

## In the End, the Beginning

21 DAY EASTER DEVOTIONAL FROM HILLSONG DACH

Easter is more than just a reminder of Jesus' death and resurrection - it is an invitation to become part of this story ourselves. His death was not the end, but the beginning of something completely new: death has lost its power, and with it fear, guilt and hopelessness. In his resurrection, Jesus opens the way to a new life - a life of freedom and hope.

This 21-day reading plan will help you to deeply understand this truth and celebrate Easter with new revelation. We'll dive into God's plan of reconciliation, see how Jesus deliberately walked the path to the cross - for each of us - and experience what it means to live anew in the power of his resurrection.

Let these 21 days be a time of revelation for you that the cross was not the end. It was just the beginning.

We would be delighted to celebrate Easter with you.

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## WEEK 1-ROMANS 5

At the beginning of this journey, we start with the foundation of our faith—we have been justified by grace through Christ. Romans 5 reminds us that we were once helpless, but through Christ, we have been reconciled to God. This week, reflect on how God's love, grace, and righteousness transform your life and bring you peace, even in the midst of challenges.

DAY	PRIMARY VERSES	SECONDARY VERSES	REFLECTION
1Mo	Romans 5:1-2	Ephesians 2:8-10	<ul> <li>How do you understand the hope we have through grace?</li> <li>How is it evident in your life?</li> <li>How can you claim this hope today?</li> </ul>
2 Tu	Romans 5:3-5	James 1:2-4	<ul> <li>How can the challenges in your life strengthen your faith?</li> <li>What challenge are you facing, and what does it look like to trust God in this situation?</li> </ul>
3 We	Romans 5:6-8	Johannes 3:16	<ul> <li>How does knowing that Christ died for you impact your relationship with Him?</li> <li>How can you show sacrificial love to someone this week?</li> </ul>
4 Th	Romans 5:9-11	2 Corinthians 5:18-21	<ul> <li>In what ways can you actively live out reconciliation with God and others?</li> <li>Is there someone you need to reconcile with today?</li> <li>What steps can you take to make the first move?</li> </ul>
5 Fr	Romans 5:12-14		<ul> <li>How does reflecting on God's sacrifice deepen your gratitude for salvation?</li> <li>How does acknowledging sin in your life help you rely more on Jesus?</li> </ul>
6 Sa	Romans 5:15-17	Johannes 10:9-10	<ul> <li>What does it mean for you to experience abundant life in Christ?</li> <li>What areas of your life do you need to surrender to Jesus?</li> </ul>
7 Su	Romans 5:18-21	Titus 3:5-7	<ul> <li>How has God's grace been evident in your life recently?</li> <li>How can you extend grace to others in a meaningful way?</li> </ul>

## WEEK 2 - ROMANS 6

Now that we have been justified, what does it truly mean to live as a new creation? Romans 6 challenges us to leave behind our old ways and embrace the freedom Christ has given us. This week, focus on what it means to be dead to sin and alive in Christ, allowing His righteousness to shape your obedience and daily decisions.

DAY	PRIMARY VERSES	SECONDARY VERSES	REFLECTION
8 Mo	Romans 6:1-4	Galatians 2:20	<ul> <li>How do you understand the hope we have through grace?</li> <li>How is it evident in your life?</li> <li>How can you claim this hope today?</li> </ul>
9 Tu	Romans 6:5-7	Colossians 3:1-3	<ul> <li>How can you live out your new identity in Christ?</li> <li>How can you set your mind on "things above" today?</li> </ul>
10 We	Romans 6:8-11	2 Timothy 2:11-12	<ul> <li>How does the promise of reigning with Christ affect your daily life?</li> <li>In what areas do you need to trust God more for your future?</li> </ul>
11 Th	Romans 6:12-14	Ephesians 4:22-24	<ul> <li>What specific habits or thoughts do you need to surrender to God?</li> <li>What steps can you take today to pursue a holy life?</li> </ul>
12 Fr	Romans 6:15-19		<ul> <li>Am I using God's grace as an excuse to hold on to sinful habits instead of serving Him from the heart?</li> <li>What does it look like for me to be in the service of righteousness?</li> </ul>
13 Sa	Romans 6:20-23	John 8:34-36	<ul> <li>How does true freedom in Christ unfold in your life?</li> <li>How will you celebrate and live in the freedom Christ has given you?</li> </ul>
14 Su	Romans 5-6	Titus 3:5-7	Reflect on Romans 5 & 6  How have these two chapters shaped your understanding of the cross?  What has inspired you the most?

## **WEEK 3 - MATTHEW 26-27**

Our journey leads us to the cross and the empty tomb. In Matthew 27-28, we witness Jesus' ultimate sacrifice and the victory of His resurrection. This week, meditate on the depth of Christ's love, the weight of His sacrifice, and the unshakable hope that comes from His triumph over death. How will you live differently because of this truth?

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15 Mo	Matt 26:36-46	Hebrews 5:7-8	<ul> <li>How is Jesus' prayer in Gethsemane an example of trust and surrender to God's will?</li> <li>In what areas of your life do you struggle to say, "Not my will, but Yours be done"?</li> </ul>
16 Tu	Matt 27:11-26		<ul> <li>How does the crowd choosing Barabbas over Jesus reflect how people reject Him today?</li> <li>In what areas of your life do you need more courage to align with Christ, even when it's unpopular or uncomfortable?</li> </ul>
17 We	Matt 27:27-31	Hebrews 12:2	<ul> <li>How does Jesus' willingness to endure humiliation deepen your understanding of His love?</li> <li>How can you reflect this humility when facing mockery for your faith?</li> <li>What does this passage teach about responding to suffering with patience and trust in God?</li> </ul>
18 Th	Matt 27:32-44		<ul> <li>What does the behavior of the soldiers and onlookers reveal about the human tendency to misunderstand and reject Jesus?</li> <li>What can be learned from the contrast between their mockery and Jesus' silent endurance?</li> </ul>
19 Fr	Matt 27:45-66		<ul> <li>What do Jesus' final words on the cross reveal about His mission and sacrifice?</li> <li>How does the tearing of the temple veil symbolize our access to God through Christ?</li> <li>Are there areas in your life where you are still living as if the veil had not been torn?</li> </ul>
20 Sa	Matt 28:1-10	1 Corinthians 15:50-58	<ul> <li>What areas of your life do you need to surrender to God's victory over sin and death?</li> <li>What does it mean for you to stand firm in your faith, and how can you apply this to your daily walk with Christ?</li> <li>How can you share the hope of Christ's victory over death with someone struggling with doubt or loss?</li> </ul>
21 Su	2 Kor 5:11-21		<ul> <li>The old is gone; something new has begun. Reflect on what it means for you today to be a new creation.</li> <li>Use your prayer time to thank God for this incredible truth!</li> </ul>