb?

KIDS:

Where did the word Passover come from?

PRAYER:

Jesus, thank You for being our **Passover Lamb**. Your sacrifice has set us free from sin and death. Help us to live in the freedom You have won for us and to honor You with our lives. Amen.



LION OF JUDAH

Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals.'

REVELATION 5:5, NIV

Jesus, the Lion of Judah, is a powerful and victorious King. He conquered sin and death, and He will return in glory to establish His eternal kingdom. We can take courage knowing that He is the triumphant King who reigns forever.

ADULTS:

How does knowing Jesus is the Lion of Judah strengthen your confidence in His victory over all things?

KIDS:

What is something you are not confident about and how can you ask God to help you?

PRAYER:

Jesus, You are the mighty **Lion of Judah**, victorious over sin and death. Thank You for Your power and strength. Help us to trust in Your victory and live with courage and hope. Amen.



IMMANUEL

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means 'God with us.'

MATTHEW 1:23, NIV

Jesus is Immanuel, "God with us." He is not distant or far off but present with us in every moment. In times of joy and sorrow, He is with us, walking alongside us. We can find comfort knowing that God Himself is near.

ADULTS:

How does the presence of Jesus as Immanuel affect the way you face life's challenges?

KIDS:

How does it feel to know that God is always with you through Jesus?

PRAYER:

Jesus, thank You for being **Immanuel**, God with us. We are so grateful for Your constant presence in our lives. Help us to be aware of Your nearness and to trust You in every situation. Amen.



PRINCE OF PEACE

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

ISAIAH 9:6, NIV

Jesus is the Prince of Peace, the one who brings true peace to our hearts. His peace is not the absence of trouble, but the presence of His comfort and assurance in the midst of it. Through Him, we can find peace that surpasses all understanding.

ADULTS:

How can you experience the peace of Jesus in your life today?

KIDS:

Is there anything that makes you or your friends sad, and how can we pray that Jesus comforts you?

PRAYER:

Jesus, You are the **Prince of Peace**. Thank You for giving us peace in our hearts. Help us to experience Your peace every day and share it with others. Amen.



THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE

Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'

JOHN 14:6, NIV

Jesus is the only way to the Father. In Him, we find truth and life. There is no other path to eternal life or genuine fulfillment except through Jesus. By following Him, we walk in the light of truth and experience the abundant life He offers.

ADULTS:

How does knowing that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life shape your understanding of salvation?

KIDS:

What does it mean to you that Jesus is the way to God?

PRAYER:

Jesus, thank You for being **the way, the truth, and the life**. We are grateful that You are the only path to the Father. Help us to follow You and live in Your truth and life. Amen.



THE ROCK

They drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ.

1 CORINTHIANS 10:4, NIV

Jesus is our Rock, the solid foundation upon which we stand. In a world that is often shifting, He is unchanging and reliable. When we build our lives on Him, we have security and strength to face any storm.

ADULTS:

In what areas of your life do you need to trust Jesus as your Rock and firm foundation?

KIDS:

What does it mean to you that Jesus is our Rock?

PRAYER:

Jesus, thank You for being **our Rock**. You are our firm foundation and our strength. Help us to stand strong in You and trust in Your unchanging love and faithfulness. Amen.



THE LIGHT OF THE World

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.'

JOHN 8:12, NIV

Jesus is the Light of the World, and in Him, we find the truth and guidance we need. His light dispels the darkness in our lives, showing us the way to eternal life. When we follow Jesus, we walk in His light and are transformed.

ADULTS:

How does following Jesus as the Light of the World change the way you live your daily life?

KIDS:

What does it mean to you that Jesus is the Light of the World?

PRAYER:

Jesus, may **Your light** shine brightly over my friends and family, may You help me to shine Your light towards people that are far from You. Amen.



JUST LIKE US

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathise with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

HEBREWS 4:15, NIV

Reflect on the many ways Jesus was just like us, think about the struggles that He may have faced and His greatest moments of joy.

