



# **Seeing with Fresh Eyes**

# A Lenten Meditation Guide

The season of Lent is a 40-day journey towards Easter. It begins with Ash Wednesday as we humble ourselves before God,

remembering our sin and acknowledging our human finiteness. It is during this journey that we reconnect with God though prayer and fasting.

This Lenten season, I invite you to incorporate the prayer practice of meditation and journaling into your spiritual journey. In conjunction with the Lenten sermon series as outlined by Asbury Senior Pastor Mike Holly, this meditation guide offers scripture reading and prayer prompts every day for 40 days plus Sundays throughout Lent. It is designed to help you slow down this season and see Jesus through the lens of fresh eyes.

Each day begins with an invitation to recenter your thoughts. Pauses are placed throughout the meditation to help create space for conversation between you and the Holy Spirit. A different theme within the Gospel of Mark emerges each week as you travel to the cross. I encourage you to use your Asbury journal to write any thoughts, concerns, or prayers that may stir within you. Blessings to you as you encounter the risen Christ this Lent.

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# Ash Wednesday Ist day of Lent

This week, I am exploring the movement of God within me as I open my eyes to recognizing that the Kingdom of God is near.

#### Recenter

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# Prayer

As I prepare to set my gaze toward Jerusalem, Jesus, help me to see you in a new way. Show me what it means know that your kingdom is near. Walk with me as I prepare my life for the beginning of your ministry in the world.

Pause to be with God

### **Psalm**

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If I take the wings of the morning
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even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.

If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and night wraps itself around me," even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.

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# Gospel Reading

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# **Closing Prayer**

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Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

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# Gospel Reading

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### Prayer

Just as you worked miracles in the lives of those you encountered during your earthly journey, Jesus you continue to work miracles today. Help me to see your blessings and experience your presence.

Pause to be with God

#### **Psalm**

I lift up words of praise through the ancient hymn of Psalm 63:

O God, you are my God; I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

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## **Gospel Reading**

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#### **Psalm**

I lift up words of praise through the ancient hymn of Psalm 63:

O God, you are my God; I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

Pause to be with God

# **Gospel Reading**

As I reflect on todays Gospel reading, I listen for a word or phrase that the Holy Spirit is bringing to my attention in this moment: **Mark 7:1-23** 

Pause to be with God

## **Closing Prayer**

As we walk toward the cross, Jesus, I'm reminded that suffering was part of your journey. Through your suffering, I can be reconciled to you and dwell within your gentle embrace. Amen.

#### Journal Moment



This week, I am exploring the movement of God within me as I open my eyes to see Jesus as Miracle Worker and Suffering King.

#### Recenter

In this moment, I pause to quiet the commotion of my mind. I take gentle breaths, exhaling slowly as I recenter my focus on God's presence and listen to the stirrings of my heart.

### Prayer

Just as you worked miracles in the lives of those you encountered during your earthly journey, Jesus you continue to work miracles today. Help me to see your blessings and experience your presence.

Pause to be with God

#### **Psalm**

I lift up words of praise through the ancient hymn of Psalm 63:

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Pause to be with God

# **Gospel Reading**

As I reflect on todays Gospel reading, I listen for a word or phrase that the Holy Spirit is bringing to my attention in this moment: **Mark** 7:24-37

Pause to be with God

## **Closing Prayer**

As we walk toward the cross, Jesus, I'm reminded that suffering was part of your journey. Through your suffering, I can be reconciled to you and dwell within your gentle embrace. Amen.

#### Journal Moment



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#### Recenter

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### Prayer

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So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

Pause to be with God

# **Gospel Reading**

As I reflect on todays Gospel reading, I listen for a word or phrase that the Holy Spirit is bringing to my attention in this moment: **Mark 8:1-26** 

Pause to be with God

# **Closing Prayer**

As we walk toward the cross, Jesus, I'm reminded that suffering was part of your journey. Through your suffering, I can be reconciled to you and dwell within your gentle embrace. Amen.

#### Journal Moment

# 22nd day of Lent

This week, I am exploring the movement of God within me as I open my eyes to see Jesus as Miracle Worker and Suffering King.

#### Recenter

In this moment, I pause to quiet the commotion of my mind. I take gentle breaths, exhaling slowly as I recenter my focus on God's presence and listen to the stirrings of my heart.

### Prayer

Just as you worked miracles in the lives of those you encountered during your earthly journey, Jesus you continue to work miracles today. Help me to see your blessings and experience your presence.

Pause to be with God

#### **Psalm**

I lift up words of praise through the ancient hymn of Psalm 63:

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So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

Pause to be with God

## **Gospel Reading**

As I reflect on todays Gospel reading, I listen for a word or phrase that the Holy Spirit is bringing to my attention in this moment: **Mark 8:27-38** 

Pause to be with God

# **Closing Prayer**

As we walk toward the cross, Jesus, I'm reminded that suffering was part of your journey. Through your suffering, I can be reconciled to you and dwell within your gentle embrace. Amen.

