

## APRIL 21-27

MONDAY 4/21

**ISAIAH 6:1-8** 

Isaiah's vision of the Lord is awe-inspiring and terrifying — he is confronted with God's holiness and his own sinfulness. Yet after receiving cleansing, he is ready to respond to God's call with willing obedience. This passage reminds us that discipleship begins not with our abilities but with God's grace. When we encounter the living God — holy, merciful, and powerful — we are not merely observers but participants in his mission. Christ's resurrection calls each of us to say, "Here I am. Send me," not from pride, but from a heart changed by grace. Like Isaiah, we are cleansed and called.

1. How does Isaiah's response to God's holiness challenge your own sense of calling? In what areas of your life do you feel God calling you to say, "Here I am. Send me"?

2. What role does God's forgiveness play in enabling you to serve?

# **MATTHEW 5:13-16**

Jesus tells his disciples they are both salt and light—agents of preservation, flavor, and illumination in a world that desperately needs God's truth and love. As followers of the risen Christ, our mission is not hidden or private. We are to live in such a way that people see God's goodness in us and are drawn to glorify him. Discipleship means we influence the world—not by overpowering it but by quietly and consistently living out the gospel. Even small acts of obedience, when done in Christ's name, shine brightly.

- 1. Where do you think that you will have opportunities to be salt and light this week?
- 2. What are some ways your faith influences the people around you at home, work, or school, or wherever you are?

WEDNESDAY 4/23

## **ROMANS 12:1-8**

Paul urges us to respond to God's mercy with total surrender — offering ourselves as living sacrifices. Discipleship isn't about convenience; it's about commitment. Every part of life becomes part of our worship when we live for Christ and we recognize our place in the body of Christ. Each believer is given unique gifts to serve others, and no gift is too small. Living in the mission of the resurrected Christ means seeing our lives as offerings to God and our gifts as tools for his kingdom.

- 1. What does it look like in your daily life to be a "living sacrifice"?
- 2. How has God gifted you, and how are you using those gifts for the mission God has called you to?

## COLOSSIANS 3:12-17

Discipleship isn't just about extraordinary moments — it's about living with Christ-like character in everyday life. Paul reminds us to clothe ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. These are the marks of someone living in the resurrection power of Christ. Forgiveness, love, and peace must guide us. When we let Christ's word dwell richly in us, even our most routine actions become sacred expressions of discipleship. Living in his name means representing Jesus in everything — from conversations and decisions to habits and relationships.

- 1. How does doing "everything in the name of Jesus" shape your attitude toward ordinary tasks?
- 2. In what specific ways do you "put on Christ" every day?

FRIDAY 4/25

### PSALM 24

In this Psalm, David describes those who may stand in the Lord's holy presence: those with clean hands and a pure heart. It's a call to integrity — outward action ("clean hands") and inward sincerity ("pure heart"). As disciples of the risen Christ, we're called to live holy lives not to earn God's love, but because we've already received it. The resurrection assures us that we are not striving for victory, but living from it. With Christ as our righteousness and our King of glory, we press on to live lives worthy of his presence.

- 1. What does it mean to you to have "clean hands and a pure heart" in your current season of life?
- 2. Where is God inviting you to greater integrity or sincerity today?

## LUKE 24:13-49

On the road to Emmaus, two disciples walked with Jesus, unaware of who he was. But as he explained Scripture and broke bread with them, their eyes were opened. Discipleship often begins with the simple act of walking with Jesus — even when we don't fully understand. The risen Christ meets us in our doubts and confusion, teaching us through his Word and presence. And once we recognize him, like these disciples, we are compelled to go and tell others. Living in the mission of the resurrected Christ means walking with him, learning from him, and sharing the good news of his resurrection.

- 1. When have you experienced Jesus walking with you in an unexpected way?
- 2. How has your life been changed and made better because you have had a transformative encounter with the risen Christ in your life?

Verse for the week:

"Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."

(Romans 12:1-2)

# NOTES