ADULTS:

How does remembering His struggles and challenges help you walk through your own challenges?

KIDS:

What are some things Jesus may have struggled with as a child and what do you think He did to overcome them?

PRAYER:

Jesus, thank you for being a **God that understands the challenges and joys that we face**, we are grateful that we are not alone and that you walk with us through these times. May we continue to remember that you are always with us and that you want the best for us. Amen.



REDEEMER

I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand on the earth.

JOB 19:25, NIV

Job's words echo a deep, timeless hope: that God would redeem His people. Jesus, our Redeemer, is the fulfilment of this promise. Through His death and resurrection, He brought us back from the clutches of sin and death. Praise God for the hope of eternal redemption!

ADULTS:

In what areas of your life do you need to experience the redemption that Jesus offers?

KIDS:

How can we show others that Jesus is our Redeemer?

PRAYER:

Lord Jesus, thank You for being **our Redeemer**. We are so grateful that You have brought us back to God through Your sacrifice. Help us to live in the freedom that comes from knowing we are redeemed. Amen.



SAVIOUR

Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.

LUKE 2:11, NIV

Jesus came to save us from sin, offering us a path to redemption and eternal life. As we reflect on His birth, let's remember that the Saviour didn't just come to be a child in a manger but to die on a cross for our salvation. In our darkest moments, we can find hope in the fact that He is our Saviour.

ADULTS:

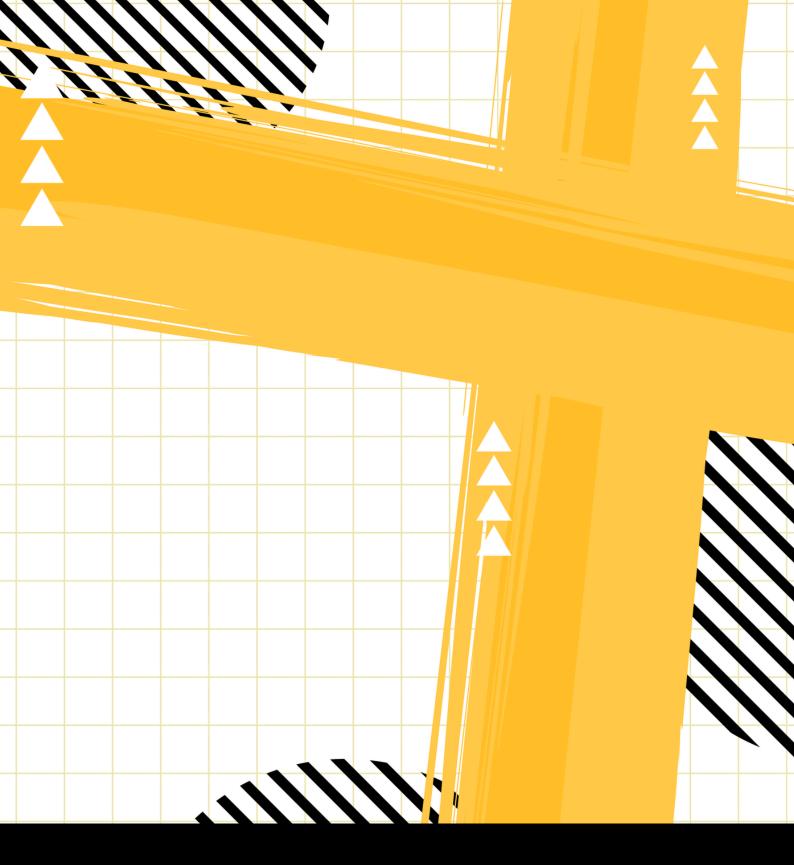
How does knowing Jesus is your Saviour change the way you approach life's challenges?

KIDS:

What does it mean to you that Jesus is your Saviour?

PRAYER:

Jesus, thank You for coming **to save us**. Thank You for Your incredible love that led You to the cross to redeem us from sin. Help us to remember that You are our Saviour, and let Your sacrifice fill us with gratitude and joy. Amen.



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