#### Journal Moment



# 4th Sunday day in Lent

This week, I am exploring the movement of God within me as I open my eyes to see Jesus as Miracle Worker and Suffering King.

#### Recenter

In this moment, I pause to quiet the commotion of my mind. I take gentle breaths, exhaling slowly as I recenter my focus on God's presence and listen to the stirrings of my heart.

### Prayer

Just as you worked miracles in the lives of those you encountered during your earthly journey, Jesus you continue to work miracles today. Help me to see your blessings and experience your presence.

Pause to be with God

#### **Psalm**

I lift up words of praise through the ancient hymn of Psalm 63:

O God, you are my God; I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

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Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

Pause to be with God

## Gospel Reading

Today I am revisiting a story that I meditated on earlier in the week.

I listen for a word or phrase in the retelling of this story that the Holy Spirit is bringing to my attention in this moment: **Mark 8:27-38** 

Pause to be with God

## **Closing Prayer**

As we walk toward the cross, Jesus, I'm reminded that suffering was part of your journey. Through your suffering, I can be reconciled to you and dwell within your gentle embrace. Amen.

#### Journal Moment



# 23rd day of Lent

This week, I am exploring the movement of God within me as I open my eyes to realigning my expectations about the Kingdom of God and enter into a lifestyle of serving others.

#### Recenter

In this moment, I pause to quiet the commotion of my mind. I take gentle breaths, exhaling slowly as I recenter my focus on God's presence and listen to the stirrings of my heart.

### Prayer

Dear Lord, oftentimes I find myself in a place of selfishness and self-centeredness. Help me to look beyond myself and out into your world.

Pause to be with God

#### **Psalm**

I lift up words of praise through the ancient hymn of Psalm 16:

I bless the Lord, who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

As I reflect on todays Gospel reading, I listen for a word or phrase that the Holy Spirit is bringing to my attention in this moment: **Mark 9:1-13** 

Pause to be with God

## **Closing Prayer**

Jesus, your kingship is not one of status but one of serving and helping those in need. Show me how to put others first and live a life of service for your glory. Amen.

#### Journal Moment



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#### Recenter

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### Prayer

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Pause to be with God

#### **Psalm**

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I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

As I reflect on todays Gospel reading, I listen for a word or phrase that the Holy Spirit is bringing to my attention in this moment: **Mark 9:14-29** 

Pause to be with God

# **Closing Prayer**

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#### Journal Moment



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I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

As I reflect on todays Gospel reading, I listen for a word or phrase that the Holy Spirit is bringing to my attention in this moment: **Mark 9:30-50** 

Pause to be with God

# **Closing Prayer**

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#### Journal Moment



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I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

As I reflect on todays Gospel reading, I listen for a word or phrase that the Holy Spirit is bringing to my attention in this moment: **Mark 10:1-16** 

Pause to be with God

# **Closing Prayer**

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#### Journal Moment



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Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

As I reflect on todays Gospel reading, I listen for a word or phrase that the Holy Spirit is bringing to my attention in this moment: **Mark 10:17-34** 

Pause to be with God

# **Closing Prayer**

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#### Journal Moment



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I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

As I reflect on todays Gospel reading, I listen for a word or phrase that the Holy Spirit is bringing to my attention in this moment: **Mark 10:35-52** 

Pause to be with God

# **Closing Prayer**

Jesus, your kingship is not one of status but one of serving and helping those in need. Show me how to put others first and live a life of service for your glory. Amen.

#### Journal Moment



# 5th Sunday in Lent

This week, I am exploring the movement of God within me as I open my eyes to realigning my expectations about the Kingdom of God and enter into a lifestyle of serving others.

#### Recenter

In this moment, I pause to quiet the commotion of my mind. I take gentle breaths, exhaling slowly as I recenter my focus on God's presence and listen to the stirrings of my heart.

### Prayer

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Pause to be with God

#### **Psalm**

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I bless the Lord, who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.
I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

Today I am revisiting a story that I meditated on earlier in the week.

I listen for a word or phrase in the retelling of this story that the Holy Spirit is bringing to my attention in this moment: **Mark 10:32-45** 

Pause to be with God

## **Closing Prayer**

Jesus, your kingship is not one of status but one of serving and helping those in need. Show me how to put others first and live a life of service for your glory. Amen.

#### Journal Moment



This week, I am exploring the movement of God within me as I open my eyes to what it means to shout Hosanna and truly believe that God can save me.

