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Day 1: The Last Supper - Communion and Anticipation

Bible Reading: Mark 14:12-26

Devotional

As we gather around the Lord's table, let us remember the Last Supper, where Jesus shared bread and wine with His disciples, signifying His body broken and His blood shed for us. Reflect on the anticipation Jesus must have felt, knowing the sacrifice He was about to make for humanity. Take a moment to consider the love and obedience demonstrated in this act. As you partake in communion today, pray for a heart that is grateful for the grace we've received and anticipate the work God will continue to do in your life.

Questions for Reflection

- 1.) How does the Last Supper deepen your understanding of Jesus' sacrifice?
- 2.) In what ways can you show gratitude for the grace you've received through Christ?

Day 2: Gethsemane - Surrender and Betrayal

Bible Reading: Mark 14:32-42

Devotional

In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus faced the weight of what was to come. His prayer, "Not what I will, but what you will," is a powerful example of surrender. Today, reflect on areas of your life that require surrender to God's will. Consider, too, the sting of betrayal Jesus experienced. Ask God to help you trust in His plan, even when faced with personal betrayals or disappointments.

Questions for Reflection

- 1.) What does Jesus' prayer in Gethsemane teach you about surrendering to God's will?
- 2.) How can you trust God more deeply when you feel betrayed or let down?

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Day 3: Barabbas and Jesus - The Choice

Bible Reading: Mark 15:6-15

Devotional

The crowd's choice of Barabbas over Jesus symbolizes our own daily decisions to choose between the ways of the world and the ways of Christ. As you meditate on this passage, think about the choices you make and their impact on your walk with God. Pray for the courage to choose Jesus in every aspect of your life, recognizing the cost of His grace.

Questions for Reflection

- 1.) How do your daily choices reflect your preference for Jesus over the ways of the world?
- 2.) What does the release of Barabbas reveal to you about God's grace?

Day 4: The Crucifixion - The Act of Ultimate Love

Bible Reading: Mark 15:22-39

Devotional

The crucifixion is the ultimate act of love and sacrifice. Jesus' death on the cross is a sobering reminder of the weight of sin and the magnitude of God's love. Reflect on what the cross means to you personally and how it has transformed your life. In your prayers today, ask for a renewed passion for the gospel and a heart that overflows with gratitude for the love that was demonstrated on Calvary.

Questions for Reflection

- 1.) How does the reality of the crucifixion impact your understanding of God's love?
- 2.) In what ways can you live out the transformation the cross has brought into your life?

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Day 5: Resurrection - Victory and Redemption

Bible Reading: Mark 16:1-8

Devotional

The empty tomb is our assurance of victory and redemption. Jesus' resurrection signifies the defeat of death and the promise of eternal life. As you celebrate this truth, consider how the resurrection empowers you to live in victory. Let the hope of the resurrection shape your perspective on trials and empower you to walk in the redeemed identity that Jesus secured for us.

Questions for Reflection

- 1.) How does the resurrection influence your approach to life's challenges?
- 2.) What does it mean to you to live in the victory that Jesus secured through His resurrection?