#### Recenter

In this moment, I pause to quiet the commotion of my mind. I take gentle breaths, exhaling slowly as I recenter my focus on God's presence and listen to the stirrings of my heart.

### Prayer

Dear Jesus, I like the idea of acknowledging you as King of my life. However, I wrestle with giving you control. Show me how to fully entrust my life to you.

Pause to be with God

#### **Psalm**

I lift up words of praise through the ancient hymn of Psalm 118:

Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me in a broad place.

With the Lord on my side I do not fear. What can mortals do to me? The Lord is on my side to help me;

As I reflect on todays Gospel reading, I listen for a word or phrase that the Holy Spirit is bringing to my attention in this moment: **Mark 11:1-14** 

Pause to be with God

## **Closing Prayer**

Loving Father, "Hosanna" is a plea for you to save us. Sometimes I shout Hosanna and other times, it comes as a whisper. Help me to rest in knowing that you are my Lord, my Savior, my healer, and my friend. Amen.

#### Journal Moment



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What can mortals do to me?
The Lord is on my side to help me;

As I reflect on todays Gospel reading, I listen for a word or phrase that the Holy Spirit is bringing to my attention in this moment: **Mark 11:15-33** 

Pause to be with God

## **Closing Prayer**

Loving Father, "Hosanna" is a plea for you to save us. Sometimes I shout Hosanna and other times, it comes as a whisper. Help me to rest in knowing that you are my Lord, my Savior, my healer, and my friend. Amen.

#### Journal Moment



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### **Psalm**

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With the Lord on my side I do not fear.
What can mortals do to me?
The Lord is on my side to help me;

As I reflect on todays Gospel reading, I listen for a word or phrase that the Holy Spirit is bringing to my attention in this moment: **Mark 12:1-27** 

Pause to be with God

## **Closing Prayer**

Loving Father, "Hosanna" is a plea for you to save us. Sometimes I shout Hosanna and other times, it comes as a whisper. Help me to rest in knowing that you are my Lord, my Savior, my healer, and my friend. Amen.

### Journal Moment



# 32nd day of Lent

This week, I am exploring the movement of God within me as I open my eyes to what it means to shout Hosanna and truly believe that God can save me.

### Recenter

In this moment, I pause to quiet the commotion of my mind. I take gentle breaths, exhaling slowly as I recenter my focus on God's presence and listen to the stirrings of my heart.

## Prayer

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Pause to be with God

#### **Psalm**

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With the Lord on my side I do not fear.
What can mortals do to me?
The Lord is on my side to help me;

As I reflect on todays Gospel reading, I listen for a word or phrase that the Holy Spirit is bringing to my attention in this moment: **Mark 12:28-44** 

Pause to be with God

## **Closing Prayer**

Loving Father, "Hosanna" is a plea for you to save us. Sometimes I shout Hosanna and other times, it comes as a whisper. Help me to rest in knowing that you are my Lord, my Savior, my healer, and my friend. Amen.

### Journal Moment



# 33rd day of Lent

This week, I am exploring the movement of God within me as I open my eyes to what it means to shout Hosanna and truly believe that God can save me.

### Recenter

In this moment, I pause to quiet the commotion of my mind. I take gentle breaths, exhaling slowly as I recenter my focus on God's presence and listen to the stirrings of my heart.

## Prayer

Dear Jesus, I like the idea of acknowledging you as King of my life. However, I wrestle with giving you control. Show me how to fully entrust my life to you.

Pause to be with God

### **Psalm**

I lift up words of praise through the ancient hymn of Psalm 118:

Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me in a broad place.

With the Lord on my side I do not fear.
What can mortals do to me?
The Lord is on my side to help me;

As I reflect on todays Gospel reading, I listen for a word or phrase that the Holy Spirit is bringing to my attention in this moment: **Mark 13:1-23** 

Pause to be with God

## **Closing Prayer**

Loving Father, "Hosanna" is a plea for you to save us. Sometimes I shout Hosanna and other times, it comes as a whisper. Help me to rest in knowing that you are my Lord, my Savior, my healer, and my friend. Amen.

### Journal Moment



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### Recenter

In this moment, I pause to quiet the commotion of my mind. I take gentle breaths, exhaling slowly as I recenter my focus on God's presence and listen to the stirrings of my heart.

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With the Lord on my side I do not fear.
What can mortals do to me?
The Lord is on my side to help me;

As I reflect on todays Gospel reading, I listen for a word or phrase that the Holy Spirit is bringing to my attention in this moment: **Mark** 13:24-37

Pause to be with God

## **Closing Prayer**

Loving Father, "Hosanna" is a plea for you to save us. Sometimes I shout Hosanna and other times, it comes as a whisper. Help me to rest in knowing that you are my Lord, my Savior, my healer, and my friend. Amen.

### Journal Moment



# Palm Sunday

This week, I am exploring the movement of God within me as I open my eyes to what it means to shout Hosanna and truly believe that God can save me.

### Recenter

In this moment, I pause to quiet the commotion of my mind. I take gentle breaths, exhaling slowly as I recenter my focus on God's presence and listen to the stirrings of my heart.

### Prayer

Dear Jesus, I like the idea of acknowledging you as King of my life. However, I wrestle with giving you control. Show me how to fully entrust my life to you.

Pause to be with God

#### **Psalm**

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Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me in a broad place.

With the Lord on my side I do not fear.
What can mortals do to me?
The Lord is on my side to help me;

Today I am revisiting a story that I meditated on earlier in the week.

I listen for a word or phrase in the retelling of this story that the Holy Spirit is bringing to my attention in this moment: **Mark 11:1-11** 

Pause to be with God

## Closing Prayer

Loving Father, "Hosanna" is a plea for you to save us. Sometimes I shout Hosanna and other times, it comes as a whisper. Help me to rest in knowing that you are my Lord, my Savior, my healer, and my friend. Amen.

### Journal Moment



This week, I am exploring the movement of God within me as I open my eyes to the journey alongside Jesus to the cross.

### Recenter

In this moment, I pause to quiet the commotion of my mind. I take gentle breaths, exhaling slowly as I recenter my focus on God's presence and listen to the stirrings of my heart.

## Prayer

The time has come. The journey to the cross has begun. Jesus, you faithfully fulfilled your calling as the suffering servant-king.

Pause to be with God

#### **Psalm**

I lift up words of praise through the ancient hymn of Psalm 22:

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?

O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night but find no rest.

Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.

To you they cried and were saved; in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

Pause to be with God

## **Gospel Reading**

As I reflect on todays Gospel reading, I listen for a word or phrase that the Holy Spirit is bringing to my attention in this moment: **Mark 14:1-11** 

Pause to be with God

## **Closing Prayer**

Through our journey together Jesus, I've heard your teachings, been transformed by your miracles, and experienced your presence. Now, we stand at the cross together. Thank you for suffering, overcoming death, and loving me so I can be reconciled to you. Amen.

#### Journal Moment



This week, I am exploring the movement of God within me as I open my eyes to the journey alongside Jesus to the cross.

#### Recenter

In this moment, I pause to quiet the commotion of my mind. I take gentle breaths, exhaling slowly as I recenter my focus on God's presence and listen to the stirrings of my heart.

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Pause to be with God

## **Gospel Reading**

As I reflect on todays Gospel reading, I listen for a word or phrase that the Holy Spirit is bringing to my attention in this moment: **Mark 14:12-31** 

Pause to be with God

# **Closing Prayer**

Through our journey together Jesus, I've heard your teachings, been transformed by your miracles, and experienced your presence. Now, we stand at the cross together. Thank you for suffering, overcoming death, and loving me so I can be reconciled to you. Amen.

### Journal Moment



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To you they cried and were saved; in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

Pause to be with God

## **Gospel Reading**

As I reflect on todays Gospel reading, I listen for a word or phrase that the Holy Spirit is bringing to my attention in this moment: **Mark 14:32-52** 

Pause to be with God

## **Closing Prayer**

Through our journey together Jesus, I've heard your teachings, been transformed by your miracles, and experienced your presence. Now, we stand at the cross together. Thank you for suffering, overcoming death, and loving me so I can be reconciled to you. Amen.

### Journal Moment



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Pause to be with God

## Gospel Reading

As I reflect on todays Gospel reading, I listen for a word or phrase that the Holy Spirit is bringing to my attention in this moment: **Mark 14:53-72** 

Pause to be with God

## **Closing Prayer**

Through our journey together Jesus, I've heard your teachings, been transformed by your miracles, and experienced your presence. Now, we stand at the cross together. Thank you for suffering, overcoming death, and loving me so I can be reconciled to you. Amen.

### Journal Moment



This week, I am exploring the movement of God within me as I open my eyes to the journey alongside Jesus to the cross.

### Recenter

In this moment, I pause to quiet the commotion of my mind. I take gentle breaths, exhaling slowly as I recenter my focus on God's presence and listen to the stirrings of my heart.

## Prayer

The time has come. The journey to the cross has begun. Jesus, you faithfully fulfilled your calling as the suffering servant-king.

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### **Psalm**

I lift up words of praise through the ancient hymn of Psalm 22:

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?

O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night but find no rest.

Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.

To you they cried and were saved; in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

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## Gospel Reading

As I reflect on todays Gospel reading, I listen for a word or phrase that the Holy Spirit is bringing to my attention in this moment: **Mark 15:1-41** 

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